

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

The political science major is a social science major. Students learn about political institutions, behavior, ideas and the methods used to study these phenomena. Work within the department is organized around six fields: American government and politics, comparative politics, international relations, public policy, political theory and empirical theory and methodology. The department's mission is to understand the political world and give students skills for a lifetime of inquiry, engagement and analysis.

In the undergraduate program, students develop skills in critical thinking, writing, analysis, research methods, and communication of social science findings. Political science majors go on to work in business, government, non-governmental organizations and many other fields. The major also prepares students for study at the graduate level in political science, public policy, law and other disciplines.

Our mission is to help students understand important political ideas, institutions (domestic and international), and actors. Students learn a number of broad concepts, including:

- The philosophical basis of justice, equality, and representation.
- The meaning of diversity and its political consequences.
- The origins and function of the American political system.
- The political behavior of individuals and groups and why it matters.
- The political and social organization of other countries.
- The reasons that some countries cooperate while others engage in conflict.

Course code for this program is PSCI.

## Sample Courses

Below is a sample of current courses which represent areas of inquiry within our curriculum.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSCI 2116	Introduction to Environmental Policy and Policy Analysis	3
PSCI 3062	Revolution and Political Violence	3
PSCI 3183	International Law	3
PSCI 3021	U.S. Campaigns and Elections	3
PSCI 3174	Sex, Power, and Politics: U.S. Perspectives	3
PSCI 4012	Global Development	3
PSCI 4221	Political Psychology	3
PSCI 3075	Applied Political Science Research	3

## Learning Outcomes

The undergraduate political science curriculum produces the following learning outcomes:

- Students will communicate political science concepts clearly, both orally and in writing.
- Students will locate the evidence necessary to evaluate arguments in political science research and the current political world.
- Students will create well-designed arguments using relevant theories of political science.

- Students will answer research questions using logical inference from quantitative and qualitative evidence.
- Students will understand political dynamics at the subnational, national and international levels.
- Students will develop an appreciation for various ideological perspectives and for the complex political environment around them.
- Students will acquire a sense of efficacy for changing the political environment.

Students interested in political science may also want to consider the Global Studies Residential Academic Program (RAP) (<https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/academic-enrichment-programs/undergraduate-residential-programs/>).

## Bachelor's Degree

- Political Science - Bachelor of Arts (BA) (<https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/political-science/political-science-bachelor-arts-ba/>)

## Minor

- Political Science - Minor (<https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/political-science/political-science-minor/>)

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## Courses

### **PSCI 1101 (3) Introduction to American Politics**

Emphasizes interrelations among levels and branches of government, formal and informal institutions, processes, and behavior.

**Additional Information:** GT Pathways: GT-SS1 - Soc Behav Sci: Econ or Pol Systems

Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies

Arts Sci Core Curr: United States Context

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: American

MAPS Course: Social Science

MAPS Course: Social Science US Context

### **PSCI 2004 (3) Survey of Western Political Thought**

Studies main political philosophies and political issues of Western culture, from antiquity to 20th century.

**Additional Information:** GT Pathways: GT-SS1 - Soc Behav Sci: Econ or Pol Systems

Arts Sci Core Curr: Ideals and Values

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Political Theory

**PSCI 2012 (3) Introduction to Comparative Politics**

Most countries confront a variety of common political problems, including how to gain popular support, what kinds of political institutions are most appropriate, and how to distribute burdens and benefits to different segments of the population. Concentrates on learning how to compare different political systems and provides illustrative examples from several countries in both the industrialized and nonindustrialized world.

**Additional Information:** GT Pathways: GT-SS1 - Soc Behav Sci: Econ or Pol Systems

Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 2028 (3) Special Topics**

Offers subjects not covered by existing courses. Offered when department approves a special topic.

