POLITICAL SCIENCE  PLS

Department of Political Science

College of Social Science

100  Introduction to American National Government
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0)
Theory, structure, and functions of the federal government. Political parties, interest groups, and political participation. The role of political parties and interest groups in the political process. The structure and functions of the federal government.

140  Government and Politics of the World
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0)
Comparative analysis of political systems in first, second, and third-world countries. Alternative methods for comparative cross-cultural analyses of political systems.

160  Introduction to International Relations
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0)
Basic questions of international relations as considered from ancient to modern times. Topics include international relations, global politics, and the role of international organizations.

170  Introduction to Political Philosophy
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0)
Basic questions of political philosophy as considered from ancient to modern times. Topics include political theory, political ideas, and political ideologies.

200  Introduction to Political Science
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0)
The science of politics. Theory construction, model building, empirical testing, and inductive inference. Examples from American, international, and comparative politics.

201  Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: PLS 200 or MC 201
Philosophy of social science. Principles of research design, measurement, hypothesis testing, measures of association, cross tabulations, and regression analysis.

300  American State Government
Spring. 3(3-0)

301  Urban Politics
Fall. 3(3-0)

304  Minority Politics
Fall. 3(3-0)
Minority groups and the political process in the United States. Civil rights movements, political organizations, legal decisions, political participation, and legislative politics.

310  Public Bureaucracy in the Policy Process
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)
Role of public bureaucracy in the U.S. Theories of administrative behavior and the impact of hierarchy on policymaking. Relations with the president, Congress, interest groups, and the public. Administrative functions, responsiveness, and ethics.

313  Public Policy Analysis
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0) Not open to students with credit in MC 444.
Political and economic concepts for evaluating the consequences of government decision making. Issues of problem identification, policy adoption, and implementation affecting program evaluation.

320  The American Judicial Process
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.
Analysis of the structure and functions of judicial systems. Organization, administration, and politics of judicial bureaucracies. Roles of judges, juries, counsel, litigants, and interest groups in the adjudication process.

321  American Constitutional Law
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.
U.S. Supreme Court policy making and its effect on issues of current importance, including First Amendment freedoms, due process, race relations, sex discrimination, and privacy.

322  Comparative Legal Systems
Spring, Summer. 3(3-0)

323  Religion and Politics
Fall. 4(4-0)
Comparative analysis of the role of religion in politics across world regions. Discussion of major theories and topics in relation to religion-state relations.

324  American Legislative Process
Spring. 3(3-0)
The design of Congress. Rules, structures, and procedures affecting policy making. Impact of regular elections on legislative behavior.

325  American Executive Process
Fall. 3(3-0) P: PLS 100
Role of the president in the U.S. political system. Constitutional questions, presidential selection, presidential power, interbranch relations, and presidential policy making.

331  Political Parties and Interest Groups
Spring of even years. 3(3-0)
Origins, structure, and activities of political parties. Role of parties and interest groups in elections and in government. Internal politics of parties and of private associations.

333  Political Socialization and Public Opinion
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)
Role of public opinion in political systems and its impact on the political process. Group differences, political socialization, development and change of political attitudes and behavior patterns. Methods of studying public opinion.

334  Campaigns and Elections
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)

342  Comparative Political Economy
Spring. 3(3-0) P: EC 201 or EC 202
Democratic politics and the linkages among political, social, and economic conceptions of equality in developed and developing countries.

344  Politics in the Third World
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)
Politics of modernization, democratic and authoritarian regimes, and class and ethnicity in developing countries.

351  African Politics
Fall. 3(3-0)
Political institutions and governmental processes in Sub-Saharan Africa.

352  Latin American Politics
Spring. 3(3-0)
The political process in Latin America from a comparative perspective. Development, democratization and the role of democratic institutions in the political life.

354  Politics of Asia
Fall of even years, Spring of even years. 3(3-0)
Political institutions, political actors, and policy-making processes in selected Asian countries.

356  West European Politics
Fall, Summer. 3(3-0)
Governmental institutions and processes, political socialization, and political culture in Western Europe, including Great Britain.

