

Political Science

Political Science is central to an understanding of all basic social issues; therefore, an understanding of political life is indispensable for any well-educated person. The department currently offers an undergraduate major, a minor in political science, a minor in public administration, and a graduate program leading to the Master of Arts degree.

Areas of political science in which courses are offered include American Politics and Public Affairs; International Relations and Comparative Politics; and Political Theory. Within each area, major themes are explored (e.g., public policy and administration, political values and change, elite-mass relationships, and political parties and groups.)

Students interested in majoring or minoring in political science are urged to register at the departmental office early, to meet with their advisors regularly, to check the current Schedule of Classes each term, and to become well acquainted with the requirements for political science majors or minors. A minor in public administration is also offered. Information is available in the departmental office.

Other students may also be interested in political science courses. The courses, PSCI 210--Introduction to Political Science and PSCI 216--American National Government, can satisfy the Improving Human Relations requirement. These two courses can also be used to fulfill part of the General Education requirement in Social and Behavioral Sciences. PSCI 216 also fulfills the teachers' certification requirement in American government. .

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- Minor in Political Science (<http://catalog.neiu.edu/arts-sciences/political-science/minor-political-science/>)
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PSCI-101. Introduction To Politics. 3 Hours.

PSCI-109. First Year Experience:Civic Engagement, Community And Social Change In Chicago. 3 Hours.

This colloquium is a three-credit course that combines the traditional classroom setting and community service to explore the meaning and interconnection of community, citizenship, politics, diversity, civic engagement and social change. Students enrolled in this course spend time developing their interpersonal and intrapersonal skill (such as, self-awareness, critical thinking and problem-solving skills, leadership skills); become skilled at civic engagement (action strategies and plan, project management, communication, negotiation and teamwork); as well as reading academic literature that examines concepts of democracy, power and justice.

PSCI-210. Introduction To Political Science. 3 Hours.

An introduction to the discipline through an examination of the concepts and skills utilized in the contemporary study of politics. The course provides an overview of political science, including its various sub-fields, and a framework for further study.

PSCI-216. American National Government. 3 Hours.

Description and analysis of national political institutions and processes. Current issues and problems of American government.

PSCI-251. Writing Intensive Program: Comparative Political Systems. 3 Hours.

This course is an introduction to comparative politics. In this course students will study different political systems (democracies, semi-democracies, and authoritarian regimes) by way of selective case studies. Major issues in comparative politics, such as democratization, political culture, political economy, constitutionalism, political leadership, and political parties and elections will be discussed in some detail. Even though this is not a course in American politics, comparisons with the United States will be drawn where appropriate.

Prerequisite: ENGL-101 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-275. Introduction To World Politics. 3 Hours.

General introduction to world politics with emphasis on current issues and events of importance at the international or global level. Basic concepts and methods of political analysis are introduced.

PSCI-291. Concepts Of Political Science. 3 Hours.

Analysis of a number of crucial political concepts, such as equality, justice, political obligation, representation, rights and law.

PSCI-301. Independent Study In Political Science. 3 Hours.

Intensive investigation of a special area of political science or a contemporary political issue.

PSCI-302. Independent Study In Political Science. 2 Hours.

(See PSCI-301 for description.).

PSCI-303. Independent Study In Political Science. 1 Hour.

(See PSCI-301 for description.).

PSCI-304. Field Experience. 3 Hours.

Placement in a government agency, political office or related institution for 8 hours per week. Opportunity for testing classroom concepts and theories, career exploration and the development of problem solving, research and social skill. Meeting arranged.

PSCI-305. Internship I. 6 Hours.

(See description for PSCI-304. Hours in placement increased to 16 hours per week.).

PSCI-306. Internship II. 6 Hours.

(See description for PSCI-304. Hours in placement increased to 16 hours per week.).

PSCI-307O. Topics: Democracy, Responsiveness & Accountability. 3 Hours.

To whom - what interest, whose demands - do elected politicians respond when making policy? In the last thirty years, the number of countries that select their rulers through competitive elections has increased sharply. This class explores the practical implications of ideals like responsiveness and accountability for elected officials, and how these operate in conjunction with the separation of powers, independent judiciaries, political party discipline, pressure from international actors, as well as more base incentives, such as personal ambition and corruption.

Prerequisite: PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C and (PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C).

PSCI-308. Research Methods And Techniques In Political Science. 3 Hours.

This course is designed for upper-division students or those intending to undertake graduate study in the social sciences. Students will learn to think conceptually, evaluate and develop research designs, and become more familiar with how to collect, organize, and analyze data. Students will learn about different methodological approaches and techniques from across the social sciences.

PSCI-309A. Moot Court And Appellate Advocacy. 3 Hours.

This course involves a role-playing simulation where students discharge the responsibilities of attorneys arguing a hypothetical case before an appellate-level court. Students will argue the case from the perspective of both the petitioner and respondent, and some students may have an opportunity to play the role of a justice. Although students will be exposed to background readings about courtroom process, procedure, etiquette, and legal doctrine, the simulation itself will be based on a closed universe of legal authorities. The course is designed to prepare students for a formal moot court tournament, and participation in such a competition is expected.

