PSCI - Political Science

PSCI 210IS Introduction to American Government: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
(F, Sp) 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 230D Introduction to International Relations: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
(F, Sp) A survey of the major global issues and the means nations 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)
(F, Sp) 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 250 Introduction to Political Theory: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
(F, Sp) This class provides an introduction to political theory as a tradition of Western thought and a foundational subfield within Political Science. We will examine methods of theoretical inquiry, as well as substantive questions related to power, identity and the state.

PSCI 291 Special Topics: 1-4 Credits (1 Lec)
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. Repeatable up to 12 credits.

PSCI 302 Media and Politics: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 210IS and sophomore standing. Explores role of the media in the political process with special emphasis on various print media, television, film, and cyberspace.

PSCI 310 Applied Political Analysis: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Quantitative Reasoning CORE course and junior standing, or consent of instructor. 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)
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 250 or consent of instructor. 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)
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D or consent of instructor. Overview of the realism versus idealism 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 336 European Union: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 210IS. Historical and contemporary analysis of political and economic integration in Europe with a focus on the political system of the European Union.

PSCI 337 Model United Nations: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D or 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 338 Comparative Politics: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D or consent of instructor. 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 339 Culture and Ideology: The Development of the Modern Prison: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 250. It focuses on the relationships between cultures of penality, ideologies of race/gender/class, and the transnational emergence of a Prison Industrial Complex.

PSCI 341 Political Parties and Elections: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 210IS or consent of instructor. 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)
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 210IS or consent of instructor. 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 347 The U.S. Congress and the Legislative Process: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 210IS or consent of instructor. Examines the U.S. Congress and its operation in a variety of settings. Broad themes such as representation, policy-making, checks and balances, and oversight are examined as is the evolution of Congress historically.

PSCI 348 Multicultural Politics in the United States: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Sophomore standing, or consent of instructor. Examines the politics of diversity in the U.S., including national community, identity, citizenship, immigration, assimilation, and racial issues such as voting rights, affirmative action, segregation and integration, and public opinion.

PSCI 353 British Politics: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
(Sp) 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)
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 250 or consent of the instructor. Examines questions of knowledge, discourse, power, and identity in the works of contemporary (often “postmodern”) critics, including: Foucault, Althusser, Butler, de Beauvoir, Kuhn, Rorty, Rawls, Chomsky.

PSCI 356 Classical Political Thought: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 250 or consent of instructor. 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 PSCI 455 (Politics & Virtue).

PSCI 362 Natural Resource Policy: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 240 or consent of instructor. (Sp) 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 390R Research Methods: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 210IS, PSCI 230D, PSCI 240, PSCI 250. This includes: PSCI 210IS, PSCI 230D, PSCI 240, and PSCI 250 and junior standing. This course introduces students to the qualitative and quantitative research methods used in the social sciences generally and political science.
development are critiqued with different political perspectives, institutions, trade, exchange rates and the monetary system, regionalism and the domestic and international economy and their interface. International economic perspectives are integrated in an analysis of the issues affecting international food aid, and the right to food by agricultural policy, famine, biotechnology and food safety, domestic and comprehensive analysis of food and hunger, including the issues presented PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D or consent of instructor. 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 436 Politics of Food & Hunger: 3 Credits (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D or consent of instructor. 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 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D or consent of instructor. 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 PREREQUISITE: PSCI 210IS. (Su) This course surveys recent and canonical works in political psychology that illuminate how people understand and think about the political world. This course will place particular emphasis on new cutting edge works in political psychology that help us to shed new light on emerging trends in American politics as well as enduring problems PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D or consent of instructor. Examines the structure of the modern congressional campaign, with specific attention to fundraising, advertising, polling practices, and voter mobilization. Special emphasis on linking political science theory to the practice of electioneering PREREQUISITE: PSCI 210IS or consent of instructor. This course explores the economic, environmental, and social dimensions of community development and real world application of policies and programs. Applying theory to practice, students examine community development through various themes that include social justice, diversity and inclusion, and life in the Anthropocene. Using participatory planning and design approaches, students will apply community development concepts, methods, and skills in an applied setting PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D or consent of instructor. 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 436 Politics of Food & Hunger: 3 Credits (3 Lec) PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D or consent of instructor. 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 470 Rural Politics: 3 Credits (3 Lec)**

This course explores the contours of rural politics in America today. Students will learn about the importance, connection, and political identity of rural Americans with the land, the actual, geographic place in which they reside.

**PSCI 471 American Constitutional Law: 3 Credits (3 Lec)**

PREREQUISITE: PSCI 210IS or consent of instructor. 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 483 The Politics of Authoritarianism: 3 Credits (3 Lec)**

PREREQUISITE: PSCI 230D. What is a dictatorship, how do authoritarian regimes vary, and how do dictators remain in power and when do they fall? This course critically examines the most common regime type throughout history.

**PSCI 490R Undergraduate Research: 1-6 Credits (1 Other)**

PREREQUISITE: Consent of instructor. 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. Repeatable up to 12 credits.

**PSCI 491 Special Topics: 1-4 Credits (1 Lec, 4 Other)**

PREREQUISITE: Consent of instructor. 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. Repeatable up to 12 credits.