**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 12.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: General

**PSCI 2075 (3) Quantitative Research Methods**

Introduces quantitative research methods used in political science. Focuses on basic tools of analysis: data collection, processing, and evaluation, with special attention to survey techniques. Includes elite and case study analysis; aggregate, cluster, and content analysis; and the use of computers in political research.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Quant Reasn Mathmat Skills  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Quantitative Reasoning Math  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Empirical Theory and Research Methodology  
MAPS Course: Mathematics

**PSCI 2106 (3) Introduction to Public Policy Analysis**

Studies policymaking processes in American government, factors shaping public decision, and issues and questions relevant to political inquiry.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Public Policy

**PSCI 2116 (3) Introduction to Environmental Policy and Policy Analysis**

Teaches a systematic general framework for the analysis of environmental policy issues. Analyzes the interaction of environmental sciences, ethics, and policy across a range of environmental policy problems. Stresses critical thinking and practical applications.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Public Policy

**PSCI 2223 (3) Introduction to International Relations**

Introduces the field of international relations, with general survey of the theories, histories, and problems of historical and contemporary relations among state and nonstate actors.

**Additional Information:** GT Pathways: GT-SS1 - Soc Behav Sci: Econ or Pol Systems  
Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: International Relations

**PSCI 2481 (3) Introduction to the Legal Process**

Covers basic legal concepts and processes emphasizing the American system. Gives special attention to political functions of law. Recommended as preparation for PSCI 4241.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3011 (3) The American Presidency and the Executive Branch**

Examines the constitutional, institutional and historical development of the presidency and the federal bureaucracy. Explores the changing role of the executive branch in the U.S. political system over time and competing views of executive power.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: United States Context  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3021 (3) U.S. Campaigns and Elections**

Introduces students to the subjects, techniques, and findings of Political Science research on campaigns and elections. Particular emphasis is placed on the study of voting, campaign effects, partisan coalitions, electoral rules, campaign finance, and the policy impact of elections.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: United States Context  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3022 (3) Russian Politics**

Covers the important and pressing issues in modern Russia politics since 1990. How and why did Communism end? How did Putin come to power, what are his goals, and how long will he stay in power? What is going on with the Russian-Ukrainian conflict? Does the Russian government interfere in the politics of other countries? Come learn about the politics of this major world power.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 3031 (3) Political Parties and Interest Groups**

Highlights the practice of party politics in the United States, including the nature, structure, organization, and functions of political parties and interest groups. Analyzes interest group politics and political behavior.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3032 (3) Democracy, Inequality and Violence in Latin America**

Stresses different perspectives on Latin American politics and understanding key political actors and processes. Country focus varies.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 3035 (3) Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods**

Enables students to create and critique qualitative research designs including comparative case studies, process tracing, interviews, archival research, and mixed methods. Includes lectures and in- or out-of-class exercises in which students use ideas discussed in the course to develop their own applied knowledge of these methods. Previously offered as a special topics course.

**Grading Basis:** Letter Grade

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

**PSCI 3041 (3) The American Congress**

Provides intensive examination of the role of Congress in American government, including congressional elections, representation, the organization of Congress, and congressional policy making. Examines larger context of congressional politics, including political parties, the president, and interest groups.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3051 (3) Public Opinion and Political Behavior**

Examines measurement of public opinion and evaluation of its impact on governmental policy formation, including survey research techniques.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3052 (3) Gender and Politics in Latin America**

Examines Latin American politics with particular focus on women's participation in social movements, war, revolution, and elections. Compares women's and men's politics and activism and examines changing gender and sexuality policies, gender relations, and the differential impact of political, economic, and social changes on men and women.

**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** WGST 3650

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite WGST 2600 or PSCI 3032.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-Global Perspective  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 3054 (3) American Political Thought**

Highlights the development of American political theories and ideas from colonial period to present. Can also be taken for American field credit.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2004.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Ideals and Values  
Arts Sci Core Curr: United States Context  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Political Theory

**PSCI 3061 (3) State Government and Politics**

Examines politics in the American states from a comparative and historical perspective. Considers major political actors—interest groups, citizens (direct democracy), and political parties, as well as central institutions, in the state political arena. Also focuses on major state public policy concerns.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: United States Context  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3062 (3) Revolution and Political Violence**

Studies and evaluates alternative theoretical frameworks for the analysis of revolution and political violence. Theoretical material is firmly couched in case situations, such as ethnic, class, colonial, urban, racial, and religious conflicts.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101 or PSCI 2012 or IAFS 1000.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 3064 (3) Environmental Political Theory**

Examines environmental discourses as conceptual means for theorizing environmental politics, and applies normative political theories to contemporary environmental policy issues. Considers the roles of political actors (individuals, groups, the state) in defining and addressing environmental problems on local, national, and global levels.