PSCI-309B. Model United Nations. 1 Hour.

This course is designed to provide an orientation to the activities of the United Nations, as well as to provide an understanding of the modalities of international diplomacy. This course will include current events, pressing international issues, the basics of international law and some of the protocol and procedures of diplomacy. This course will prepare students to participate as distinguished diplomats at the entirety of the American Model United Nations conference in Chicago.

Prerequisite: (100 - 399 or 100A - 399Z).

PSCI-310. Congress And The Legislative Branch. 3 Hours.

Introduction to the U.S. Congress as a political and legislative body; includes analysis of the committee system, rules and differences between House and Senate; examines problems of representation and executive-legislative relations.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-311. The American Judiciary And The Judicial Process In American Government. 3 Hours.

An analysis of the judicial policy - making process at all levels of the American judiciary with special emphasis on the Supreme Court's role in constitutional development, separation of powers, and the historical and political context of constitutional law doctrines. Critical cases are examined.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-312. American Presidency And The Executive Branch. 3 Hours.

The role of the President and the executive branch in the American governmental system. Contemporary problems of the Presidency and the bureaucracy.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-313. State Government And Politics. 3 Hours.

Examination of political institutions at the state level: governor, legislature, judiciary, constitution, parties, and administration. Analysis of state politics within and outside the institutional framework. Discussion of major problems and functions of state governments today. Emphasis on Illinois government and politics.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-315. Electoral Politics. 3 Hours.

A review of major developments in electoral politics (including political parties and electoral law) and voting behavior in recent years, and an analysis of current elections.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-316. Pressure Groups: Power, Participation And Public Policy. 3 Hours.

Examination of the role of interest groups in political systems, with emphasis on groups in American politics-their membership, organization, activities, goals, and impact on American public policy with special attention on the role of groups as representative agents and their functioning as facilitators or resistors with regard to social change.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-317. Public Opinion, Mass Media And American Politics. 3 Hours.

The role of public opinion in American politics, techniques of polling and survey research, the impact of mass media on opinion and on candidate preferences; introduces concepts of political culture and socialization.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-318. Pop Culture And Politics. 3 Hours.

This course explores the relationship between popular culture and politics, how celebrities affect political events, the impact of popular culture on politics, and political representations in pop culture especially as they intersect with issues of race, gender, and sexuality. The first half of the course examines the rise of a celebrity-infused political culture and analyzes the changing influence of Hollywood on political campaigns. The remainder of the course considers political representations in TV, film, theater, and music, both in the American context as well as in international relations.

PSCI-319. The Politics Of Law. 3 Hours.

Consideration of various definitions of law, the impact of law on the behavior of various actors; the political, social and economic forces which mold law; the influence of the legal system on the various actors within it; and theoretical efforts to explain the relationships of law and society, with emphasis on the trial courts, the organization of the bar, the origin of litigation and the political consequences of lower court involvement in social conflicts.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-320. Constitutional Law. 3 Hours.

The role of the Supreme Court and its impact on the constitutional development of the due process clause, civil liberties, First Amendment freedoms, and the equal protection of the law are traced with particular emphasis on the assessment of the role of the Supreme Court vis-a-vis the states and the national government in protecting and restricting civil liberties.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-321. American Jewish Politics. 3 Hours.

This course will cover: Conceptual frameworks of American Jewish political power, institutions and behavior; multiple theories of modern Jewish politics in America; internal and external advocacy institutions from 1820-present; American Jews and the legal process; American Jews and the Labor Movement; American Jews and Feminist politics; Anti-Semitism and the American Jewish response; American Jewish politics and Israel.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-322. Women And Political Influence In The 21st Century. 3 Hours.

This course will examine the changing influence of women both in the American and global context. Some of the questions we will examine include: What does political influence mean in the 21st century and how does it motivate different women in different contexts and cultures to become politically involved? Do certain policy issues appear to increase women's influence more than others? To what extent has capitalism and global entrepreneurship impacted the influence of women? What structural, political, ideological, military, and educational limitations and barriers do women continue to face? How has the meaning of violence against women altered if at all in the 21st century? Do women with political power work to improve the lives of women or do women continue to see the impact of class, race, and gender irrespective of the increase of women's political influence?.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-323. American Ideologies. 3 Hours.

Exploration of various ideologies that attempt to explain the nature of American society and politics; a discussion of belief systems and value orientations; consideration of diversity and change in a system of fundamental stability; analysis of variants of left and right ideologies.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-325. Public Policy. 3 Hours.

Introduction to the analysis of public policy, including the policy-making institutions and processes; normative and empirical models of policy-making, and case studies of specific public policies.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-326. Educational Policy In America. 3 Hours.

This course examines the politics and policies of education. Education policy encompasses the basic interests and values of society. But in a pluralistic society such as the United States, there is often deep disagreement over those values. Such is the case with education. This course will focus on this struggle with an aim to demonstrate that educational policy is never really about education per se but about politics and struggle over specific interests.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-327. Government And Economy. 3 Hours.

