

## Political Science: Spring 2019 Courses

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### PSC 1200 American National Government

12914	MW	11:10 – 12:30
12915	MW	2:30-3:50
17187	Distance Learning	

Dr. Broxmeyer  
Dr. Daniels  
Dr. Daniels

An introductory survey of the institutions, processes and politics of the government of the United States and its relationship to state governments.

### PSC 1710 Current International Problems

17144	MW	12:55-2:15
19486	Distance Learning	

Dr. Rai  
Dr. Daniels

Interested in globalization, international war, terrorism, human rights, or ethnic conflict? PSC 1710 is the class for you! Current International Problems introduces students to the theoretical, empirical, and practical tools to students to make sense of the world. It will help students gain a better understanding of the interconnectedness of the world and also work as a springboard for students to find the interests that will drive their future studies and travels. Satisfies multi-cultural requirement (non-US)

### PSC 2700 Principles of International Relations

17129	TR	9:35-10:55
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Dr. Voss

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the key concepts and issues within the field of international relations in order to help students better understand how states and non-state actors interact with each other in the global community. The first half of the course will focus on foundational concepts and issues, such as the history of international relations, understanding levels of analysis in studying international relations, and finally theories of international relations. The second part of the course will focus on practical issues facing the world and how international relations helps understand and potentially solve these problems. Key issues include international institutions, human rights, the environment, and international political economy. Major gateway course.

### PSC 3150 Research and Writing in Political Science-WAC

19639	MW	11:10-12:30
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Dr. Caceres

This course is **highly recommended** for all political science majors and minors. This course introduces academic writing and research techniques in the political science discipline. Topics covered include: research ethics, scholarly literature review, peer-review process, research questions and research design, methodological approaches, and data analysis. Satisfies WAC req.

### PSC 3280 Race and American Politics

22939	MW	12:55 – 2:15
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Dr. Daniels

This course examines the role that race plays in the development of American politics. The class investigates definitions of race, how they have evolved, and how they continue to influence policy debates. This seminar assesses the impact that different racial groups, and their struggles for equality, have had on American democracy. This course examines the leading theoretical frameworks and empirical findings to analyze the relationship between race and American political development.

### PSC 3410 Principles of Public Policy

19488	TR	12:55-2:15
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Dr. Taylor

This course explores the public policy process in the United States. Students learn about the factors that affect public policymaking. They develop skills to assess the political feasibility of policy proposals. Major gateway course.

### PSC 3520 Constitutional Law and Politics II

22942	TR	9:35-10:55
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Dr. Nelson

This course examines political conflicts over civil liberties such as freedom of speech, religion, and privacy. We will consider the role of the Supreme Court in the US system of civil liberties, the relationship between judicial decisions and state actions affecting rights, and the underlying theories of civil liberty in a democratic society. In order to understand the role of the Supreme Court in our system of civil liberties, we will also investigate the underlying political theory of civil liberty in a democratic society.

**PSC 3790 Model United Nations**

21455 F 10:00 – 10:55 Dr. Caceres

(1 credit) Model UN provides a faculty-advised, student-led academic learning experience through the simulation of the structures, processes, and issues at the United Nations Organization. Students will learn about international relations while role-playing United Nations delegates. While not required, students are highly encouraged to take Principles of International Relations beforehand (PSC 2700 is also offered this semester and would be a good companion course).

**PSC 3820 Contemporary Political Ideas**

22944 TR 11:10-12:30 Dr. Heberle

Surveys developments and themes in political theory since the early 20th century. Particular issues addressed include bureaucracy, mass society, state and civil violence, and identity politics.

**PSC 4220 Advocacy Groups in US Politics**

22943 TR 11:10 – 12:30 Dr. Taylor

This course looks at the strategies and tactics that groups like the National Rifle Association, Sierra Club, Human Rights Campaign, and various business groups use to achieve their public policy goals. You will develop valuable skills like lobbying public officials. Other topics covered include contributions to candidates, recruitment of candidates, the motivations of legislators and the application of public pressure.

**PSC 4230 Presidency**

21456 MW 2:30-3:50 Dr. Broxmeyer

Presidents enjoy special prominence in the American political system. However, they are strongly influenced by their interactions with other political institutions, such as Congress, courts, the bureaucracy, and political parties. This course examines the presidency's original design and how the office has developed over time. We also investigate contemporary controversies in presidential power, such as unilateral action and impeachment.

**PSC 4520 Politics of Development and Underdevelopment**

22953 MW 9:35-10:55 Dr. Caceres

This course examines political and economic development through a comparative lens. We focus on developing regions of the world to explore successes, possibilities, outcomes, and setbacks in their path towards achieving “developed” status.

**PSC 4770 Human Rights**

22946 TR 12:55-2:15 Dr. Voss

What are human rights? How are human rights created? Why do states protect or repress human rights? This class answers these questions by examining both the theoretical and empirical contributions to the study of human rights from the social sciences and law. In addition, human rights best (and worst) practices are considered.

**PSC 4810 Environmental Justice**

22941 MW 4:00-5:20 Dr. Rai

We live in a world with growing inequalities in the distribution of environmental benefits and burdens, where the negative effects are often borne by the most vulnerable communities. Take for example, the Flint-Michigan water crisis close in proximity. This course will provide an overview of the challenges, controversies and solutions associated with environmental justice. We will discuss several different public policy areas impacted by the environmental justice movement including: health, pollution, hazardous waste siting, climate change, food, and natural disasters. Applying a critical lens to examine how environmental externalities vary across socio-economic and racial groups, the course will expose students to case studies in the United States and around the world.

**PSC 4980 Politics of Violence in Law and Society**

22941 TR 2:30-3:50 Dr. Heberle

This course will focus on discussions of contemporary political and social theory and conceptualizations of violence with reference to the law, to the state, and to civic and social movements. Some basic questions we will ask include: Is violence a natural or socially conditioned force? What is the relationship between violence and modern forms of reason? Are we destined only to ‘control’ or ‘manage’ violence? Are there affirmative uses of violence? What is the relationship between the means of violence and the ends of social order? Do we successfully mask the violence of our legal and social systems? If so, how and why?

**GLST 4900 Global Studies Senior Seminar-WAC**

21745 MW 11:10-12:30 Dr. Caceres

**Course request sheet required**

**PSC 3990 Independent Study for Honors**

**PSC 4940 Applied Politics Internship**

**PSC 4960 Senior Honors Thesis**

**PSC 4990 Independent Study in Political Science**