**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** ENVS 3064

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2004.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Ideals and Values  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Political Theory

**PSCI 3071 (3) Urban Politics**

Examines the structure of political, social, and economic influence in urban areas. Focuses on the relationship of the political system to governmental, social, and economic institutions and the contemporary policy processes in American cities.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: United States Context  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3072 (3) Government and Politics in Southeast Asia**

Surveys historical and contemporary forces shaping politics in Southeast Asia. Gives special attention to comparative political economy, including development strategies and transitions to democracy.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012 or IAFS 1000.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative  
Departmental Category: Asia Content

**PSCI 3075 (3) Applied Political Science Research**

Introduces the types of research design and quantitative methodology used in applied political science research. Directly builds on the data analysis performed in Quantitative Research Methods (PSCI 2075).

**Requisites:** Requires prerequisite course of PSCI 2075 (minimum grade C-).

**Grading Basis:** Letter Grade

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Empirical Theory and Research Methodology

**PSCI 3082 (3) Political Systems of Sub-Saharan Africa**

Analyzes post-independence and post-Cold War change in sub-Saharan Africa and provides intensive case studies of selected countries exemplifying each type with South Africa seen as a special case.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012 or IAFS 1000.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 3084 (3) Diversity, Disagreement, and Democracy: an Introduction to the Theory and Practice of Democracy**

Examines the justification and limits for moral, political and religious pluralism. Students will be trained in the practice of dialogue and research the historical context of a subject that would be appropriate for a dialogue, and then interview members of the community who have different perspectives on the subject.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Political Theory

**PSCI 3091 (3) Politics of Social Movements**

Examines theoretical and empirical research on social movements from a U.S. perspective. Considers why social movements arise, who participates in them, the tactics they employ, obstacles they face, and their political impact.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3092 (3) Comparative Political Economy**

Presents theories on the interaction between policies and economics, economic models of politics, and familiarizes students with an approach that will prove useful in understanding current developments in both economics and politics. Explores relationships between financial markets, currency regimes and politics with some special consideration of the behavioral foundations of political and economic developments. Recommended prerequisite: PSCI 2012.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 3101 (3) Black Politics**

Examines structure of political, social, and economic influence in urban areas. Focuses on the relationship of political processes to governmental, social, and economic institutions and contemporary policy processes in American cities.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3102 (3) South Asian Politics**

Examine the diverse political trajectories of four South Asian countries: India, Pakistan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. Using a comparative lens, we will take into account historical, cultural, and economic, in addition to political, factors in deciphering this diversity of political paths.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012 or IAFS 1000.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative  
Departmental Category: Asia Content

**PSCI 3105 (3) Designing Social Inquiry: An Introduction to Analyzing Political Phenomena**

Tackles conceptualization and measurement with a focus on reliability and validity of measures at the individual level. Explores how improper measurement and conceptualization can affect our inferences.

Investigates how to use the tools of causal logic with statistical tools to differentiate linear, spurious, intervening and conditional relationships with a particular focus on what it means to "control for other factors".

**Requisites:** Requires prerequisite course of PSCI 2075 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors).

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Quant Reasn Mathmat Skills  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Quantitative Reasoning Math  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Empirical Theory and Research Methodology

**PSCI 3122 (3) Authoritarianism in the Digital Age**

Introduces students to cutting edge research on how changes in information communication technologies (ICTs) have shaped politics in authoritarian regimes. Drawing on longstanding theories in the comparative politics literature, students will learn how governments, citizens, and non state actors use digital technologies to achieve their goals.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

**PSCI 3123 (3) War, Peace, and Strategic Defense**

Analyzes employment, or the threat of employing force, in securing American interests in the post-Cold War world. Gives special attention to utilities claimed for nuclear weapons, and alternatively, to weapons control and disarmament.

