

POLITICAL SCIENCE (PSC)

PSC-1202 Introduction to Political Science (3 Credits)

This survey of the major contemporary trends in political science research enables the student to understand and work with a variety of analytical tools.

Typically offered: All Sessions

PSC-1203 Understanding the Human Rights (3 Credits)

This course examines significant violations of human rights within their historical context. Their evolution within global political thought and practice provides philosophical context and understanding of the legal framework. Each topic is carefully studied to identify root causes and sources of problems and then retrace pathways of movements and policies to address them and improve societies.

Fulfills General Education Requirement: WHG

Typically offered: Fall Only

PSC-1204 American National Government (3 Credits)

The Constitutional basis, structure, and operations underlying political processes [election, interest, representation, political parties]; special attention is given to their role in the economy and social welfare of the nation, along with defense and foreign policy making.

Fulfills General Education Requirement: SEH

Typically offered: All Sessions

PSC-2101 Lect Series: Hist of Political Thought (3 Credits)

This courses surveys major developments in the history of political thought. Looking at the strengths and weaknesses of various approaches to politics will help students better understand and evaluate contemporary political society.

PSC-2203 Intern'l Hum Rights & Humanitarian Law (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): Complete one of the following courses as the prerequisite: HIS-1201, HIS-1203/PSC-1203, HIS 1302 or PSC-1202

This introductory course surveys the history of international human rights and humanitarian law both from a theoretical perspective as well as a case law perspective.

Typically offered: Fall Only

PSC-2301 Comparative Government (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): PSC-1202

A study of the basic political ideas and institutions of the major foreign powers; the evolution of the principles, methods, and problems of European and American governments.

Typically offered: Spring Only

PSC-2303 American Political Parties (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): PSC-1204

The origins and nature of the two-party system; party organization on the federal, state, and local levels; party politics and governmental institutions; the nomination and electoral processes through party; voters and special interest.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2304 State and Local Government (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): 15 college credits

PSC 2304 State and Local Government Historical background and constitution-making structures and operations of both levels with an emphasis on the politics of local government in New York City and the New York State government; federalism; federal-state-local intergovernmental relations.

Typically offered: All Sessions

PSC-2306 Metropolitan Government and Politics (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): 15 college credits

Definition of the metropolitan region; traditional urban and suburban forms of government; the politics of reorganization; metropolitan forms of government; regional socio-economic problems and public policies.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2307 Electoral Behavior & Changing Electorate (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): PSC-1202

This course is a study of American identity politics. American political parties have been a part of the political process from the beginning, yet most voters identify less with parties today than they do with ideology. This course will explore electoral theories, such as Critical Elections"" and ""Responsible Parties,"" as well as comparing multi-party systems with a two-party system. The course will also focus on how America's economic history has affected political identity.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2309 Public Administration (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): PSC-1204

A study of administration in terms of theory and practice. Closely examines the interrelationships of Public Administration with the political, governmental, and private environments. Surveys decision making, financial administration, administrative organization, legislative and judicial administration, and administrative responsibility.

Typically offered: Spring Only

PSC-2320 Current Problems: Asia (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): PSC-1202 or PSC-1204

Analysis of the major economic, social and developmental issues of Asia from a global perspective. Lecture/discussion format with lectures conducted by leading figures in academic, political, and diplomatic fields.

Typically offered: Spring Only

PSC-2321 Current Problems: Africa (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): Take PSC-1202 or PSC-1204

Analysis of the major economic, social and developmental issues of Africa from a global perspective. Lecture/discussion format with lectures conducted by leading figures in academic, political and diplomatic fields.

Typically offered: Spring Only

PSC-2322 Current Problems: Latin America (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): PSC-1202 or PSC-1204

Analysis of the major economic, social and developmental issues of Latin America from global perspective. Lecture/discussion format with lectures conducted by leading figures in academic, political, and diplomatic fields.

Typically offered: Spring Only

PSC-2323 Current Problems: Middle East (3 Credits)

Analysis of the major economic, social, and developmental issues of Middle East from a global perspective. Lecture/discussion format with lectures conducted by leading figures in academic, political, and diplomatic fields.

