PSCI 200. Introduction to Conducting Political Inquiry. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 210. Research design and measurement of political behavior at the level of the individual and the political unit. Techniques of gathering and analyzing attitudinal data, voting records, policy outputs, and other political variables. Use of nonparametric statistics.

PSCI 210IS. Introduction to American Government. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F,S,Su
3cr. LEC 3 Examines the major institutions of national government and politics. Special emphasis on the constitution and other political rules of the game as shapers of public consciousness and government policy.

PSCI 214IS. Principles of Political Science. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
3cr. LEC 3 Major concepts and values of democracy in the United States including the founding, power, behavioral concepts, and sense of community.

PSCI 220. Intro to Comparative Politics. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
Introduction to the comparative study of different types of governmental regimes, political systems, and political cultures throughout the world and the sources and consequences of these differences.

PSCI 230D. Introduction to International Relations. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
3 cr. LEC 3 A survey of the major global issues and the means nation-states use to resolve them. The students will explore the concepts of sovereignty, the elements of power, and the global trends of regionalism and internationalism.

PSCI 240. Introduction to Public Administration. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 210. Implementation of public policy in American government. Topics include but are not limited to: bureaucratic politics, decision making, budgeting, personnel management, ethics, organization theory, and organization behavior.

PSCI 291. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits. (1 Lec; 12 cr max) On Demand
1 - 4 cr. Maximum 12 cr. PREREQUISITE: Course prerequisites as determined for each offering. Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need, or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand for requesting a regular course number.

PSCI 302. Media & Politics. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F alternate years
to be offered odd years 3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 200, 210IS, 214IS, 240. Explores role of the media in the political process with special emphasis on various print media, television, film, and cyberspace.

PSCI 306. Legislative Process. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S alternate years
to be offered even years 3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 200, 210IS, 214IS, 260. Examines legislative decision-making in a constitutional, political, and comparative context. Special emphasis on how institutional rules and relationships shape the making of public policy at both the Congressional and state legislative level.

PSCI 310. Applied Political Analysis. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 200, 210IS, Quantitative Core Course. Provides an introduction to methods and techniques in quantitative political statistics. Topics covered range from levels of measurement and descriptive statistics to logistic regression, using political science data sets and examples.

PSCI 323. Modern Political Thought. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 200, 210IS, 214IS, 240. Examines issues of power, authority, legitimacy, community and freedom in the work of Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Mill, Marx, and Nietzsche, among others. Recommended prerequisite for PSCI 354 (Contemporary Political Thought) and PSCI 455 (Politics & Virtue).

PSCI 331. International Relations Theory. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
alternate years to be offered odd years 3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D. Junior or Senior standing is required. Overview of the idealism versus realism debate during the first half of the twentieth century. Followed by theories formulated in the postwar period to study causes of war/conflict, problems of interdependence, and recent developments such as the end of the Cold War, global democratization, growing ethnic conflict, and a more active United Nations.

PSCI 337. Model United Nations. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
PREREQUISITE: Consent of instructor. This course introduces students to the workings of the global organization that is the United Nations. Students gain an understanding of international negotiations that unfold in the U.N., setting in the context of current international issues and events.

PSCI 341. Political Parties and Elections. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F alternate years to be offered even years 3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 200, 210IS, 214IS, 240. Examines the structure and function of political parties, interest groups, and the mass media in the electoral process. Special emphasis on electoral rules and citizen participation from a comparative democratic perspective.

PSCI 346. American Presidency. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
alternate years to be offered even years 3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 200, 210IS, 214IS, 240. The American presidency as a government institution. Examination of the legal, political, administrative, and policy making roles of the president. Emphasis on recent issues of responsiveness to national needs and public accountability.

PSCI 353. British Politics. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
alternate years PREREQUISITE: PSCI 210. While the US and the UK share a common origin and philosophical heritage, their political systems have diverged since the revolution. This course investigates the similarities and differences in their political systems and the ramifications for politics and policy.

PSCI 354. Contemporary Issues in Political Theory. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 200, 210IS, 214IS, 356 and 323. Examines questions of knowledge, discourse, power, and identity in the works of contemporary (often “postmodern”) critics, including: Foucault, Althusser, Baudrillard, de Beauvoir, Kuhn, Rorty, Rawls, Chomsky.

PSCI 356. Classical Political Thought. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 210IS, 214IS, 230D, 200. Explores justice, virtue, freedom, and “the good life” (ethics). Texts include early Greek poetry, theatre, classic works by Plato and Aristotle, and some contemporary criticism. Recommended prerequisite for PSCI 354 (Contemporary Political Thought) and PCI 455 (Politics & Virtue).

PSCI 362. Natural Resource Policy. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 200, 210IS. Public lands policy and the economic and political issues that emerge. Special emphasis is placed on the National Parks and federal public lands of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

PSCI 406. The Political Economy of Energy. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F alternate years
will be offered odd years 3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: Junior standing or consent of instructor. We examine the interface between politics and economics for energy issues at the international, national, state and local level. The dynamics of the international oil and gas markets, US energy dependence, alternative energy and state and local energy policies are key topics.

PSCI 407. Public Policy Analysis. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S alternate years
will be offered odd years 3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 200, 210IS, PSCI 310 is highly recommended. Analysis of impact of public decisions with emphasis placed on secondary data sources and interpretation.

