**PS Political Science**

**Note:** It is assumed that all prerequisites include, in addition to any specific course listed, the phrase “or equivalent,” or “consent of instructor.”

**PS 101 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.** (3)
A survey of national government and the political process in the United States, with emphasis on the Constitution, the President, Congress, and the judicial system.

**PS 202 ORIENTATION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE.** (1)
An introduction to topics studied by political scientists and the techniques used in these studies. Lectures, discussions and assigned readings will cover major fields of the discipline and will introduce students to research methods. The course will be offered Pass/Fail only.

**PS 210 INTRODUCTION TO EUROPEAN POLITICS: EAST AND WEST.** (3)
An introduction to the comparative study of political institutions, policy-making processes, citizen participation, and political outcomes in Eastern and Western European states.

**PS 212 CULTURE AND POLITICS IN THE THIRD WORLD.** (3)
This course analyzes the politics of selected states in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Various bases of political cleavage and cooperation will be examined: ethnicity, language, social class and ideology. Cultural differences between Africa, Asia and Latin America will be identified and their political implications explored, as well as differences within geo-cultural areas.

**PS 235 WORLD POLITICS.** (3)
A study of the most significant problems of world politics, including the fundamental factors governing international relations, the techniques and instruments of power politics, and the conflicting interests in organizing world peace.

**PS 240 IDEOLOGY, POLITICAL CHANGE, AND CONTEMPORARY INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.** (3)
A study of contemporary political ideas, social and political change, and their reciprocal relationship primarily in the advanced industrial societies. Ideology as a tool of both political action and analysis will be examined. Substantive discussion of political doctrines will deal with traditional and contemporary forms of liberalism, conservatism, socialism, anarchism and fascism, as well as current revolutionary movements and ideologies.

**PS 245 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL ANALYSIS.** (3)
Introduction to the basic knowledge of research methodology in political science; a review of methods of data collection; historical, quantitative and comparative techniques of analysis.

**PS 255 STATE GOVERNMENT.** (3)
An introduction to the institutions, political processes and policies of state governments, and the relationships of state governments with other levels of government in the United States.

**PS 271 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL BEHAVIOR.** (3)
The study of behavior in a political context; the analysis of basic behavioral concepts used in political science such as political roles, group behavior, belief systems, personality, power and decision-making.

**PS 280 ISSUES IN PUBLIC POLICY.** (3)
An examination of selected major public policy problems, focusing on their nature, political ramifications and alternate methods of dealing with them. Policies covered will vary from semester to semester, but will include such areas as poverty, health care, energy, education, race relations, environment, etc. Prereq: PS 101.

**PS 390 SEMINAR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE.** (1-3)
A topical seminar primarily for majors in political science and in related fields. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 credits in seminars of differing topics. Prereq: A standing of 3.0 in the student’s major department or consent of instructor.

**PS 395 INDEPENDENT WORK.** (1-6)
Consent of instructor. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 credits. Prereq: A standing of 3.0 in political science courses.
PS 399 INTERNSHIP IN GOVERNMENT. (1-6)
This course is designed for students who are participating in a state, local or federal internship program with which the political science department is associated. The student must have approval of the department chairperson upon the recommendation of the Committee on Internship and Experiential Education to take the course, negotiate a learning contract with a departmental academic supervisor, and provide the department with a report or a paper on his internship. Pass/Fail only. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 credits.

¶PS 411G COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT-PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACIES I.

PS 417G SURVEY OF SUB-SAHARAN POLITICS. (3)
A survey of sub-Saharan government and politics intended to give the student broad knowledge about the setting of African politics, precolonial African political systems, the political legacies of major European colonial powers, and problems of political development. (Same as AAS 417G.)

PS 419G THE GOVERNMENTS AND POLITICS OF EASTERN ASIA. (3)
A comparative analysis of the modern political experiences of China and Japan, exploring their responses to the West, the development of differing political elites in each country, and contemporary problems of the Chinese Communist and Japanese politics.