Exploration of the role and purpose of government and market in the American economy; discussion of contemporary issues (e.g., income distribution or government regulation); international comparisons.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-328. Politics Of Poverty. 3 Hours.

This course examines poverty within the context of the American political system. In particular, it examines public policymaking and public policies in regard to poverty, and the historical and political factors that have impacted upon poverty in this nation. This course also includes an examination of theories that have influenced government policies regarding the poor. Finally, it examines recent changes in poverty programs, a discussion of possible alternatives to these programs, and policies regarding payday loans and similar financial practices that impact the working poor.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-329. Minority Politics In The United States. 3 Hours.

This course provides an exploration of the politics of various minority groups in the United States. In a society that is becoming increasingly diverse, it is essential that students gain an appreciation of ethnic, racial, and gender groups in their society. While the course touches upon many groups, the primary focus is upon African Americans, Latinos, and women.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-330. Writing Intensive Program: African American Politics And Social Change. 3 Hours.

This course will familiarize students with the political challenges of and strategies employed by African Americans in the United States. The course examines the impacts of these attempts at social and political change. A critical issue is the extent to which black Americans have gained democracy in American society. Additionally, internal black political issues are examined. Further, the American political system itself is examined as part of the global political community.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C and ENGL-101 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-331. Latinos & Public Policy. 3 Hours.

This course explores the social, economic and political status of Latinos through a public policy lens. Its goal is to provide a basic understanding of public policies on key issues impacting Latino communities. The course provides a brief history of various Latino populations in the U.S. Most significantly, it provides basic foundations for understanding what public policy is, how it is made, how it affects Latino communities, and how it can be impacted to effect positive change for Latinos.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-332. Latinos & The Law. 3 Hours.

This course critically examines legal topics related to Latinas/os in American society. Students will read and discuss landmark court decisions, law review articles, and chapters from interdisciplinary texts in order to analyze legal doctrines, litigation strategies and the socio-political context in which these legal matters occur. After an initial introductory unit that is heavily historical, we will place a strong emphasis on significant social, political and legal events from the 1940s to the present.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-333. Immigration, Ethnicity, And Citizenship. 3 Hours.

This course is an introduction to the most important political and academic debates surrounding the topic of immigration: How are citizenship and nationhood defined? What is the relationship between ethnicity and citizenship? What comprises our national and ethnic identity? How do our perceptions of citizenship, nationhood, and ethnicity influence each other as well as our outlook on immigration? What are current immigration policies and immigration policy debates in the U.S. and elsewhere? In addressing these questions, this course will explore five major themes: immigration, identity, ethnicity, (trans)nationalism, and citizenship.

Prerequisite: PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-334. Intergovernmental Relations. 3 Hours.

Impact of federalism on policy-making and administration in the American system; focuses on the interaction between federal government and states, metropolitan areas, and cities in the development and implementation of public policy.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-335. Urban Politics. 3 Hours.

Types of urban government and politics; ability of the governmental institutions to meet the demands and respond to the needs of urban areas; community power and control; citizen participation and decentralization of governmental services.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-336. Urban Government Administration. 3 Hours.

Introductory survey of local governmental administration; powers of municipal corporations, special districts and other jurisdictions; taxation, revenue and budgeting, common administrative structures, and institutionalized forms of urban leadership and control.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-338. Chicago Politics. 3 Hours.

The structure of the government of the City of Chicago and its associated politics; the development of the Daley machine and its aftermath with particular focus on the impact of race on contemporary political behavior; including analysis of voting patterns and blocs within the City Council.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-339. Laboratory In Urban Politics. 3 Hours.

First-hand observation of urban governmental organization, political parties, and politically active citizen groups; written and oral reports and class discussion of field observations.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-341. Public Administration. 3 Hours.

Introduction to the role of public bureaucracies in the political system. A general overview of major concepts, processes and problem areas in the field of public administration. Intended for undergraduate students; graduate students seeking a general overview of the field should take PSCI-441.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-344. Writing Intensive Program: Public Organization Theory. 3 Hours.

Review of theories concerning public bureaucracies, their internal functioning and societal roles; analysis of the organizational setting of work and its implications; organizational effectiveness, decision-making, leadership and policy formulation, and change in public organizations. Writing Intensive course.

Prerequisite: (PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C) and ENGL-101 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-345. Government Budgeting. 3 Hours.

Fiscal policy and budget process: historically changing functions of budgeting—from emphasis on control to managerial effectiveness; reassertion of Congressional authority in 1974 and the new budget cycle; zero-based budgeting; impoundment, transfer payments, and grant-in-aid.

Prerequisite: (PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C).

PSCI-346. Public Personnel Administration. 3 Hours.

Organization and administration of the personnel function in public bureaucracies; relations of personnel management to operating departments and agencies; the scope of public personnel services; appraisal of policies and practices in selected areas of personnel management, such as selection and training, human relations and motivation.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-347. Disaster Policy & Politics. 3 Hours.

