POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Political Science offers instruction and research in the art and science of politics. Work within the department is organized around six basic 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.

The undergraduate program gives students the analytical and writing skills essential for work in government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and business. It also prepares students for study at the graduate level in political science, 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 American political system
• 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.

Political Science Courses

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

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Undergraduate Learning Outcomes

The political science curriculum produces the following learning outcomes:

• the ability to persuasively articulate written and oral ideas and arguments
• the ability to analyze problems using logical inference from quantitative and qualitative evidence
• the ability to critically evaluate arguments in political science research and the current political world
• an understanding of politics at the national and international level

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

Bachelor's Degree

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

Minor

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

Faculty

While many faculty teach both undergraduate and graduate students, some instruct students at the undergraduate level only. For more information, contact the faculty member’s home department.

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Costain, Anne N.  
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Costain, Douglas  
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Professor Emeritus

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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 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: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Empirical Theory and Research Methdology
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.
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.
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: American

PSCI 3022 (3) Russian Politics
Examines the development of Russian politics from the late Soviet period to the present. Topics covered include political culture, democratic transition, economic reform, and social problems in Russia.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Comparative

PSCI 3023 (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 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: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-Global Perspective
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 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.
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-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
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.
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.
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 3093 (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.
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).
Departmental Category: Empirical Theory and Research Methodology

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 3143 (3) Current Affairs in International Relations
Examines 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.
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.
Departmental Category: International Relations
PSCI 3172 (3) Democracy and Its Citizens in the US and EU
Studies theories and problems related to citizenship in the US and the EU. This includes rights and restrictions of citizenship, issues of immigration, multicultural citizenship, globalization and citizenship. In the EU the relation between member nation citizenship and EU citizenship is a special problem. Examines how the US and EU compare.
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 body of law that regulates relations between nation states and provides a framework for the solving of common problems. Explores its nature and effectiveness as well as its adaptability to a changing environment. Formerly PSCI 4183.
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 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 3195 (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. Examines 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 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.
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 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: Diversity-U.S. Perspective
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
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
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: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Comparative

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.
Recommended: Prerequisite PSCI 1101 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 4052 (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: Diversity-U.S. Perspective
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: American

PSCI 4173 (3) International Cooperation and Global Anarchy
Explores if and how countries cooperate in a world with no government. Investigates cooperation over a number of international issues, including peace and security, trade and development, climate change, human rights, and justice for victims of war crimes. Gives special attention to organizations including the United Nations, International Monetary Fund, European Union 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-Ethic 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.
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 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 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
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.

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
Explores 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.
PSCI 4734 (3) Politics and Literature
Broady 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 2004.
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 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) 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.
Recommended: Prerequisite PSCI 1101.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: General