PS 420G GOVERNMENTS AND POLITICS OF SOUTH ASIA. (3)
A comparative analysis of contemporary political development in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, with emphasis on political cultures, participation, institutions and the capabilities of these political systems.

PS 421G GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. (3)
Study of the political processes, problems and behavior of the several states of Southeast Asia with emphasis on their chief determinants. The different patterns of political development will be examined. Lecture, three hours.

PS 428G LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS. (3)
A study of contemporary Latin American political institutions and of the dynamics of the Latin American political process.

PS 429G GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN RUSSIA AND THE POST-SOVIET STATES. (3)
Analysis of political development in the Soviet Union with emphasis on party-government relations, Communist ideology, and major approaches to the study of Soviet politics.

PS 430G THE CONDUCT OF AMERICAN FOREIGN RELATIONS. (3)
The formulation of American foreign policy from several analytic perspectives, with somewhat more emphasis on inputs and process than on substantive outputs. Prereq: PS 101 or consent of instructor.

PS 431G NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY. (3)
The organization and formulation of military policy; the theory and practice of deterrence; and the problems of disarmament and arms control. Prereq: PS 235 or consent of instructor.

PS 433G POLITICS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. (3)
The course examines contending theoretical approaches to global political economy. These approaches are used to analyze various issues of global political economy, such as the international monetary system, multinational corporations, foreign aid, and trade.

PS 436G INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. (3)
A study of the evolution of international organizations in the 20th Century. Examination of the increasing size, complexity, and diversity of contemporary global and regional international organizations. The role of international organizations in future world order.

PS 437G DYNAMICS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. (3)
An examination of the politics of the development of international law and its operation in a multicultural world. Legal principles and international political processes are discussed through illustrative issue areas: management of conflict; distribution of territorial resources; environmental problems; and human rights.

PS 439G CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. (3)
An examination of selected current problems in world politics and foreign policy. Students will be encouraged to apply their knowledge to the analysis of contemporary international issues.
PS 441G EARLY POLITICAL THEORY. (3)
A survey of political theorists in the Western political tradition from classical Greece to the Renaissance. The formative influences upon our conceptions of politics, citizenship, justice, and natural rights will be highlighted and key issues in controversies over rhetoric and philosophy, time and political order, education and the body politic, and political action and human artifice will be illuminated.

PS 442G MODERN POLITICAL THEORY. (3)
Western political theory from Machiavelli to Marx and Weber with emphasis on the impact of early modern culture and liberalism upon contemporary views of power, individualism, community, and political consciousness. Key contributions of modern political theorists to perennial debates on power and the intellectual, institutional bases of modern constitutionalism, human nature and aggression, the sources of alienation, and the relation of modern science and technology to contemporary forms of domination will be explored.

PS 453G URBAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS. (3)
An analysis of the formulation of public policy in small towns, middle-sized cities, and metropolitan areas. A theoretical model appropriate to all three settings will be formulated. The principal methods of studying community decision-making will be evaluated. Prereq: Three hours of social sciences.

PS 456G APPALACHIAN POLITICS. (3)
A study of the interrelationships of the Southern Appalachian region and its people with the larger American political system, culture, and economy. Selective examination of public policies and major issues and their development in the politics of the region.

PS 461G CIVIL LIBERTIES. (3)
A study of the philosophy and development of civil liberties in the U.S. Major concentration on the interpretation of constitutional guarantees by the Supreme Court.

PS 463G THE AMERICAN JUDICIAL PROCESS. (3)
A study from the standpoint of the social sciences, of the judicial process at the state and national levels, dealing with the organization of courts, the making of judicial decisions, and the exercising of judicial power.

PS 465G CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. (3)
A non-chronological study of major Supreme Court decisions and recent issues relating to separation of powers, federalism, the commerce clause, taxes, criminal justice and other non-civil liberties areas. Prereq: PS 101 or consent of instructor.

PS 467G THE U.S. SUPREME COURT. (3)
A study of the Court as a political-legal institution, focusing on the appointment of justices, the development of its docket, the decisional process, and its interaction with other political institutions. Prereq: PS 101 or consent of instructor.