Typically offered: Spring Only

PSC-2325 Women and Politics (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): Take HIS-1201;

This course will analyze women and American political life. The Women's Movement and some of the interpretations of its meaning will be reviewed. The cultural roles of women in American society will be studied. This configuration of materials presented will assist in examining the transforming impact that women's actions have on the political process and American political life. It will also examine hoe politics impact on women in society: expanding the rights of women in employment and education; and familial and reproductive rights.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2330 "War, Peace and Cold War" (3 Credits)

This course seeks to review, analyze and evaluate the events surrounding the World War era and its aftermath. From the Japanese invasion of China to the collapse of the Soviet Union, the episodes that mark the period are examined from military, social, economic and political viewpoints.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2335 "Political Themes in American Film Consequences, Containment" (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): HIS-1201

Cross-listed with: HIS-2335. An examination of the political ideologies in American films dealing with war, government corruption, related conspiracy theories, political figures, electoral campaigns, the incorporation of minorities and immigrants into American society, the media, economics, and foreign policy. Course will focus on the historical narrative presented by the filmmakers and ask whether the films convey history or mythology.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2340 Culture and Politics of Italy (3 Credits)

This course investigates the history, political culture, government structure, economy and social structure of Italy.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2370 Culture and Politics of Italian-American (3 Credits)

This course investigates the historical setting of Italy prior to migration, patterns of migration, early experience in America, approaches to upward mobility, political behavior, political subculture, relationships with other ethnic, racial, and religious groups, and contemporary status, behavior, and attitudes of Italian-Americans.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2380 Nations of the Modern World: France (3 Credits)

Study Abroad: On-site study of the politics and culture of France through department-sponsored tour. Scheduled principally during intersession and/or spring break. Preparation classes and papers are required.

PSC-2381 Nations of the Modern World: Latin America (3 Credits)

Study Abroad: On-site study of the history, politics and culture of Latin America through department-sponsored tour. Scheduled principally during intersession and/or spring break. Preparation classes and papers are required.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2382 Nations of the Modern World: Russia (3 Credits)

Study Abroad: On-site of the history, politics and culture through department-sponsored tour. Scheduled principally during intersession and/or spring break. Preparation classes and papers are required.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2383 Nations of the Modern World: Germany (3 Credits)

Study Abroad: On-site study of the history, politics and culture of Germany through department-sponsored tour. Scheduled principally during intersession and/or spring break. Preparation classes and papers are required.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2384 Nations of the Modern World: Italy (3 Credits)

Study Abroad: On-site of the history, politics and culture of Italy through department-sponsored tour. Scheduled principally during intersession and/or spring break. Preparation classes and papers are required.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2385 Nations of the Modern World: England (3 Credits)

Study Abroad: On-site study of the history, politics and culture of England through department-sponsored tour. Scheduled principally during intersession and/or spring break. Preparation classes and papers are required.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2386 Nations of the Modern World: China (3 Credits)

Study Abroad: On-site study of the history, politics and culture of China through department-sponsored tour. Scheduled principally during intersession and/or spring break. Preparation classes and papers are required.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2387 Nations of the Modern World: Ireland (3 Credits)

Study Abroad: On-site study of the history, politics and culture through department-sponsored tour. Scheduled principally during intersession and/or spring break. Preparation classes and papers are required.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2388 Nations of the Modern World: Greece (3 Credits)

Study Abroad: On-site study of the history, politics and culture of Greece through department-sponsored tour. Scheduled principally during the intersession and/or spring break. Preparation classes and papers are required.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2389 Nations of the Modern World: Spain (3 Credits)

Study Abroad: On-site study of the history, politics and culture of Spain through department-sponsored tour. Scheduled principally during intersession and/or spring break. Preparation classes and papers are required.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2401 "Brazil: Economy, Politics and Business" (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): ECO-1201

This course will examine Brazil's recent economic development, its social and political consequences, as well as the practical details of doing business in Brazil. Major political, social, and cultural developments in Brazil during the 20th and 21st centuries will be discussed, as well as issues like investment opportunities, foreign trade, regulatory environment, banking and finance, labor relations, general accounting practices, and taxation. The program is led by an SFC faculty member and taught in English by FACAMP instructors, a partner institution in Campinas, Brazil, for two weeks during the summer.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2404 Government and Business 1865 - Present (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): Sophomore standing

A study of the relation of government to business as a control and as an aid; the commerce clause as the source of extended power of government control; decision of the courts; state police powers.