This course focuses on the evolution of U.S. disaster policy and the practice of emergency management, with particular attention to the roles of local governments, public agencies, and nonprofit agencies in disaster management. The course examines the major policy issues, including the utility of the "all-hazards" model of emergency management; the role of all first responders in disaster operations (police, firefighters, physicians, and medical emergency personnel); military, state and local capacity building; and the design and implementation of hazard mitigation policies and programs. Particular attention will be given to nuclear waste leaks, chemical biological and nuclear attacks, and urban wildfires.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of D.

PSCI-348B. Topics In Public Administration: The Federal Role In American Cities. 3 Hours.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-350. International Relations In Asia. 3 Hours.

The foreign policies of various Asian nations with special attention to the relations among these nations as well as their relations with other areas of the world.

Prerequisite: PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-351. Government And Politics Of Japan. 3 Hours.

The modern Japanese political system; the relationship between the Japanese people and their institutions, including the interrelationships between the traditional and the modern with emphasis on the structures and processes of Japanese government and politics since World War II.

Prerequisite: PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-353. Government And Politics Of China. 3 Hours.

The structure and activities of the Chinese Communist party and state communist outlook; ideologies and significant internal and foreign problems.

Prerequisite: PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-354. Islamic Civilization II: Government And Politics. 3 Hours.

Islam is not only one of the major religions of the world but also a political ideology claiming nearly one billion adherents—about one-fourth of the entire world population. Its impact on the world within the last 1400 years is so powerful that one cannot study History, Religion, Culture, Politics, Economics and Civilizations without correctly understanding Islam not only as a Religion but also as a force affecting world events.

Prerequisite: PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-355. The Politics Of Islam. 3 Hours.

Discussion of the religion of Islam and the Islamic political institutions; influence of Islamic political thought and religion on political systems currently operating in major Muslim countries.

Prerequisite: PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-357. Politics Of The European Union. 3 Hours.

Politics of the European Union is an introduction to the history, the institutions, and the policies of the European Union. Students will discuss topics ranging from theories of integration to economic and social policy and issues of democracy in the EU. Students are required to participate in an EU simulation in which they take on an alter ego and learn first hand how to negotiate through the complex system of EU decision making.

Prerequisite: PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-358. Modern European Governments. 3 Hours.

Comparative study of the politics and governments of several major European nations.

Prerequisite: PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-360. Politics Of Sub-Saharan Africa. 3 Hours.

Examination and comparison of the politics of selected African states; particular emphasis on traditional heritage, colonial background, ideological setting, political parties, role of the military, governmental structure, and problems of nation building.

Prerequisite: PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-363. Politics Of The Middle East. 3 Hours.

The impact of the physical environment, the economic conditions, and the historical heritage on the political structures presently operating in the region; analysis of the region in its world context.

Prerequisite: PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-364. Islamic Civilization I: Political Ideology And Theory. 3 Hours.

This course will provide an in-depth view of Islamic Civilization, its development, its rich heritage, and its effects on the social and political life of societies in several parts of the world.

Prerequisite: PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-365. Politics And Government Of Mexico, Central America And The Caribbean. 3 Hours.

The political systems in Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean; comparison of the social, economic and political conditions of each; the strategic importance of this region to the United States.

Prerequisite: PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-366. Politics And Governments Of South America. 3 Hours.

Examination of the various political systems on the continent of South America with comparisons of social and political institutions of the various countries.

Prerequisite: PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-367. Government And Politics Of South And North Korea. 3 Hours.

Based on a comparative perspective, this course will focus on the two Koreas' political, economic, military, social, educational and cultural developments since the end of the Second World War in 1945. The two Koreas have had different ideologies and different political systems and both of them, like China and Taiwan, have played and will play an extremely important role in the security of the Asian-Pacific Rim. In other words, whether or not the peace in Asia can be maintained depends on the political wisdom of the top leaders in North and South Korea and in the United States.

Prerequisite: PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-368. The Politics Of The Soviet And Post-Soviet World. 3 Hours.

Political history of the Soviet period, including the structure and operation of the Soviet Communist Party. Dissolution of the Soviet system, analysis of present transition period and future economic and political prospects for Russia and bordering states.

Prerequisite: PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-369. Russia In International Politics. 3 Hours.

Analysis of the new Russian state as a leader of the former Soviet states and its former Warsaw Pact allies, tensions and new developments; relations with the United States and with the European Community; Russia as a major actor in global politics.

Prerequisite: PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-371. Canadian Government & Politics. 3 Hours.

The Canadian political system with analysis of the constitutional development, the structure of government, political parties and pressure groups, problems of regionalism and nationality, questions of foreign policy and relationship with the United States.

Prerequisite: PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-372. Democracy, Responsiveness, & Accountability. 3 Hours.

In recent decades the number of countries that select their rulers through competitive elections has increased sharply. The performance of many of these regimes, however, raises serious doubts about the extent to which elections guarantee a close correspondence between citizen preferences and policy outputs. This class explores the practical implications of ideals like responsiveness and accountability for elected and appointed officials, and how these operate in conjunction with separation of powers, judiciaries, party discipline, pressure from international actors as well as more base incentives, such as personal ambition and corruption.

