

## **POLITICAL SCIENCE (PSC)**

### **Requirements for the Political Science Minor**

A **Minor in Political Science** consists of the following 21 hours:

- A.      PSC 201            American Government            (3 hours)  
          PSC 440            The Contemporary World        (3 hours)
  
- B.      Fifteen (15) hours of approved electives; nine (9) hours must be numbered 300 or higher

### **Course Descriptions**

**PSC 201            AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: 3 hours**  
An introduction to the American federal system of government.

**PSC 202            STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT: 3 hours**  
An analysis of the development and operation of government at both state and local levels.

**PSC 310            INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: 3 hours**  
A study of the development, dynamics and nature of global politics and the international system.  
Prerequisite: PSC 201

**PSC 311            ENGLISH CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY: 3 hours**  
An examination of the constitutional development of the English government and the English Parliamentary System upon which the U. S. Constitution is based. Special emphasis will be given to comparisons between developments in England and Colonial America as each develops in different directions but also what each retains from that common heritage.  
(Cross-listed with HIS 311)

**PSC 320            INTRODUCTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS: 3 hours**  
An introduction to the role played today by the United States in the world political, economic, and security activities, covering the history of the United States' involvement in the United Nations and the contemporary world issues facing the United Nations today.

**PSC 340            COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENTS: 3 hours**  
Descriptions and analysis of political structures and power systems in selected countries.  
Prerequisite: PSC 201

**PSC 361            PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: 3 hours**  
An introduction to administration in a political environment by focusing on an analysis of the politics, problems, procedures, evolution, and human factors involved.  
Prerequisite: PSC 201 and PSC 202 or Instructor Approval

**PSC 401            CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY AND LAW: 3 hours**  
An advanced study of the influence and development of constitutionalism in the United States, under the Articles of Confederation, and the current U. S. constitution. Special emphasis will be given to the major precedent setting decisions of the Supreme Court, its institutional organization, and the role of the Third Branch of the American Government.  
Prerequisite: HIS 103 and HIS 104 (HIS 201 and HIS 202 recommended)  
(Cross-listed with HIS 401)

**PSC 411 SPECIAL STUDIES: 3 hours**

A course for upperclassmen seeking to complete requirements in their major or minor disciplines. Subjects will be taught that do not appear in the College catalog but are of value to a student in her career objectives and/or graduate studies.

Prerequisite: Approval by the Department Head

**PSC 412 HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENCY: 3 hours** An examination of the development and organization of the institution of the U. S. Presidency from its inception under the Articles of Confederation to the present.

(Cross-listed with HIS 412)

**PSC 413 HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS: 3 hours**

An examination of the development of the institution of the U. S. Congress from its inception as a unilateral legislature under the Articles of Confederation to the present. Emphasis on how the Houses of Congress are organized, how critical legislation is passed, and institutional developments over time.

(Cross-listed with HIS 413)

**PSC 414 HISTORY OF AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES: 3 hours**

An examination of the development & organization of the political parties in the United States. Special emphasis will be given to the development of the four major parties of American history: the Federalists, the Whigs, the Democrats (Democratic-Republicans) and the Republicans.

(Cross-listed with HIS 414)

**PSC 430 POLITICAL THOUGHT: 3 hours**

A study of the major themes in and contributors to political thought from ancient to modern times.

Prerequisite: PSC 201, HIS 103 and HIS 104

**PSC 440 THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD: 3 hours**

The senior capstone course for political science minors, this course is a study of the trends and themes in world history and politics since 1945.

Prerequisites: PSC 201 and PSC 202; HIS 103 and HIS 104 OR HIS 201 and HIS 202

(Cross-listed with HIS 440)

**PSC 441 SPECIAL STUDIES: 3 hours**

A course for upperclassmen seeking to complete requirements in their major or minor disciplines. Subjects will be taught that do not appear in the College catalog but are of value to a student in her career objectives and/or graduate studies. Prerequisite: Approval by the Department Head

**PSC 442 SPECIAL STUDIES: 3 hours**

A course for upperclassmen seeking to complete requirements in their major or minor disciplines. Subjects will be taught that do not appear in the College catalog but are of value to a student in her career objectives and/or graduate studies. Prerequisite: Approval by the Department Head

**PSC 443 SPECIAL STUDIES: 3 hours**

A course for upperclassmen seeking to complete requirements in their major or minor disciplines. Subjects will be taught that do not appear in the College catalog but are of value to a student in her career objectives and/or graduate studies. Prerequisite: Approval by the Department Head

**PSC 449, 450 INDEPENDENT STUDY: 3 hours per course**

Tutorial courses designed to meet particular needs of the students.

Prerequisite: PSC 201 and approval of the Department Head and Academic Dean

**PSC 471, 472     INTERNSHIP:** 3 hours per course

An educational experience where the student is exposed, through actual observations and participation, to the various aspects of a work situation.

Prerequisite: PSC 201and PSC 202; Approval of the Department Head and Academic Dean