357  Politics of English Speaking Democracies
Summer. 3(3-0)
Political institutions, political actors, and political culture in Britain, Australia, or Canada.

358  Politics of the U.S.S.R. and Its Successor States
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with James Madison College. Administered by Political Science.
Political history, communist ideology, state institutions, and political processes in the Soviet Union and its successor states.

360  International Political Conflict
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) P: (PLS 160 or concurrently) or (MC 220 or concurrently) or (MC 221 or concurrently) RB: PLS 160 or MC 220 or MC 221
Theories of foreign policy making. Factors shaping foreign policy in various countries. Current and recurrent problems in foreign policy making.

362  Foreign Policy
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) P: (PLS 160 or concurrently) or (MC 220 or concurrently) or (MC 221 or concurrently) RB: PLS 160 or MC 220 or MC 221
Theories of foreign policy making. Factors shaping foreign policy in various countries. Current and recurrent problems in foreign policy making.

364  International Organization and Cooperation
Spring. 3(3-0) Not open to students with credit in MC 322

371  Classical Political Philosophy
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)
Examination of major themes in classical political philosophy as represented by such Greek and Roman philosophers as Plato, Aristotle, or Cicero.
372 Modern Political Philosophy
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)
Major themes of modern political philosophy as represented by such thinkers as Machiavelli, Hobbes, Rousseau, Marx, and Nietzsche.

377 American Political Thought
Fall of even years. 3(3-0)
Major themes of American political thought. Topics may include the founding of the U.S., naturalism, race relations, or progressivism.

392 Special Topics in Political Science
Fall, Spring. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the Department of Political Science or Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science major or approval of department.

Issues and problems in contemporary political science.

420 American Politics and Public Administration (W)
Fall, Spring. 4(4-0) P: (PLS 301 or PLS 302 or PLS 305 or PLS 310 or PLS 313 or PLS 320) and completion of Tier I writing requirement) or (PLS 321 or PLS 322 or PLS 324 or PLS 325 or PLS 331 or PLS 333 or PLS 334) RB: Enrollment in the political science cognate. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the Department of Political Science or Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science major or approval of department.

Capstone course in one subfield of either American politics or public administration. Potential topics include legislative behavior, policy analysis, bureaucratic politics, electoral politics, and the determinants of voting behavior.

421 Moot Court and Legal Research in Federal Law (W)
Spring. 4(4-0) P: (PLS 320 and completion of Tier I writing requirement) or (PLS 321 or PLS 322 or PLS 324 or PLS 325 or PLS 331 or PLS 333 or PLS 334) R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the Department of Political Science. Open to juniors or seniors in the Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science major with political science as the disciplinary cognate or approval of department.

U.S. Supreme Court decisions in federal law. Legal research techniques, and participation in moot court exercises. Possible topics include civil rights and civil liberties.

422 Seminar in Political Science (W)
Fall, Spring. 4(4-0) A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: (PLS 301) and completion of Tier I writing requirement RB: Political Science major or student with background in political science or international studies. Variable topics including legislative behavior, policy analysis, political development, human rights, international conflict, foreign policy, international political economy, and constitutionalism.

440 Comparative Politics (W)
Spring. 4(4-0) P: (PLS 322 or PLS 342 or PLS 344 or PLS 351 or PLS 352 or PLS 353 or PLS 354 or PLS 356 or PLS 357 or PLS 358) and completion of Tier I writing requirement RB: Enrollment in the political science cognate. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the Department of Political Science or Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science major or approval of department.

Capstone course in one subfield of comparative politics. Potential topics include political development, urbanization, role of public opinion, human rights, and women in development.

441 Islam and World Politics
Spring of even years. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with James Madison College. Administered by James Madison College. P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. SA: MC 420

Manifestations of political Islam within key Muslim countries such as Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Pakistan. Use of political Islam by states and groups as an instrument to advance their international goals.