Prerequisite: PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-373. Gender And Politics. 3 Hours.

A study of the relationship of gender and gender roles to political attitudes, beliefs and behavior. The nature of political socialization is considered as well as political and economic structures pertinent to gender distinctions. The approach is comparative.

Prerequisite: PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or WSP-101 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-375. Contemporary International Relations. 3 Hours.

Basic principles and problems; emphasis on contemporary issues in international political life.

Prerequisite: PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-376. Writing Intensive Program: Principles Of International Relations. 3 Hours.

Principles of International Relations is a course that critically evaluates theories and practices of international relations. This course provides undergraduate and graduate students with a thorough understanding of the key paradigms in international relations: Realism, Liberalism, Constructivism, Marxism, and Feminism. Students will not only learn about these paradigms, but also learn how to apply them to real world affairs. Topics discussed in this course include international law, human security, cybersecurity, climate change, nuclear non-proliferation, violence against women, and capital punishment.

Prerequisite: PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-377. International Organization: Theory And Practice. 3 Hours.

Evolution of existing theories in the area of worldwide and region-wide cooperation among sovereign states. Survey of writings of recognized scholars, as well as commentaries.

Prerequisite: PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-313 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-378. International Political Economy. 3 Hours.

This course provides a study of the structure and development of the global political economy. To this end, the course will cover topics including: the structure of the international system, historical and present globalization, international trade policies, exchange-rate policies, and domestic and international institutions. The course is designed to stress theory, in addition to key events and developments in the world economy. We will explore theoretical and substantive explanations found in the international system as well as those found within domestic political-economies.

Prerequisite: PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-379. War And Peace. 3 Hours.

This course is about the pursuit of peace and an understanding of the causes of war. To that end, the course begins with theoretical debates on the causes and consequences of war, violence, and oppression, and moves to address significant international initiatives that alleviate the causes of war. Topics to be covered include interstate war, intrastate conflict such as ethnic conflict and genocide, as well as the roles of conflict-resolution agents: governmental and nongovernmental organizations, norms and ethics, international law, the United Nations, and the International Criminal Court.

Prerequisite: PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-380. International Law. 3 Hours.

Evolution of international law from theological statements to modern jurisprudence; ramifications of the state as the single most important international person and its multifaceted activities; case briefing as a method of studying international law.

Prerequisite: PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-381. International Terrorism. 3 Hours.

Investigation of terrorism, beginning with the problem of definition. Origins and evolution of terrorism as well as motivation and inspirations of those who have embraced terrorism. A selection of terrorist organizations will be studied.

Prerequisite: PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-383. United States Foreign Policy Since Worldwar II. 3 Hours.

Description and analysis of the important changes in traditional American foreign policy that have occurred since World War II; the international responsibilities that the United State has shouldered as a world power; the political, economic, and social factors that are conditioning and limiting American foreign policy today.

Prerequisite: PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-384. United States And The World Economy. 3 Hours.

A study of the nature and structure of the world economy and the role played by the U.S. in the post-World War II economy. Topics such as the Bretton Woods System, the Gold Window and flexible exchange rates and their political, social, economic and strategic dimensions.

Prerequisite: PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-386. Globalization & Politics. 3 Hours.

This course provides a conceptual foundation for understanding the intensifying global system and its impacts on politics, economics, cultures, and transnational relations. In particular, the course explores the effects of economic globalization - and political responses to economic globalization - in nations of Latin America, Africa, and Asia; examines the roles and possible reforms of major global financial institutions; extends analysis to the cultural and ideological aspects of globalization; and assesses prospects for transnational cooperation on human rights and for expanded global governance and citizenship.

Prerequisite: PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-388. International Relations In The Middle East. 3 Hours.

Struggles for power and peace in this strategic region of the world; nature and frequency of interactions between the nations of the region and between these nations and the great powers.

Prerequisite: PSCI-275 with a minimum grade of C or IR-201 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-251 with a minimum grade of C or COMP-211 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-210 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-390. Classical Political Theory. 3 Hours.

Analysis of the concept of a political community in terms of obligations, rights, the public interest, the just state, and the just individual. Selected writing of Plato, Aristotle, Sophocles, Aristophanes, Xenophon, and others.

PSCI-391. Modern Political Theory. 3 Hours.

Analysis of the tensions between the individual and society. Concepts of society, natural rights, political obligation, consent, the rule of law, social contract, and revolution examined through selected writings of Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Burke, Mills, Marx and Pateman.

PSCI-392. Writing Intensive Program: Contemporary Political Philosophy. 3 Hours.

State and governance are among the most traditional, and one might think settled, themes in modern political thought. But recent 21st century events have given these themes a new significance. Were these events, and related problems, prefigured in earlier crises of political order? How does "globalism" affect theories of state and governance? Are the liberal democratic and republican traditions able to meet the dilemmas of security and freedom presented by an increasing inter-connectedness among nation-states? To investigate these questions, this course will explore classics on state and governance and also read selected contemporary theories, histories and literary perspectives on political order.