PSCI 418. The Politics of War & Peace. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S alternate years
will be offered odd years 3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D. Junior standing. Combines two well-established subjects in the area of political science concerned with the study of international relations: the causes of war and the study of war and peace (emphasis of class). Covers a broad range of theorizing, research, and practice in both areas and will consider the relationships between conflict and constructive and critical ways.

PSCI 423. Politics of Development. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: Junior standing Consideration of explanations for global development patterns, the political economy of development, broader measures of development, approaches for evaluating policy effectiveness, and examples of policy success. Examination of region-specific development challenges and concerns.

PSCI 434. International Law. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S alternate years
will be offered odd years 3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D. Junior or Senior standing required. The nature and origin of modern public international law and its role in contemporary world politics. Topics include the rights and duties of states, human rights, law pertaining to armed conflict, aggression and international crimes, and the role of international law in conflict management.

PSCI 436. Politics of Food & Hunger. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D and Junior standing. The role of civil society, government and multilateral organizations are examined in a comprehensive analysis of food and hunger, including the issues presented by agricultural policy, famine, biotechnology and food safety, domestic and international food aid, and the right to food.

PSCI 437. International Political Econ. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D and Junior standing. Political and economic perspectives are integrated in an analysis of the issues affecting the domestic and international economy and their interface. International institutions, trade, exchange rates and the monetary system, regionalism and development are critiqued with different political perspectives.
PSCI 439. International Human Rights. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F Alternate years
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D and junior standing. The development of human rights in legal and political context of the post-World War II period. Civil and political rights of due process; political participation and fundamental democratic freedoms; as well as social, cultural, and economic rights including basic human needs, self-determination, gender equality, and cultural integrity. National and International implementation is also considered.

PSCI 444. Congressional Campaign. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) -- Congressional Campaign.

PSCI 454. Cinema and Political Theory. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) Su
3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 200, 210IS, 214IS, 230D or consent of the instructor. Explores the intersection of political theory with topics such as civil society, bureaucracy and public policy through the use of film. Special attention given to both descriptive and prescriptive applications of modern and contemporary political theory to these topics.

PSCI 455. Politics & Virtue. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) S
3 cr. SEM 3 PREREQUISITE: Political Science majors with junior standing, or consent of instructor. What is “virtue”? What different sets of virtues exist in the history of Western thought? What is the nature of contemporary political debates about specific virtues? The course will focus particularly on humility, solidarity, civility, empathy, autonomy, humaneness, temperance, and forgiveness.

PSCI 465. Public Administration and Policy. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 200, 210IS, 214IS and 230D. Examines the major political and strategic processes of public policy development and implantation. Topics covered include agenda setting, stakeholder influence, use of political narratives, decision making and implementation strategies.

PSCI 471. American Constitutional Law. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S alternate years to be offered odd years 3 cr. LEC 3 PREREQUISITE: Junior standing and PSCI 210IS. Explores the relationship between law, individual rights, and public policy. Legal research and case law approach are stressed. Topics will include, but are not limited to, the aspects of the Bill of Rights and the 14th and 15th Amendments.

PSCI 490R. Undergraduate Research. 1-6 Credits. (1 Ind; 12 cr max) F,S,Su
1 - 6 cr. IND May be repeated. Max 12 cr. PREREQUISITE: Junior standing, cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, consent of the instructor and approval of the department head. Students propose, develop, and complete an individual research project under the direction of a faculty mentor. Written and oral presentation of the results are expected. Course will address responsible conduct of research. May be repeated.

PSCI 491. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits. (1-4 Lec; 12 cr max) On Demand
1 - 4 cr. Maximum 12 cr. PREREQUISITE: Course prerequisites as determined for each offering. Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need, or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand before requesting a regular course number.

PSCI 492. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits. (1-3 Ind; 6 cr max) On Demand
1 - 3 cr. IND Maximum 6 cr. PREREQUISITE: Junior standing, cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, consent of the instructor, and approval of the department head. Directed research and study on an individual basis.

PSCI 494. Seminar/Workshop. 1-3 Credits. (1 Lec, 2 Sem; 4 cr max) F,S
3 cr. SEM 3 PREREQUISITE: Junior standing. Topics offered at the upper division level which are not covered by catalogued courses. Students are expected to do individual research projects leading to an oral and written report of each student’s findings.

PSCI 498. Internship. 2-12 Credits. (2-12 Ind; 12 cr max) F,S
2 - 12 cr. IND 5 - 11 RCT 1 - 2 PREREQUISITE: Junior standing, cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, consent of instructor, and approval of department head. An individualized assignment arranged with an agency, business, or other organization to provide guided experience in the field.

PSCI 499R. Senior Project/Thesis. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) F,S
3 cr. SEM PREREQUISITE: Senior standing, PSCI major. Senior capstone course. Required course for graduation. Students examine the major concerns and issues in the discipline of political science in a mentored research project.

PSCI 520. Government Leadership & Administration. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
Alternate even years. PREREQUISITE: PSCI 554. This course exposes students, using the most current theoretical and empirical literature, to the essential competencies needed for management and leadership roles in public and non-profit organizations.

PSCI 551. Research Methods for Public Administrators. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
PREREQUISITE: PREREQUISITE: PSCI 554 and Graduate standing. A survey of the research process as a means of acquiring knowledge that is reliable and relevant to the making of public management decisions. Students will prepare and submit a research design that meets social scientific standards.