461 Refugees, Displaced Persons, Exiles (W)
Spring. 4(4-0) P: (PLS 322 or PLS 342 or PLS 344 or PLS 351 or PLS 352 or PLS 353 or PLS 354) and completion of Tier I writing requirement) or (PLS 356 or PLS 357 or PLS 358 or PLS 361 or PLS 362 or PLS 363 or PLS 364)

RB: Enrollment in the political science cognate. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the Department of Political Science. Open to juniors or seniors in the Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science major with political science as the disciplinary cognate or approval of department.

Capstone course in one subfield of international relations. Potential topics include international conflict, foreign policy, dispute resolutions, and international political economy.

462 International Relations (W)
Fall, Spring. 4(4-0) P: (PLS 361 or PLS 362 or PLS 363 or PLS 364) and completion of Tier I writing requirement R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the Department of Political Science or Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science major with political science as the disciplinary cognate or approval of department.

International relations. Potential topics include non-traditional actors in international politics, political economy, international law, diplomatic practice, and political Islam. Possible topics include international politics, international law, and political economy.

463 Political Thought
Fall of odd years, Spring of even years. 4(4-0) P: (PLS 371 or PLS 372 or PLS 377) and completion of Tier I writing requirement R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the Department of Political Science or Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science major with political science as the disciplinary cognate or approval of department.

Political thought. Potential topics include the historical development of political thought. Possible topics include ancient political thought, medieval political thought, and modern political thought.

481H Senior Honors Thesis
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: PLS 481H

Original research and writing under direction of a faculty member.

491H Senior Honors Thesis
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: PLS 481H

Original research and writing under direction of a faculty member.

494 Field Experience in Political Science
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.

Supervised field work in several areas of study. It may involve internships with non-profit organizations or public agencies, or participation in survey research, political campaigns, or petition drives.

495 Independent Study
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.

Individual research and reading supervised by a faculty member.

800 Proseminar: Political Theory and Research Methods
Fall. 3(3-0)
Issues in the accumulation of knowledge about political phenomena. Approaches to the verification of hypotheses. Alternative theoretical conceptions in study of politics.

801 Quantitative Techniques in Public Policy and Political Science I
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Open only to graduate students in the Department of Political Science or approval of department.

Foundations of research methodology. Applications of data in public policy and political science. Individual research projects.

802 Quantitative Techniques in Public Policy and Political Science II
Spring. 3(3-0) RB: PLS 801 R: Open only to graduate students in the Department of Political Science or approval of department.

Linear and nonlinear models applied to public policy and political science data. Individualized research projects.

803 Political Thought
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Admission to graduate program in political science.

Major political philosophers. Major themes of political philosophy. Consideration of the relationship between political philosophy and other fields of study in political science.

808 Issues in Urban Policy and Services
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Social Work, Administered by Political Science. RB: PLS 811

Issues in urban public policy. Major theoretical approaches. Urban regimes, local autonomy, public and private authority, economic constraints, social welfare, service delivery, neighborhood and community development, and urban educational systems. Race, gender, and ethnicity.

809 Proseminar in Formal Theory
Spring. 3(3-0) R: Approval of department. SA: PLS 880

Formal models in understanding politics. Topics may include game theory, spatial modeling, social choice theory, public choice theory, and dynamic modeling. Theoretical issues and research applications.
811 Proseminar in Policy Analysis
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Open to graduate students.
Economic and political techniques for analyzing public policies. Utility and limitations of these techniques and their use and abuse in public policy analysis.

812 Theories of Administrative Organization
Fall. 3(3-0)
Decisionmaking, hierarchy, control, participation, and the political context of public organization.

820 Proseminar in American Politics
Fall. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. The major subfields of American politics. Political behavior within institutions and mass political behavior.

821 State Government and Politics
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0)
Research literature on state government. Interstate differences. Parties, elections, governors, state legislatures, bureaucracy, interest groups, and policy outcomes.

822 Urban Government and Politics
Spring of even years. 3(3-0)
Research literature on urban government. Structure, process, and policy issues. Intergovernmental relations and fiscal interdependencies.

824 Congress
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: (PLS 801 and PLS 802) and approval of department.
The legislative process in Congress, and the electoral connection to voters. Topics may include committees, parties and leadership, candidate recruitment and elections, and interactions between Congress and other national institutions.

