

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (PSC)

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## **PSC 410 Religion, Politics and Policy (3)**

(American Government) Explores the historical development and constitutional foundations of religious freedom in America. Probes First Amendment jurisprudence. Examines current debates about free exercise, public interest religion, elections, religion in global affairs.

## **PSC 412 Inter-governmental Relations (3)**

Prerequisite for Undergraduate: PSC 100. Prerequisite for Graduate: None. (Public Administration and Policy) Examines the development, institutions, processes, and problems of state and local government in the United States and their interaction with each other and with the federal government.

## **PSC 423 American Foreign Policy (3)**

(Global Studies) Traces main streams of American foreign policy from the twentieth-century to the present. Major American foreign policy decisions are used in the analytical development of American foreign policy processes. The various influences upon foreign policy decision-making are identified and evaluated.

## **PSC 430 Governments of Asia (3)**

(Global Studies) Examines the political systems and political cultures of Asian countries from Afghanistan to Southeast Asia, with major emphasis on India, China, and Japan.

## **PSC 431 Comparative Politics (3)**

(Global Studies) An examination of the government and politics of a variety of different national states that includes the concepts, ideas, and analytical tools necessary to understand the structures and processes of different types of political systems. Covers western and non-western, developed and less developed, communist and post-communist, and newly industrializing countries. The impact of globalization is also examined.

## **PSC 439 Model Debate Team: Global Issues (1)**

Prerequisites for undergraduate: Sophomore status and completion of one global course with a grade of C or better and permission of instructor. Students learn about global issues by representing other countries in model simulations such as Model United Nations and Model Arab League. Students research, write, debate, negotiate, and pass resolutions on issues of international concern. Repeatable up to 4 times. Course also counts toward Political Science major.

## **PSC 442 Legal Reasoning (3)**

Prerequisite(s): PSC 203 or Instructor's Approval. (American Government) An examination of American legal decision-making processes with emphasis on legal theory and application, a review of our blended statutory-common law system and the associated legal processes, and the methodology of legal research and writing.

## **PSC 443 Constitutional Law I (3)**

(American Government) Fundamental principles of U.S. Constitution and its development including powers of President and Congress, federalism, interstate commerce, and others; textbook and case method.

## **PSC 444 Constitutional Law II (3)**

(American Government) Relationship between individual and government as revealed through constitutional law cases; civil liberties based on interpretation of Bill of Rights and Fourteenth Amendment; textbook and case method.

## **PSC 445 Southern Politics (3)**

(American Government) An examination of the party system of the Southern states in terms of its origin, nature, distribution of power and impact on national politics.

## **PSC 447 Politics and Public Opinion (3)**

(American Government) Forces affecting politics, public opinion, and elections in the U.S.; examines the election structure, as well as individual and group political participation.

## **PSC 450 The American Executive (3)**

(Public Administration and Policy) Role and behavior of American executives at national, state, and local levels in the U.S. political system with emphasis on American presidency.

## **PSC 451 Ancient and Medieval Political Theory (3)**

(Theory and Methodology) Examines political thought from ancient Greece to the late Middle Ages in Europe. An emphasis is placed on the historical-cultural context in which these theories developed and their influence on modern concepts.

## **PSC 452 Modern Political Theory (WI) (3)**

(Theory and Methodology) Examines the major trends in political thought from the Early Modern Era of the 1600's to the present with emphasis upon the development of classical (conservative) liberalism, progressive or new liberalism, socialism, Marxist communism, fascism, and national socialism. (Writing Intensive Course)

## **PSC 454 American Political Thought (3)**

(Theory and Methodology) Principal ideas of leading political thinkers in America from colonial period to the present.

## **PSC 455 Introduction to Political Psychology (3)**

(Theory and Methodology) This course is an overview of the interdisciplinary connection between political and psychological processes. The incorporation of political science and psychology might help in the understanding of why leaders behave as they do and why citizens support or oppose political leaders. The course will include: social cognition and decision making, personality and identity, and environmental factors that affect individual political ideologies. (PSC 455 is cross-listed with PSY 446, but only one course may be taken for credit.)

## **PSC 482 Grantwriting (3)**

(Public Administration and Policy) Practical course instructing the steps involved in the grantwriting process. The course includes strategic planning, research, finding appropriate grant sources and writing the grant. PSC 482 is cross listed with EH 482, and only one may be taken for credit.

## **PSC 493 The Judicial Process (3)**

Prerequisite for Undergraduate: PSC 100. Prerequisite for Graduate: None. (American Government) Procedures involved in judicial process; attendance at actual court trials in the local area.

## **PSC 583 Directed Studies in Political Science (3)**

Permission of the instructor and approval of the department head. Requires in-depth research/study of specific topics under close supervision by the instructor. A letter grade will be assigned for this course.

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**PSC 594 Legal Internship (3)**

Permission of the instructor and approval of the department head.  
Supervised assignment in offices of area district attorneys, judges, or law firms. Minimum of 8 hours per week. Grade: Pass/Fail.

**PSC 595 Legal Internship (3)**

Permission of the instructor and approval of the department head.  
Supervised assignment in offices of area district attorneys, judges, or law firms. Minimum of 8 hours per week. Grade: Pass/Fail.