**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** PACS 3800

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2223.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: International Relations

**PSCI 3142 (3) Politics, History and Society of Cuba**

Provide students with general knowledge about Cuba, its history, government, and economy, with a particular emphasis on the Cuban Revolution and more current events such as changes to travel restrictions and US policy toward Cuba under Obama, Trump and Biden. As a global intensive, it also involves a 10-day travel/educational program in Cuba that will occur after the semester.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

**PSCI 3143 (3) Current Affairs in International Relations**

Analyzes the various theoretical and policy challenges facing the post-Cold War world, with an emphasis on examining alternative conceptions of and approaches to such challenges.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2223.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: International Relations

**PSCI 3155 (3) Survey Design and Analysis**

Provides the unique experience of involvement in ongoing survey research. Designed for students from different disciplines who will learn about what makes a good versus bad survey, how to write effective questions and how to put survey questions together into a cohesive questionnaire. Gain insight into the pitfalls of survey research and how to overcome them. Provides hands-on, real world experience on the design, implementation and analysis of the annual Colorado Political Climate survey.

**Requisites:** Requires prerequisite course ANTH 4000 or APPM 4570 or BCOR 1020 or ECON 3818 or GEOG 3023 or GEOL 3023 or MATH 2510 or PSCI 2075 or PSYC 2111 or SOCY 2061 (minimum grade C-).

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Empirical Theory and Research Methodology

**PSCI 3163 (3) American Foreign Policy**

Examines foundations, assumptions, objectives, dynamics, and methods of U.S. foreign policy since WWII. Gives special attention to domestic and external problems of adapting U.S. policy to the changing world environment.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2223.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: United States Context  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: International Relations

**PSCI 3172 (3) Democracy and Its Citizens in the US and EU**

Explores the political institutions of the US and the EU and asks questions pertaining to the very citizenship experience in these two places; including policy, rights and liberties, quality of life, national identity, and immigration.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 3174 (3) Sex, Power, and Politics: U.S. Perspectives**

Explores how norms of sex, gender, race and sexuality find expression in institutions and policies in ways that legitimize only certain individuals as political actors, certain identities as politically relevant, and certain relationships as important. Critically examines how norms may be exposed, resisted, and changed by studying the politics of the women's, gay liberation, and men's movements in the U.S.

**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** WGST 3174

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2004 or WGST 2000 or LGBT 2000.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Political Theory

**PSCI 3183 (3) International Law**

Investigates the legal principles and landmark judicial cases that govern relations between countries and other international actors. Explores the development and effectiveness of law on issues such as human rights, war crimes, and the use of military force.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2223.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: International Relations

**PSCI 3184 (3) Race, Power, and Politics**

Examines the fraught relationship between democracy and racial inequality in the US expressed in the founding contradiction between the Declaration of Independence and the recognition of slavery in the US Constitution. Explores these issues through study of the abolition movement, the Jim Crow era, Civil Rights and Black Power movements, immigrant activism, the American Indian movement, and Black Lives Matter.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2004.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

**PSCI 3191 (3) National Security Organization and Policy Making**

Analyzes how the American governmental and political system is structured to define, select, and implement national security policies. Examines roles of the president, Congress, bureaucracy, interest groups, and other actors.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3193 (3) International Behavior**

Presents alternate theoretical frameworks for the explanation of international processes. Applies theories of conflict behavior and social organization to problems of war and peace.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2223.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: International Relations

**PSCI 3205 (3) Undergraduate Research Experience**

Broadens and strengthens social science methodological skills and training by providing research collaboration between undergraduates and advanced graduate students and faculty. Promotes hands-on learning, immersion in the research process, and professional relationships. Students will collectively design and execute an original research project on a topic chosen with guidance by the instructor.

**Requisites:** Requires prerequisite course of PSCI 2075 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomore, Junior or Senior) Political Science (PSCI) majors or minors only. Restricted to students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

**Grading Basis:** Letter Grade

**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Empirical Theory and Research Methodology

**PSCI 3206 (3) The Environment and Public Policy**

Considers constitutional, political, and geographic factors in development of public policy affecting the use of natural resources and management of the environment; organization, procedures, and programs for use of natural resources; and administration of environmental policies.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101 or PSCI 2012.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Public Policy

**PSCI 3211 (3) The Politics of Economic Inequality in the United States**

Explores empirical and normative origins and current state of economic inequality in the United States from a political science perspective.

Evaluates how ideas about democracy and public policy address economic inequality, including the roles of gender, race and class in inequality. Examines the relationship between economic inequality and political inequality in both political behavior and political institutions.

