

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)
- B. HIS 439 Historiography and Methodology (3 hours)

- B. Fifteen (15) hours of approved PSC electives; twelve (12) hours must be numbered 300 or higher

Course Descriptions

PSC 201 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: 3 hours

An introduction to the American federal system of government. (*Cross-listed with HIS 210*)

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/HIS 210

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/HIS 210

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, PSC 202, OR approval of instructor

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. *(Cross-listed with HIS 401)*

Prerequisite: HIS 101, 102 OR HIS 201, 202

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)*

Prerequisite: HIS 101, 102 OR HIS 201, 202

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)*

Prerequisite: HIS 101, 102 OR HIS 201, 202

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)*

Prerequisite: HIS 101, 102 OR HIS 201, 202

PSC 416 THE HISTORY OF THE VICE-PRESIDENCY AND THE CABINET: 3 hours

This course will focus on the evolution and impact of the Vice-Presidency and the Cabinet. Special attention will be placed on specific actors who have had significant impact on American history. *(Cross-listed with HIS*

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Prerequisites: HIS 101, 102 OR HIS 201, 202

PSC 417 WOMEN IN POLITICS AND LAW: 3 hours

This course will chart the evolution of the role of women in American politics and law. It will consider First Ladies, Representatives, Senators, and Judges. Additionally, the class will focus on the impact of women in presidential politics. *(Cross-listed with CRJ/HIS 417)*

Prerequisites: HIS 101, 102 OR HIS 201, 202

PSC 420 AMERICAN DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN POLICY: 3 hours

An examination of the forces and processes affecting United States foreign relations throughout history up to the modern day. Attention is also given to the content and problems of contemporary American foreign policy. *(Cross-listed with HIS 420)*

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 210, HIS 101, 102

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. *(Cross-listed with HIS 440)*

Prerequisites: PSC 201, HIS 101, 102 OR HIS 201, 202

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 of the Department Head

PSC 442 SPECIAL STUDIES: 3 hours

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

Tutorial courses designed to meet particular needs of the students.

Prerequisite: PSC 201/HIS 210, 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 201, PSC 202, approval of the Department Head and Academic Dean