Typically offered: All Sessions

PSC-2406 International Relations (3 Credits)

Post-World War II international politics viewed through concepts (sovereignty, national interest, power) and the instruments for the conduct of foreign policy (diplomacy, war, global economics, world organizations, and international law).

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-2407 United States Congress (3 Credits)**Requisite(s):** PSC-1204

This course examines the evolution of Congress, the principles on which it is based, its method of operation, its struggles, and its place in America's future.

Typically offered: As Needed**PSC-2409 The American Presidents (3 Credits)**

A study of the historical evolution of the Presidency from the eighteenth century to the present, emphasizing both the institution and the characters of the men whom held office.

Typically offered: As Needed**PSC-2410 Political Leadership (3 Credits)****Requisite(s):** Take PSC 1202 or PSC-1204;

This course will explore the concept of Leadership and will begin by investigating the leadership potential in all individuals; differentiating leadership from management, defining leadership as it pertains to all aspects of American society and identifying the basis for Leadership. It will investigate and analyze diverse theories of Leadership along with discussion on human motivation. It then emphasizes the core traits and other personal qualities deemed to be required by successful Leaders. The course will also focus on the leaders character as the basis for leading and for ethical decision-making in an organizational context.

Typically offered: As Needed**PSC-2415 Electoral Behavior & Changing Electorate (3 Credits)****Requisite(s):** PSC-1202

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Typically offered: As Needed**PSC-3001 Politics and the Political Novel (3 Credits)****Requisite(s):** (1) HIS-1201 or PSC-1204 AND (2) WRI-1100 or HON-5101;

An exploration of 20th and 21st Century politics through utopian, dystopian and other novels. Students will examine the relationship between politics and literature, the ways in which political and historical context shapes literary production, and the ways in which novels have affected political discourse.

Typically offered: As Needed**PSC-3301 Comparative Government (3 Credits)****Requisite(s):** PSC-1202

A study of the basic political ideas and institutions of the major foreign powers; the evolution of the principles, methods, and problems of European and American governments.

Typically offered: Spring Only**PSC-3305 Politics and Administration in Latin America (3 Credits)****Requisite(s):** PSC-1202

Contemporary government systems of representative nations of the Caribbean, Central, and South American regions. The course combines a standard approach (governmental structures and operations) with special emphasis on particularly applicable topics (elite-mass relationship, political instability, economic development, inter-hemispheric politics).

Typically offered: As Needed**PSC-3311 The Chinese Economy (3 Credits)****Requisite(s):** ECO-1201

This course discusses the Chinese model of economic development focusing on its transformations since 1978, the changing relation between China and the United States, and consequences of China's rise as a global player.

Typically offered: As Needed**PSC-3317 Africa Government and Politics (3 Credits)****Requisite(s):** PSC-1202

An analysis of the particular variables that have impacted the development of the African states, many of which are designated Least Developed or Developing countries. These states share the legacies of geographic impediment, colonialism, one-party government, military dictatorship, socioeconomic underdevelopment, and intrastate conflict.

Typically offered: Fall Only**PSC-3318 Asia Government and Politics (3 Credits)****Requisite(s):** PSC-1202

The countries of Asia vary considerably from the Least Developed to the Tigers"" along the Pacific Rim. The government systems include the democracy of India and the communist regime of North Korea. The course presents a means of analyzing the significant variables that have impacted the development of these states on the Asian continent.

Typically offered: Spring Only**PSC-3323 Current Problems: Middle East (3 Credits)**

Analysis of the major economic, social, and developmental issues of Middle East from a global perspective. Lecture/discussion format with lectures conducted by leading figures in academic, political, and diplomatic fields.