**Requisites:** Requires a prerequisite course of PSCI 1101 (minimum grade D-).

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3213 (3) International Political Economy**

Analyzes issues at the intersection of international politics and international economics. Utilizes theories and concepts from both economics and political science to understand issues in trade, finance, development and migration. Formerly PSCI 4193.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2223.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: International Relations

**PSCI 3216 (3) Politics of Social Policy**

Examines theoretical assumptions, political processes, program content, and analytical methods used in development of US social policy. Current social policy issues are put in historic context and include assessment of social, economic, and political influences on policy choices and outcomes. Students have opportunity to compare policy approaches and gain practice in evaluating the politics and content of public policy alternatives.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101, PSCI 2106 or PSCI 2012.

**PSCI 3223 (3) International Human Rights**

Introduces the basic concepts behind international human rights. We define human rights and learn how human rights norms have developed. We explore why countries regularly violate the human rights of their own citizens. We learn how politics complicates the interactions between countries and other actors to protect human rights. Finally, we analyze the promise and limits of international cooperation and law in promoting human rights.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2223.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

**PSCI 3225 (3) Strategy and Politics**

Focuses on the rational choice approach to understanding political decision making. Introduces students to the tools and methods of game-theoretic reasoning, and examines the strategic logic of many forms of political decision-making, including voting, lawmaking, and international conflict.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101 or PSCI 2012 or PSCI 2223.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Empirical Theory and Research Methodology

**PSCI 3271 (3) Law and Society: Legal Institutions and Human Behavior**

Examines relationship between human behavior and legal system, looking closely at the voluntary relationship between the citizen and the state, the use of law to balance economic liberty and equality, support for civil liberties, and procedural, distributive, and retributive justice.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3274 (3) Capitalism and its Critics**

Examines competing theoretical approaches to questions related to origins, development, and purposes of modern government in the United States; particular attention paid to impact of transformations in the underlying structure of the capitalist economy. Formerly PSCI 3171.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101 or PSCI 2004.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: United States Context  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Political Theory

**PSCI 3281 (3) Development of American Political Institutions**

Learn about the evolution of major American political institutions including the presidency, Congress, the judiciary, the party system and the right to vote.

**Grading Basis:** Letter Grade

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3294 (3) Theories of Identity**

What is identity? How does it shape politics, and vice-versa? What are identity politics, and how do they shape the current political landscape? This course uses political theory, law, and case studies to give a three-part introduction to related core concepts: modern and contemporary theories of identity; the legal construction of identity in the United States; and the relationship between identity, policy, and activism in U.S. history and contemporary politics.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective

**PSCI 3301 (3) Gender, Sexuality and U.S. Law**

Contemporary and historic overview of U.S. courts' treatment of sex and gender. Using the case method, examines policy issues including, but not limited to: same sex marriage and civil unions; privacy; affirmative action; abortion; reproductive technologies; and discrimination based on sex and sexual orientation in education and in the workplace.

**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** WGST 3300

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101 or WGST 2000.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3311 (3) Gender and U.S. Politics: Protest, Polls and Policy**

Provides an overview and critical examination of women as political actors within the United States. Students will examine the gendered components of citizenship, election, political office and public policy. Furthermore, students will explore the ways in which gender intersects with class, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and other identities in U.S. politics.

**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** WGST 3311

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 3774 (3) Free Speech and Dangerous Ideas**

Examines in depth various philosophical and legal justifications of First Amendment rights of speech, press, association and religion. Assesses these justifications in relation to broader normative theories of liberal democracy. Can also be taken for American field credit. Formerly PSCI 4774.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisites PSCI 2004 and PSCI 2481.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Political Theory

**PSCI 4002 (3) Western European Politics**

Comparatively analyzes development of the political systems and processes of European democracies. Emphasizes contemporary institutions, decision making patterns, and policy issues. Special attention to challenges of welfare systems.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 4012 (3) Global Development**

Analyzes development theory, case studies in development strategies, and the problems and promises of development: specifically issues of gender, environment, labor, corruption and poverty. The primary focus is on explanations for variation in level of development over time and across countries.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-Global Perspective  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 4015 (3) Social Media & Politics Research Methods**

Introduces students to state-of-the-art methods for using data from Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Youtube, and TikTok in quantitative political science research. In this hands-on course, students will conduct original research projects using social media data, while learning text analysis and machine learning techniques that can be applied to diverse types of data.

