

Political Science: Spring 2020 Courses

PSC 1200	American National Government	<i>(satisfies Core Social Science requirement, req'd for Political Science majors)</i>	
12914	MW	12:55-2:15	Dr. Broxmeyer
12915	MW	2:30-3:50	Dr. Boden
24271	TR	11:10-12:30	Dr. Daniels
17187	Distance Learning		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	<i>(satisfies Multicultural Non-Western requirement, political science elective)</i>	
17144	TR	11:10-12:30	Dr. Voss
19486	Distance Learning		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 2210	Women and Politics			
24272	TR	2:30-3:50		Dr. Heberle

An exploration of the role of women and the impact of gendered relationships and identities in US political life. Special attention is paid to differences among individuals as gendered subjects, their socializing experiences, political power bases, and legal status using gender both as a marker of identity and interests and as an analytical lens through which to analyze politics.

PSC 2700	Principles of International Relations	<i>(satisfies Gateway requirement for major, major elective)</i>	
17129	TR	9:35-10:55	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	<i>(highly recommended for all political science majors)</i>	
19639	MW	2:30-3:50	Dr. Rai

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 3210	Political Parties			
24273	MW	9:35-10:55		Dr. Broxmeyer

Why are political parties central to organizing democracy? This course examines how they set the terms of public debate, mobilize citizens, inform voter preferences, and shape policy.

PSC 3280	Race and American Politics			
22939	MW	12:55 – 2:15		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** *(satisfies Gateway requirement for major, major elective)*
19488 R 4:00-5:20 (blended course, 50% on-line) 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 3600 **Fascism and Populism in Comparative Perspective**
24275 MW 11:10-12:30 Dr. Caceres

A comparative survey of historical fascist regimes and contemporary populist governance, mainly in Europe and Latin America. Contemporary populist rule is frequently equated with fascism but the differences are significant. In this course we will examine the differences and similarities between the two regime types.

PSC 3730 **American Foreign Policy**
24276 TR 2:30-3:50 Dr. Voss

An examination of the American foreign policy-making process as well as an analysis of the major problems facing the United States in its interaction with the international environment. Case studies include US foreign policy and China, Russia, the United Nations, peacekeeping, and environmental and health policies.

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 4300 **Principles of Public Administration**
24277 MW 11:10-12:30 Dr. Boden

This course surveys the field of public administration. Topics addressed include strategic management, leadership, organizational behavior, human resources management, privatization, taxation and finance, administrative law, and the role of administrators in policymaking. This course is highly recommended for anyone who may apply to a master of public administration or master of public policy program or is considering pursuing a career in government service or with non-profit organizations.

PSC 4550 **Issues in Contemporary Law**
24279 TR 9:35-10:55 Dr. Nelson

We will focus on controversies in American and global politics related to the theme of law and democracy such as: national security, intellectual property, informational privacy and surveillance, the political uses of fear, constitutionalism, and religion. We will primarily utilize the methods common in political theory and legal scholarship to examine these issues and consider the broader questions of the relationship between politics and law.

PSC 4590 **Law, Policy, and the Politics of Sex**
24280 TR 11:10-12:30 Dr. Taylor

This course looks at the politics of LGBT rights. We address arguments for and against gay rights. We also explore how our system of government affects policy making in this area. Among the policies discussed are HIV/AIDS treatment, marriage equality, laws against discrimination, hate crimes policies, and those issues affecting transgender rights. We will also explore LGBT rights outside of the United States. Satisfies multi-cultural requirement (US).