Prerequisite: ENGL-101 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-393. Contemporary Political Analysis. 3 Hours.

Analysis of behavioralism, decision-making theories, quantitative approaches to politics, structural-functionalism, systems theory, game theory, political development theory, and interest group theory.

Prerequisite: PSCI-291 with a minimum grade of C or THRY-213 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-394A. Selected Political Theorists: Plato. 3 Hours.**PSCI-394B. Selected Political Theorists: Machiavelli. 3 Hours.****PSCI-394C. Selected Political Theorists: Hobbes. 3 Hours.****PSCI-394D. Selected Political Theorists: Locke. 3 Hours.****PSCI-394E. Selected Political Theorists: Rousseau. 3 Hours.****PSCI-394F. Selected Political Theorists: Adam Smith. 3 Hours.****PSCI-394G. Selected Political Theorists: John Stuart Mill. 3 Hours.****PSCI-394H. Selected Political Theorists: Marx. 3 Hours.****PSCI-394I. Selected Political Theorists: John Rawls. 3 Hours.****PSCI-395. Early American Political Thought. 3 Hours.**

Topics including the American revolution, the writing of the constitution, and the crisis of the Republic will be examined through selected writings of the following theorists and activists: Winthrop, Adams, Paine, Jefferson, Hamilton, Madison, Calhoun, Stanton, Thoreau, Douglass, Grimke, and Lincoln.

PSCI-396. Jewish Political Thought. 3 Hours.

This course explores the Jewish political tradition, focusing particularly on the concepts of power, sovereignty, and community. Starting from the Biblical text, we will examine how both classical and modern thinkers within the Jewish tradition understood the ways in which power was created, the different meanings of leadership, the idea of national independence, and the ultimate question of belonging within a fragmented political community.

Prerequisite: (100 - 399 or 100A - 399Z).

PSCI-397. African Political Thought. 3 Hours.

African political thought is examined through selected writings of important African leaders and writers dealing with political developments in the new states of Africa with particular focus on the problems of African identity (African values versus westernization), African socialism, Pan-Africanism, and the one party state.

PSCI-398. Law And Social Change. 3 Hours.

An assessment of the possibilities and limitations of law as an instrument of social change through an examination of the status of minorities and women, the social control of corporate behavior, and the politics of rights.

Prerequisite: PSCI-216 with a minimum grade of C or AMER-216 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-399H. Proseminar In Political Theory: Political Concepts Through Literature. 3 Hours.**PSCI-401. Classics Of Political Science. 3 Hours.**

An examination of selected classics of the discipline of political science, with a special emphasis on major contributions of the modern era. This course provides students with an opportunity for close analysis of complex works in political science.

PSCI-402. Research Methods In Political Science. 3 Hours.

Introduction to the various techniques in political science with emphasis on developing skills necessary for graduate work in the department. Areas of concentration: development of research designs, identification of appropriate data sources, discussion of alternative methodologies, data analysis techniques.

PSCI-405. Independent Study In Political Science. 3 Hours.

Research and investigation into selected topics and preparation for a research paper(s) under individual faculty guidance.

PSCI-405A. Independent Study In Political Science. 3 Hours.

Research and investigation into selected topics and preparation for a research paper(s) under individual faculty guidance.

PSCI-406. Independent Study In Political Science. 2 Hours.

(See PSCI-405 for description.)

PSCI-407. Independent Study In Political Science. 1 Hour.

(See PSCI-405 for description.)

PSCI-408. Graduate Internship. 3 Hours.

Placement in government agency, voluntary or third-sector organization, advocacy group, political office, or related institution. Opportunity for career-exploration, skill-development, or specialized training. (Hours in placement: 10 per week).

PSCI-412. American Political Elites. 3 Hours.

The nature and impact of elites in the American political system. Readings and discussion will include Plato, Marx, Michels and various contemporary treatments of the nature of American society. Special topics will be covered on the basis of students' particular interest.

PSCI-414. Political Parties And Elections In The U.S.. 3 Hours.

This graduate course examines both the historical development of political parties in the United States as well as contemporary issues in the study of parties and elections. Students will analyze how political parties are created and the functions they perform in our political system. Topics will include American political parties, presidential nominations, partisan polarization, and issues of race and gender in recent elections.

PSCI-417. Seminar In Political Behavior. 3 Hours.

Sociological and psychological perspectives in political science; how political attitudes and preferences are formed; comparative political cultures; social and psychological determinants of political cultures; social and psychological determinants of political participation and political decision-making; American voting behavior; discussion of current research in these areas; writing and presentation of seminar papers.

PSCI-420. Religion & Politics In America. 3 Hours.

This course investigates the religious factor in American political life by examining the historical and contemporary effect of religion on political culture, political coalitions, individual political behavior, and public policy. The perspectives of the American founders on the relationship between church and state and the religion clauses in Article IV and the First Amendment will be assessed. We will also look at the major Supreme Court decisions on the meaning of the establishment clause and free exercise clauses in the US Constitution. We will examine the role of the courts in refereeing conflicts over religion in America.