**Requisites:** Requires prerequisite course of PSCI 2075 (minimum grade B).

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

**PSCI 4016 (3) Inequality and Public Policy in the U.S. and Europe**

Provides an in-depth understanding of factors that change the level of inequality in the U.S. and in Europe and its economic, political, and social consequences across these states over time.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101 or PSCI 2012 or PSCI 2106.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Public Policy

**PSCI 4022 (3) Chinese Foreign Policy**

History of China's external relations and theories of foreign policy decision making. Explores two vital bilateral relations (Sino-U.S. and Sino-Japanese) and several key issues (like Taiwan) in China's 21st century foreign policy.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative  
Departmental Category: Asia Content

**PSCI 4024 (3) Senior Seminar in Political Theory**

Intensively analyzes and discusses major theories and issues of both contemporary political thought and the history of political philosophy. The topic is announced by the instructor, but might include analysis of concepts (justice, human rights, democracy, etc.) or major theories. Emphasizes advanced discussion plus individual research.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2004.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Political Theory

**PSCI 4028 (3) Special Topics**

Offers subjects not covered by existing courses. Offered when the department approves a special topic.

**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 12.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: General

**PSCI 4052 (3) Chinese Politics**

Explores the politics of 20th century China to speculate on China's future in the 21st century. Begins with an extensive look at the political history of the People's Republic, before turning to social, cultural, economic, and political issues today. Concludes with an examination of Chinese foreign policy, with a focus on Sino-American relations.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative  
Departmental Category: Asia Content

**PSCI 4062 (3) East European Politics**

Studies developments in the former Soviet satellites and Yugoslavia, their governmental organizations, and their relation to the former Soviet Union and the West.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 4106 (3) Issues and Challenges in American Green Energy Policy**

Explores growth of contemporary American green energy industry. Explores different types of green energy policies and how government institutions and regularly arrangements affect the development of green energy policy.

**Grading Basis:** Letter Grade

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Public Policy



**PSCI 4131 (3) Latinos and the U.S. Political System**

Examines the political status and activities of Mexican Americans and other Latino groups (Cuban Americans and Puerto Ricans) in the U.S. Also covers Latino political attitudes and behaviors; Latino efforts to influence the major national, state, and local institutions of the American government; and public policy concerns of Latinos.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 4173 (3) International Organizations**

Explores if and how countries cooperate under anarchy. Investigates cooperation over a number of international issues, including peace and security, trade and development, human rights, and justice for victims of war crimes. Gives special attention to organizations including the United Nations, European Union, International Monetary Fund, and World Trade Organization.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: International Relations

**PSCI 4213 (3) Europe and the International System**

Covers the past, present and future of Europe's global role.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2223.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: International Relations

**PSCI 4221 (3) Political Psychology**

Examines the psychological foundations of political decision-making among citizens and elites. Considers the role of political psychology in explaining political behavior and outcomes at the individual and collective level.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 4241 (3) Constitutional Law**

Focuses on the nature and scope of American constitutional principles as developed by the U.S. Supreme Court, including federalism, separation of powers, commerce, due process and equal protection.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 4242 (3) Middle Eastern Politics**

Explores the domestic politics of various Middle Eastern countries as well as the development and globalization of the region. Includes topics such as the ongoing prevalence of dictatorships, political Islamism, oil politics, economic growth and stagnation, and relations with the U.S.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative  
Departmental Category: Asia Content

**PSCI 4243 (3) Modern Warfare: Terrorism, Ideology, Identity**

Explores the evolution of warfare and origins of terrorism. Ideological and identity differences have come to the forefront of violent political conflicts while the emerging doctrine of warfare has placed civilians in the middle of modern conflicts. Tracks potential changes in the means of and reasons for fighting, roles of civilians and media, and rules of war.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisites PSCI 2223 and PSCI 3193.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: International Relations

**PSCI 4252 (3) Politics of Ethnicity and Nationalism**

Analyzes ethnic identity as a factor in contemporary politics. Deals extensively with the role of ethnic groups in political mobilization, the development of national collective consciousness, nation building, and international relations. Explores the influence of religion, language, history, culture and class on ethnic group formation and behavior.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 4253 (3) Politics of Identity and Inter-Ethnic Violence**

Discusses politics of identity and why identity is such a potent source of violence. Is inter-ethnic conflict an end in itself, or are ethnic groups trying to achieve other goals through violence? What can be done to prevent or ameliorate inter-ethnic strife? Examines theoretical aspects of identity, inter-ethnic conflict, as well as specific examples of ethnic crises.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2223 or PSCI 2012.