PS 470G AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES. (3)
An analysis of American national and state party systems, organization, and functions; nominations and elections; and voting patterns.

PS 472G POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS. (3)
An analysis of individual voting behavior and candidate strategies during presidential and congressional elections. The effect of the mass media, political action committees, and political advertising on the vote decision is examined. Attention is also devoted to candidates’ campaign organizations and communication strategies.

PS 473G PUBLIC OPINION. (3)
An introduction to the nature and content of public opinion, how polls are conducted, the political effects of polling, and the role of public opinion in the policymaking process.

PS 474G POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY. (3)
An exploration of different models of political behavior, based on concepts of psychoanalysis, behaviorism, humanism, and social psychology. Prereq: PS 101 and PSY 100 or equivalent, or consent of instructor.
PS 475G POLITICS AND THE MASS MEDIA. (3)
The ways the modern mass media affect the dynamics of politics in the United States are examined in this course. Specific topics include the impact of television on political discourse; the structure and ownership of mass media; how news is made and how it influences our political attitudes and behaviors; the role of the media in campaigns, elections and policy making. Prereq: PS 101.

PS 476G LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. (3)
A study of Congress and the state legislatures, covering the legislative power structure, legislative committees, the selection of legislators and the roles they play, decision making, and the relations of the legislative and executive branches.

PS 479 WOMEN AND POLITICS. (3)
A study of the role of women as political actors in the United States including the status of women in American society and the contribution of government policy to maintaining or changing that status. The political behavior of women at the mass and elite level will be examined.

PS 480G GOVERNMENT AND THE ECONOMY. (3)
This course analyzes the relationship between political and economic systems in the modern, democratic, capitalist state. While the focus is primarily upon the United States, other political/economic systems as well as more general theoretical statements will be considered. Prereq: PS 101 and ECO 101 or equivalent.

PS 487G INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. (3)
A study of theories of administration and organization, problems of management and control, the principal staff and auxiliary functions and agencies, and the problem of administrative responsibilities under democratic government, and the political, social, and institutional context of administration.

PS 489G THE ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC POLICY. (3)
A study of the development, implementation and impacts of government policies; and the sources of variation in policies adopted by differing governmental units.

PS 490 HONORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. (3)
This course will provide, in a seminar setting, the opportunity for students to concentrate on developing and implementing research projects on topics of their own choice. The course will allow discussion of various perspectives in political science as well as on problems encountered in the research process. Prereq: Senior standing with 3.25 overall GPA and 3.50 GPA in major.

PS 491 SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (Subtitle required). (1-3)
Course will focus on selected topics drawn from various areas of political science taught by faculty members with special interests and competence. May be repeated in courses of differing topics to a maximum of 12 credits.

PS 538 CONFLICT AND COOPERATION IN LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS. (3)
An examination of (1) national development strategies as determinants of Latin American foreign policies, (2) the origins and political consequences of economic nationalism, (3) historical patterns of U.S. response to reformist and/or revolutionary change, (4) the role of extra-continental contenders for influence in the Americas, and (5) at least one contemporary foreign policy issue in inter-American relations. Prereq: PS 428G or permission of instructor.

PS 539 THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE SOVIET UNION. (3)
A broad survey of Soviet foreign affairs from the Bolshevik Revolution to the present and an introduction to the key theories, guiding concepts, and competing techniques for analyzing Soviet foreign policy-making. A critical and comparative approach, informed by relevant case studies, will be used to clarify the strategic, technological, organizational, and political dimensions of the Soviet policy-making process in the international realm. Prereq: PS 429G or consent of instructor.

PS 545 AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT. (3)
This course explores the American tradition of political thought, its formation, and the ways it is involved in major problems of culture, political economy, ideology, and identity. Alternative ideas of work, power, political obligation, science and technology, and related issues are examined. Relationships of theory and practice, public and private, and government and society are analyzed.
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PS 731 INTERNATIONAL SECURITY/CONFLICT ANALYSIS. (3)
The seminar examines international security affairs, with an emphasis on the sources and nature of conflict, and methods of conflict, the patterns of conflict, and methods of conflict resolution and regulation, both within states and among them. Prereq: Consent of instructor.