PSCI-421. Congress & The Bureaucracy. 3 Hours.

In this seminar, we will focus on subgovernments in the United States--that is, the administrative agencies, congressional committees, and interest groups associated with a particular policy area. In particular, we will examine the nature of the relationship between congress and regulatory agencies, what congress intended various agencies to do, and whether these agencies generally meet or fail to meet the expectations of congress. We will examine how a bill becomes a law, and then what happens to that law afterwards.

PSCI-424. Law And Equality. 3 Hours.

The course explores how the United States Supreme Court interprets and applies the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment in situations where a statute or policy contains a classification based race, gender, or sexual orientation. In conjunction with this emphasis on the Court's jurisprudence, other readings will focus on the philosophical underpinnings of the Court's decisions, disparities in power and privilege contained in the law, and personal accounts that detail how the human experience is affected by these disparities. The final segment of the course considers whether the law can be used as a vehicle for social change, and how courts have approached legislative remedies designed to redress past discrimination.

PSCI-425. Presidential Power & The Executive Branch. 3 Hours.

This graduate course explores the power and development of the American presidency and its relationship to other institutions of government. American presidents are at the center of politics, both at home and abroad. But too often our fixation on one individual obscures how other institutions interact with and constrain the presidency. Instead of considering each president as an isolated case, this course analyzes the presidency throughout history, identifying patterns of change as well as continuities in presidential power. We will consider the presidency's design in the Constitution and what has led to departures from that framework.

PSCI-427. Seminar In American Policy-Making Process. 3 Hours.

Analysis of legislative, executive, administrative and judicial policy-making processes at the national government level with emphasis on current research, case studies in policy-making and presentation of seminar papers.

PSCI-437. Seminar In Urban Politics. 3 Hours.

Analysis of the politics of metropolitan areas, with emphasis on the mobilization of resources for urban problem-solving, and the political forces that impede the solution of such problems. Students will write and present research papers on urban politics in the Chicago metropolitan area.

PSCI-439. Minority Economic Development. 3 Hours.

This course investigates political and social factors related to the economic development of minority groups in the United States. The demise of legalized segregation has meant racial and ethnic minorities no longer face official barriers to economic success. However, most minority groups (particularly black Americans and Latinos) continue to have lower levels of overall employment, income, and wealth than do whites. This course investigates political and social phenomena contributing to these patterns, as well as efforts by minority groups, supportive whites, and government actors in addressing minority economic issues. There is a particular interest in minority entrepreneurship and employment issues.

PSCI-440. Research Methods In Public Administration. 3 Hours.

Research techniques in the study of public administration. Methods taught will include techniques utilized by both political scientists and public administrators: case studies, decision-making analysis, cost-benefit analysis and others.

PSCI-441. History And Literature Of Public Administration. 3 Hours.

A review of major historical periods in public administration theory and practice and consideration of present tendencies and possible future developments. Consideration of standard summaries of the development of the discipline and primary, classical sources as well as key theorists and concepts of the discipline.

PSCI-442. Public Bureaucracies: Theory And Practice. 3 Hours.

Review of classic and contemporary literature on bureaucracy; analysis of the concept of bureaucracy; examination of selected public bureaucracies; strengths and limitations of the bureaucratic form of work organization; proposed alternative forms of work organization in the public sector; problems of accountability and public control.

PSCI-444. Comparative Public Administration. 3 Hours.

Study of the significance of public administration in a comparative setting with particular emphasis on the Third World; cultural impact on bureaucratic behavior; international and United States technical assistance in public administration; bureaucracy and development; comparative public policy; Third World perspectives and the recent critiques of administratively generated and First World inspired development.

PSCI-446. Homeland Security: Policies, Politics, And Administration. 3 Hours.

In the wake of the events of September 11, 2001, America has struggled to both re-write its understanding of "security" within its borders and to reorganize its resources committed to maintaining "security". This course is designed to explore the revamping of the bureaucracy responsible for "homeland security," and the impact on the population of the sense of uncertainty within borders. Students will examine the impact of these developments on state and local resources committed to "security" in communities, evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the new "homeland security" efforts on the national, state, and city levels.

PSCI-447. Seminar In Public Policy Analysis. 3 Hours.

Study of governmental policy and program implementation from the perspective of policy choice, decision-making, and evaluation. Topics include criteria for evaluation of policy, techniques of analysis such as forecasting and scenario development, impact analysis, client satisfaction, and inequalities of result.

PSCI-460. Comparative Democratic Institutions. 3 Hours.

This course develops an understanding of the relationships between citizens' underlying interests and values and the policy output produced in democratic countries. We will explore the ramifications of different constitutional designs and electoral systems for the provision of representation. Furthermore, we will examine: the development of policy preferences, citizens' issuing of mandates, government responsiveness, and the ability of citizens to hold governments to account. The operation of bureaucracies as well as nominally independent arms of government, such as central banks, will also be considered.