**Grading Basis:** Letter Grade

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: International Relations

**PSCI 4283 (3) International Migration and Policy**

Explores the politics of international migration, including public attitudes toward immigration, special interests politics of immigration policy making and the dynamics between political institutions and international migrations. Students will learn about the politics of international migration across different receiving and sending states over the past two centuries with an emphasis on the current debates over immigration in the U.S. and Western Europe.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: International Relations

**PSCI 4302 (3) European Union Politics**

Explores the development, functioning, focus and future of the European Union. Examines history, institutions, policies and politics as well as governance theories that have been developed to explain origins and evolution of the EU.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 4322 (3) Indigenous People's Politics**

Explore critical concepts, conversations, and issues surrounding Indigenous peoples' politics and politics around the globe. Analyze the ways in which Indigenous peoples have been impacted by colonization and look at how Indigenous peoples continue to respond to forces such as colonialism and capitalism in different geographical regions with a focus on the Americas. We will also draw on the experiences of indigenous peoples in Australia and New Zealand.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

**PSCI 4341 (3) Media and Politics**

Examines aspects of political communication as it applies to citizens, political decision makers, and specific public policies.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors).

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 4374 (3) Global Seminar: Revolutions in Paris**

Study the French Revolution (1789-1799) and the Paris Commune (1871) through immersive role-playing games, while learning about the ideas, history, and impact of these events through visits to important sites in and around the city of Paris. Learn about conservatism, republicanism, proto-socialism, slavery abolition, and anti-colonialism in the French Revolution; and socialism, Marxism, anarchism, and feminism in the Paris Commune.

**PSCI 4391 (3) Gender Politics and Global Activism**

Addresses the problems and challenges women face around the world and the ways in which women have mobilized to address them. Explores political activism at the local, national, regional and global levels. Focuses on different forms of activism, including strategies aimed at working with and within governmental institutions, as well as outside and against them.

**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** WGST 4500

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

**Recommended:** Prerequisite WGST 2000 or WGST 2600.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 4701 (3) Symbolic Politics**

Introduces uses and abuses of symbols as instruments and indicators of political change.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 4703 (3) Technology, Society and the Future**

Explores some of the remarkable technological advances made in recent years such as Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Social Media, "Big Data," Internet-Interconnectivity, etc. in order to better understand how they are reshaping the world around us. Looks at the implications of these technological advances for a variety of social and political issues including education, communication, medicine, international development, international relations, work, social life, politics, elections and democracy. Recommended Prerequisites: PSCI 2012 and/or IAFS 1000.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: International Relations

**PSCI 4714 (3) Liberalism and Its Critics**

Examines contemporary arguments for and against liberalism. Focuses on the analysis, evaluation, and understanding of the philosophical contributions to this debate. Gives special attention to the concepts of justice, freedom, equality, and individualism.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2004.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Political Theory

**PSCI 4715 (3) Honors Political Science Seminar**

Involves writing and discussion of selected topics in political science. Critically reviews the major methodological and conceptual features of the discipline. Students begin their honors papers in the seminar. Department enforced prerequisite: minimum 3.3 GPA. Generally offered in fall term only.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sciences Honors Course  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Empirical Theory and Research Methodology

**PSCI 4716 (3) Selected Policy Problems**

Integrates general principles of policy inquiry with documents and other literature on specific problems in public policy, in order to evaluate courses of action.

**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Public Policy

**PSCI 4725 (3) Political Science Honors Thesis**

Involves writing an honors thesis. Formerly PSCI 4008.

**Requisites:** Requires prerequisite course of PSCI 4715 (minimum grade B-).

**Additional Information:** Arts Sciences Honors Course  
Departmental Category: Empirical Theory and Research Methodology

**PSCI 4731 (3) Civic Engagement in America**

Closely examines the various understandings of democracy, the arguments for and against democracy, and the progress of and prospects for democratic politics in the United States. Particular attention is paid to economic, social, and political developments in the United States that affect popular sovereignty, political equality, and liberty.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 4732 (3) Critical Thinking in Development**

Exposes students to current issues in the political economy of development. Subjects range from globalization, democratization and economic development. Specifically explores the international and domestic determinants of economic development with special reference to currency markets, foreign direct investment, trade and democratization.