826 International Development Theory and Practice
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies and Anthropology and Forestry and Social Science. Administered by Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies. SA: RD 826.

828 Public Opinion and Political Behavior
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) RB: (PLS 801 and PLS 802) or approval of department.
The acquisition and change of political attitudes. The relationship between political attitudes and political behavior. Methods and problems of measuring political attitudes.

831 Courts as Organizations
Summer. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Criminal Justice. Administered by Political Science. RB: Experience in Court Administration or enrollment in Judicial Administration Major. R: Approval of department.
Role of "new institutionalism" in organization theory to the study of court culture.

832 Managing the Courts
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Criminal Justice. Administered by Political Science. P: CJ 812 RB: Experience in Court Administration. Enrollment in Judicial Administration Major. R: Approval of department.
Application of casework management in courts.

833 Organizing, Workload, and Performance in the Courts
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Criminal Justice. Administered by Political Science. P: CJ 809 RB: Experience in Court Administration. Enrollment in Judicial Administration R: Approval of department.
Techniques for the assessment of needs and performance of judges and judicial staff.

834 Analyzing the Courts
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Criminal Justice. Administered by Political Science. P: PLS 833 or CJ 814 RB: Experience in Court Administration. Enrollment in Judicial Administration Evaluating critical court programs using basic statistical analysis and graphical design. Descriptive statistics and graphical presentation.

850 Proseminar in Comparative Politics
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Research literature in a subfield of comparative politics. Methods, approaches, and purposes.

852 Comparative Public Administration
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) Administrative systems in industrialized countries. Historical origins, personnel recruitment, bureaucracy-parliament interactions, planning and market regulation, public spending, and public outcomes.

853 Political Economy of Development Policy
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Introduction to the political economy of Third World development. Decision making and economic policy.

854 Comparative Political Institutions
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Political institutions from a comparative perspective. Topics may include electoral systems, political parties, presidential vs. parliamentary systems, representation, federalism, and constitutional engineering.

857 Parties and Elections
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Origin, organization, and behavior of political parties in advanced industrial societies. Structure and transformation of party systems. Role of issues and elections in party systems. Parties in developing societies.

860 Proseminar in International Relations
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Theoretical perspectives and analytical approaches to a subfield of international relations.

870 Proseminar in Political Thought
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Survey of major issues or themes in political philosophy.

871 Classical Political Philosophy
Fall. 3(3-0)
Study of one or more major figures or thinkers in ancient or medieval political philosophy.

872 Modern Political Philosophy
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Study of one or more major figures or thinkers in modern political philosophy.

884 Proseminar on Political Institutions and Public Choice
Fall. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Theories of political institutions, with particular emphasis on the U.S. Possible topics include models of rational action in electoral, legislative, and bureaucratic institutions and problems of majority rule, collective action, and social welfare.

886 Global Urban Research Practicum
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Social Science. Administered by Social Science. P: SSC 802 R: Approval of department.
Demonstration of student competence in urban theory, by writing, analysis, research, and evaluation.

900 Research Seminar in Political Methodology
Fall. Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 15 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: PLS 802 Advanced topics in political methodology. Individual research projects.

910 Research Seminar in Public Policy and Public Administration
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: PLS 810 or PLS 811 Specialized topics in public administration or public policy.

920 Research Seminar in American Politics
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course.

950 Research Seminar in Comparative Politics
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: PLS 850 Intensive study of one subfield of comparative politics. Critical evaluation of the literature.

960 Research Seminar in International Politics
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: PLS 860 Intensive study of one subfield of international politics. Critical evaluation of the literature.

970 Research Seminar in Political Thought
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: PLS 870 Intensive study of one subfield of political philosophy.
980  **Research Seminar in Formal Theory**  
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: PLS 880  
Intensive study of one formal modeling technique used in political science research.

993  **Readings in Political Science**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.  
Supervised reading in a subfield of political science, public administration, or public policy.

999  **Doctoral Dissertation Research**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 12 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 99 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to doctoral students in the Political Science major or Political Science-Urban Studies major.  
Doctoral dissertation research.