Typically offered: Spring Only**PSC-3350 Government and Politics of Russia (3 Credits)**

Investigates the role of ideology, government structure, the nationality component, the political culture, economic planning and decision making in Russia. In addition, the course investigates and explores Russian foreign policy.

Typically offered: As Needed**PSC-3405 Introduction to Law and the American Judicial Process (3 Credits)**

The nature of law and its role in society, the politics of the administration of justice, selection of judges, criminal and civil procedures, judicial and jury decision making, courtroom operations, etc.

Typically offered: As Needed**PSC-3406 International Relations (3 Credits)**

Post-World War II international politics viewed through concepts (sovereignty, national interest, power) and the instruments for the conduct of foreign policy (diplomacy, war, global economics, world organizations, and international law).

Typically offered: As Needed**PSC-3410 "Constitutional Law I, the Structure Of American Government" (3 Credits)****Requisite(s):** HIS-1201, PSC-1202, or PSC-1204

This course will investigate, through the study of Supreme Court opinions and the theories underlying those opinions, the meaning of the American Constitution. The course will include the role of the Court in interpreting and enforcing the Constitution; separation of powers; the powers of Congress, the President, and the Courts; federal-state relations; and the expansion of national governing powers.

Typically offered: Fall Only

PSC-3411 Constitutional Law II: Civil Liberties (3 Credits)

This course will investigate, through the study of Supreme Court opinions, the relationship between the individual and his or her government in the United States. The course will include the following issues: freedom of expression; the right of persons accused of crimes; equality before the law; protection of the right to vote; and the rights of citizenship.

Typically offered: Spring Only

PSC-3424 The United Nations (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): PSC-3406 previously or concurrently

This course is designed to develop an awareness of the United Nations. Its purpose and the evolution of its functions are examined with special emphasis on its role in the post-Cold War world. Attention is focused on its humanitarian activities; the problem of peacekeeping and peacemaking; the evolution of its structure and new models for reform of the UN.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-3450 Political Science Research Methods (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): Junior standing and either PSC-1202 or PSC-1204

This course focuses on the conceptual and methodological processes used to test hypotheses, to gather data, to determine proper tests, and to evaluate the results. In addition, the development of research designs, the explanation of elementary statistics, and the utilization of software programs for statistics as a tool for theory testing are emphasized. Open only to Junior and Senior Political Science majors with permission of the chairperson. Lab fee.

Typically offered: Spring Only

PSC-4990 Internship (1-4 Credits)

Requisite(s): PSC-1201 or PSC-1204

Students may intern at approved sites under professional supervision. Internships are available with the national, state, and local governments. In addition, internships are available at the United Nations, law firms, museums, and historical societies. Internships must be approved by the department chairperson and are subject to availability.

Typically offered: All Sessions

PSC-4995 Independent Study (1-6 Credits)

This course is for students who have a special subject interest not available among the published catalogue offerings. It is usually limited to students with 3.0 indices or above. Students who believe they qualify must meet with the department chairperson. After approval of the project, the student will seek a departmental professor and they will draw up a contract specifying the nature of the work. A paper is usually required in this course.

Typically offered: As Needed

PSC-4998 Political Science Seminar (3 Credits)

Requisite(s): PSC-1204, PSC-3301, and PSC-3406, Permission of Chairperson is required.

A thesis seminar for political science majors. The main project is a research paper in one of the sub-disciplines of political science. The students develop a research design based on the methodology utilized in the political science courses.

Typically offered: Fall Only

PSC-5400 "Political Themes in American Film Consequences, Containment" (3 Credits)

In this course, we will examine the political ideologies in American films dealing with war, government corruption, related conspiracy theories political figures, electoral campaigns, the incorporation of minorities and immigrants into American society, the media, economics, and foreign policy. We will specifically focus on the historical narrative presented to us by the filmmakers. Depending on the film director, the film's argument or stance on a political issue may be either explicit or subtle. We will also ask if these films really convey history or mythology. Films from virtually every era of American History will be studied- from the 1910s to the present. Readings will include, when necessary, biographical information on the individual directors in addition to explaining the historical and political context for each individual film.

Typically offered: As Needed