**PSCI 492 Independent Study: 1-3 Credits (1-3 Other)**

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. Repeatable up to 6 credits.

**PSCI 494 Seminar/Workshop: 1-3 Credits (1-3 Lec)**

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. Repeatable up to 4 credits.

**PSCI 498 Internship: 2-12 Credits (2-12 Other)**

PREREQUISITE: Junior standing, cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, consent of the instructor, and approval of the department head. An individualized assignment arranged with an agency, business, or other organization to provide guided experience in the field. Repeatable up to 12 credits.

**PSCI 499 Senior Project/Thesis: 3 Credits (3 Other)**

PREREQUISITE: PSCI 210IS, PSCI 230D, PSCI 240. 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. Repeatable up to 12 credits.

**PSCI 520 Government Leadership & Ethics: 3 Credits (3 Lec)**

PREREQUISITE: Graduate Standing. (Sp) This course exposes students, using the most current theoretical and empirical literature, to the essential competencies need for ethical management and leadership roles in public and non-profit organizations.

**PSCI 525 Non-Profit Management: 3 Credits (3 Lec)**

PREREQUISITES: Graduate Standing. This course provides students an introduction to the legal, social, political and structural operation of nonprofit organizations in contemporary environments. Students, through a combination of lecture, discussion, written work (essays and project reports) and, where possible, service learning opportunities, will develop both an understanding of the role and operation of nonprofit organizations, as well as a sense of the function they serve in the wider community.

**PSCI 530 Tools of Public Administration: 3 Credits (3 Lec)**

PREREQUISITE: Graduate Standing. This course encompasses two content areas needed for public managers: tools for human resource management and decisions and public budgeting. Topics regarding human resources include historical development of public personnel, position classification, recruitment, selection, equal opportunity, affirmative action, collective bargaining and flexible employment relationships under more limited and decentralized government. Topics regarding public budgeting include the politics of the budgeting process, budgeting forms and processes at the federal, state and local levels, and revenue projection and expenditure decisions. Repeatable up to 6 credits.

**PSCI 551 Quantitative Research Methods: 3 Credits (3 Lec)**

PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. (Sp, Su) The quantitative research process as a means of acquiring knowledge that is reliable and relevant to the making of public management decisions and engaging in public leadership.

**PSCI 552 Public Policy Processes: 3 Credits (3 Lec)**

PREREQUISITE: Graduate Standing. (Sp) This course explores the major theories of public policy development and implementation.

**PSCI 553 Qualitative Research Methods: 3 Credits (3 Lec)**

PREREQUISITE: Graduate Standing. (F) The qualitative research process as a means of acquiring knowledge that is reliable and relevant to the making of public management decisions and engaging in public leadership.

**PSCI 554 Foundations of Public Administration: 3 Credits (3 Lec)**

PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. An introduction to the theoretical, historical, intellectual foundations of public administration and the relationship between public administration theory and practice, the political context and the intellectual heritage of the field. Examines basic functions and processes of public administration, the relationship between public administration and contemporary issues of governance facing the public sector.

**PSCI 558 Public Organization Dynamics: 3 Credits (3 Lec)**

PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. A survey of organization theory in governance organizations. The class explores major theories of organization and their contribution to effective organization performance.

**PSCI 559 Program Evaluation: 3 Credits (3 Lec)**

PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. (F) A survey of methods of program evaluation and policy analysis for public programs. Quantitative and qualitative methods of analysis are contrasted. Implementation, utilization, and political context of the analysis and evaluation process are examined. Philosophical and ethical issues underlying alternative methods are explored.

**PSCI 560 Ethics and Public Service: 3 Credits (3 Lec)**

PREREQUISITE: PSCI 554 and Graduate standing. The course explores ethics as applied to issues in public service and policy making through theoretical and case study approaches.
PSCI 575 Directed Professional Research Project: 3-6 Credits (3-6 Other)
PREREQUISITE: PSCI 551 or PSCI 553. (F, Sp) This is an applied, hands-on course in which students will get an introduction to qualitative and quantitative data collection, management, and analysis techniques. This fast-paced course will prepare graduate students for their research theses and professional papers. Classroom sessions take place in a computer lab for active instruction and data analysis practice.

PSCI 589 Graduate Consultation: 1-3 Credits (1 Other)
PREREQUISITE: Master’s standing and approval of the Dean of The Graduate School. This course may be used only by students who have completed all of their course work (and thesis if on a thesis plan) but who need additional faculty support. Repeatable up to 3 credits.

PSCI 591 Special Topics: 1-4 Credits (1-4 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Upper division courses and others as determined for each offering, consent of instructor. 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. Repeatable up to 12 credits.

PSCI 592 Independent Study: 1-3 Credits (1 Other)
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing, consent of instructor, approval of department head and Dean of Graduate Studies. Directed research and study on an individual basis. Repeatable up to 6 credits.

PSCI 595 Capstone Professional Portfolio: 3-6 Credits (3-6 Lec)
(F, Sp) MPA capstone course, integrating professional development competencies and students’ individual approaches to leadership and governance. Repeatable up to 6 credits.

PSCI 598 Internship: 3-12 Credits (3 Other)
(F, Sp) An individualized pre-professional assignment arranged with an agency, business, or other organization. Repeatable up to 12 credits.