PSCI-465. Seminar In African Politics. 3 Hours.

An examination of crucial problems in African politics with particular emphasis on modernization and creating political order. Research will focus on political participation, political institutions, national integration, ideology, the strains of modernization the role of the military.

PSCI-469. Democratization & Capitalism In The 21st Century. 3 Hours.

To understand the "third wave" democratization in the late 20th century, this course engages theories about the causes, meanings, and challenges of "democracy", including its complex relationships with capitalism. What were the roles of elites, classes, and social movements in recent democratic transitions, what types of systems emerged, what conditions can cause "de-democratization", and how does the post-Cold War hegemony of market capitalism affect the prospects for sustaining and deepening democracy in the early 21st century?.

PSCI-475. Seminar In The Behavioral Aspects Of International Relations. 3 Hours.

Research, seminar papers, and discussion on the socio-psychological approaches to the study of international relations; topics include the role of nationalism in international relations; topics include the role of nationalism in international conflict, decision-making in international relations, national and international image formation, and the socio-psychological determinants of foreign policies.

PSCI-476. Unified Germany In Changing Europe. 3 Hours.

The course will review the historical background of post-WW II Germany; the reunification process (its problems and potentials); and the role of the "new" Germany in the "new Europe." Still politically and economically dominant in Europe, the question to be explored is whether Germany's future complements or competes with the attempt to bring all of Europe together.

Prerequisite: PSCI-402 with a minimum grade of C or PSCI-421 with a minimum grade of C.

PSCI-477. Political Integration In Western Europe. 3 Hours.

Focus on post-World War II political integration in Europe; examination of various European international and supranational organizations, with emphasis on the dynamics of political integration in the European Community.

PSCI-478. EU - US Transatlantic Relations. 3 Hours.

Relations between the United States and Europe have been challenged frequently during the post-WWII era. These challenges have become more significant after September 11, 2001. The sympathy for the United States directly after the terrorists attacks quickly dissolved over Iraq. Europe itself was divided between supporters of the United States (UK, Spain, Italy, Poland) and opponents (Germany, France, Belgium). The severe strain in diplomatic relations did, however, little harm to the important trade relations. While differences in values between Americans and Europeans should not be marginalized, shared values significantly outnumber values that divide them. This course discusses the continued challenges in the transatlantic relationship.

PSCI-479. International Politics Of East Asia. 3 Hours.

This course is designed for graduate students interested in international relations in East Asia. It examines the political, economic, and social challenges facing East Asian countries from a comparative perspective. The emphasis will be on theories that inform our understanding of international affairs and foreign policy decision-making, as each is related to East Asia, the military security and economic issues in international relations, though we will also study the domestic conditions driving those relations. Major themes include defense and security, trade and development, and human rights. This course is not aimed to survey a general history of these countries but to discuss major issues and challenges associated with their political, economic and social change and development.

PSCI-481. International Human Rights. 3 Hours.

Human rights issues have been central to many of the top international news stories in recent years, including "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia and Kosovo, genocide in Rwanda, self-determination in East Timor and Tibet, and humanitarian intervention in Somalia and Sudan (and in Afghanistan and Iraq, more controversially). The way in which the international community has responded to each of these examples demonstrates the complex relationship between state sovereignty and the promotion of universal human rights. Looking at human rights in both comparative and international perspectives, we will discuss the philosophical and political bases for the international human rights movement and probe the ongoing debate over universality and culture relativism.

PSCI-483. International Political Economy. 3 Hours.

This course will simultaneously provide students with a broad and deep overview of international economic relations. We will draw from the literature in international relations, comparative politics, and economics to develop an understanding of international political economy. We will examine the interaction between disparate national economies, national politics, and the international system writ large.

PSCI-491. Seminar On The Work Of Hannah Arendt. 3 Hours.

This course investigates the work of Hannah Arendt on politics, society and political action, and provides an introduction to public realm theory that will work toward mastery of Arendt's understanding of politics as, in Latin, the *res publica*, "the public thing." Our primary questions will be what does political action require and what can it accomplish? Our readings will include texts on civil disobedience, the relationship between history and political theory, the meanings of power and violence, colonialism, totalitarian rule during the Third Reich and the Soviet era, and on racial prejudice as political problem and as political tool.

PSCI-5901. Thesis Hours. 1 Hour.

This course is designed to provide structure, guidance, and support for graduate students in political science in the research and writing of a Master's thesis. The objective of the course is to deepen the understanding of theories and methods related to research on the specific subfield in political science and to apply them to a chosen topic. Specific focus includes: (a) identifying a significant research problem on a political science issue and specifying a research question to address it; (b) analyzing the scholarly literature in relation to your research; (c) describing research design and evidence; (d) shaping coherent arguments and assessments; (e) developing skills in formal academic writing and oral presentation.

Requirement: consent of the thesis advisor, graduate coordinator, department chair and the College Dean.

PSCI-5902. Thesis Hours. 2 Hours.

See course description for PSCI-5901.

PSCI-5903. Thesis Hours. 3 Hours.

See course description for PSCI-5901.