**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** INVS 4302

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies  
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 4734 (3) Politics and Literature**

Broadly examines political topics as they are presented in important literary works and analyzes the possibilities involved in using the literary mode to present political teachings.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2004.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Political Theory

**PSCI 4751 (3) The Politics of Ideas**

Examines theoretical arguments and case studies of interactions of ideas, interests, and institutions in policymaking. Analyzes processes through which ideas come to the public agenda, how institutional settings shape those ideas, and why some ideas and interests are more successful.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 4771 (3) Civil Rights and Liberties in America**

Implementation of rights and liberties in America. Examines fundamental issues of free speech, press, association, and religion along with rights to due process and equal protection under the law.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 4783 (3) Global Issues**

Studies the principal issues confronting humanity that affect stability and survivability and their economic, social, and political implications.

**Requisites:** Restricted to Political Science (PSCI), International Affairs (IAFS) or Environmental Studies (ENVS) majors only.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012 or PSCI 2223.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: International Relations

**PSCI 4792 (3) Issues in Latin American Politics**

Studies several Latin American countries in some depth including history and contemporary politics. Teaches students to listen to and evaluate different sides of political controversies, and critically evaluate arguments.

**Requisites:** Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012.

**Additional Information:** Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences  
Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 4841 (1-3) Independent Study in American Politics**

Subjects are chosen and arrangements are made to suit the needs of each student. Independent study is for upper-division students who have completed 9 credit hours of political science and who have an overall GPA of at least 3.00. Not more than 6 credit hours of independent study may be credited toward the minimum requirements in the political science major. A special independent study approval agreement form must be obtained from the department.

**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 7.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: American

**PSCI 4842 (1-3) Independent Study in Comparative Politics**

Subjects chosen and arrangements made to suit needs of each student. Independent study is for upper-division students who have completed 9 credit hours of political science and who have an overall GPA of at least 3.00. Not more than 6 credit hours of independent study may be credited toward the minimum requirements in the political science major. Special independent study approval agreement form must be obtained from the department.

**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 7.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2012 or IAFS 1000.

**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Comparative

**PSCI 4843 (1-3) Independent Study in International Relations**

Subjects chosen and arrangements made to suit needs of each student. Independent study is for upper-division students who have completed 9 credit hours of political science and who have an overall average of at least 3.00. Not more than 6 credit hours of independent study may be credited toward the minimum requirements in the political science major. Special independent study approval agreement form must be obtained from the department.

**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 7.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2223.

**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: International Relations

**PSCI 4844 (1-3) Independent Study in Political Theory**

Subjects and arrangements suit individual student needs. Independent study is for upper-division students who have completed 9 credit hours of political science and who have an overall GPA of at least 3.00. Not more than 6 credit hours of independent study may be credited toward the minimum requirements in the political science major. Special independent study approval agreement form must be obtained from the department.

**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 7.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 2004.

**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Political Theory

**PSCI 4846 (1-3) Independent Study in Public Policy**

Subjects chosen and arrangements made to suit needs of each student. Independent study is for upper-division students who have completed 9 credit hours of political science and who have an overall average GPA of at least 3.00. Not more than 6 credit hours of independent study may be credited toward the minimum requirements in the political science major. Special independent study approval agreement form must be obtained from the department.

**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.

**Grading Basis:** Letter Grade

**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Public Policy

**PSCI 4848 (1-3) Independent Study**

Subjects chosen and arrangements made to suit needs of each student. Independent study is for upper-division students who have completed 9 credit hours of political science and who have an overall average of at least 3.00. Not more than 6 credit hours of independent study may be credited toward the minimum requirements in the political science major. Special independent study approval agreement form must be obtained from the department.

**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 7.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: General

**PSCI 4938 (3-6) Internship in Government**

With instructor's assistance, students secure an internship with a political or governmental organization. In addition to the internship, the class consists of regular seminars, course readings and assignments, and individual conferences with the instructor. Student pursues an academic research project and writes an original research paper. Instructor approval required in semester preceding internship. Contact instructor prior to early registration.

**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

**Recommended:** Prerequisite PSCI 1101.

**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: General