PS 732 COMPARATIVE FOREIGN POLICY (Subtitle required). (3)
This seminar will emphasize comparative analysis of foreign policy. It will compare the foreign policies of a number of countries in order to develop propositions and arrive at generalizations regarding foreign policy process and behavior. The comparative focus will vary. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits under different subtitles.

PS 733 INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY. (3)
The course examines the contending theoretical perspectives and substantive functional issues underlying the politics of international economic relations. Special attention is paid to international trade and money, the politics of North-South relations, and comparative foreign economic policies. Prereq: Consent of instructor.

PS 734 GREAT BOOKS OF WORLD POLITICS. (3)
Overview of classic texts on war and statecraft. Prereq: Consent of instructor. (Same as DIS 710.)

PS 735 DEMOCRACY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. (3)
Discussion of the impact of the global spread of democracy on foreign policy and war. Prereq: Graduate status and consent of instructor. (Same as DIP 715.)

PS 737 TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROCESSES. (3)
An analysis of approaches to the study of international, transnational and regional political and economic organizations and processes within the context of world politics. An examination of the impact of these activities and processes on contemporary problems of world order. Prereq: Graduate student status.

†PS 738 SEMINAR IN THE POLITICS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Subtitle required).

PS 748 MASTER'S THESIS RESEARCH. (0)
Half-time to full-time work on thesis. May be repeated to a maximum of six semesters. Prereq: All course work toward the degree must be completed.

PS 749 DISSERTATION RESEARCH. (0)
Half-time to full-time work on dissertation. May be repeated to a maximum of six semesters. Prereq: Registration for two full-time semesters of 769 residence credit following the successful completion of the qualifying exams.

PS 750 POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTIONS IN AMERICA. (3)
A study of the organization and functions of political parties, nominations and elections, and voting alignments. Prereq: An undergraduate political parties course or consent of instructor.

PS 756 REGIONAL POLITICS (Subtitle required). (3)
This seminar focuses on the domestic politics and international relations of countries within a specific geographic region (Latin America, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Western Europe, Africa, East Asia, etc.). Theoretical foci include political economy, policymaking, regional integration and national security, development, and political culture.

†PS 757 SEMINAR IN COMPARATIVE DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL SYSTEMS.

¶PS 759 COMPARATIVE POLITICAL BEHAVIOR.

PS 760 SEMINAR IN JUDICIAL PROCESS. (3)
A thorough survey of literature in judicial process, focusing largely on judicial recruitment and decision-making, litigants’ strategies, the implementation and impact of judicial policies and relations between the courts and other power centers. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits.
†PS 763 SEMINAR IN ADMINISTRATIVE POLITICS.

PS 768 RESIDENCE CREDIT FOR THE MASTER’S DEGREE. (1-6)
May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours.

PS 769 RESIDENCE CREDIT FOR THE DOCTOR’S DEGREE. (0-12)
May be repeated indefinitely.

PS 772 ADVANCED PROBLEMS IN RESEARCH METHODS. (3)
A seminar in selected topics; the application of mathematical models and advanced statistical techniques to political science data. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits.

¶PS 775 SEMINAR IN PUBLIC POLICY.

PS 780 LEGISLATIVE BEHAVIOR. (3)
A study of recent research in the legislative process emphasizing both the substantive and methodological aspects. Prereq: An upper division course in the legislative process or consent of instructor.

PS 795 SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. (1-3)
Specific programs of readings are developed to meet the needs of individual students. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits for master’s students and 12 credits for Ph.D. students. Prereq: Any 600 level course in political science or consent of the Director of Graduate Study.

PS 796 DIRECTED RESEARCH IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. (1-3)
Individual research in a particular field of political science under the supervision of selected faculty. Open to advanced graduate students who are prepared for intensive study and research beyond that offered in regular classes in each field. May be repeated to a maximum of six hours. Prereq: Consent of the instructor and the director of graduate studies.