



Political Science: Fall 2019 Courses

PSC 1200	American National Government	<i>(satisfies Core Social Science requirement, req'd for Political Science majors)</i>			
	46326	MW	11:10-12:30	HH 1500	Dr. Broxmeyer
	49236	TR	2:30-3:50	WO 1205	Dr. Daniels
	40823	TR	12:55-2:15	WO 1205	Dr. Daniels
	46865	Distance Learning			Dr. Daniels

PSC 1710	Current International Problems	<i>(satisfies Multicultural Non-Western requirement, political science elective)</i>			
	44941	TR	11:10-12:30	UH 3780	Dr. Voss
	51165	Distance Learning			Dr. Daniels

Interested in globalization, international war, terrorism, human rights, or ethnic conflict? If so, PSC 1710 is the class for you! Current International Problems introduces students to the theoretical, empirical, and practical tools to students make sense of the world. PSC 1710 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.

GLST 2000	Principles of Global Studies	<i>(satisfies Multicultural Non-Western requirement)</i>			
	47675	MW	12:55-2:15	FH 1200	Dr. Caceres

This course introduces students to contemporary global affairs through an interdisciplinary lens. We will look at global issues both thematically and through case studies in order to understand how the forces of globalization are shaping all aspects of our daily lives. Topics covered include politics (institutions, security, etc.), economics (poverty, labor markets, etc.), and social issues (gender, culture, etc.), among many others.

PSC 2600	Principles of Comparative Politics	<i>(Satisfies Gateway requirement for major, major elective.)</i>			
	46745	MW	9:35-10:55	FH 2910	Dr. Caceres

How do countries around the world design their domestic policies? In this course, we will explore the different institutional arrangements adopted by countries and explore the reasoning behind those arrangements through historical and contemporary analyses. These serve as the basis for understanding a vast array of issues, ranging from economic to social affairs. Topics covered include state-building, political systems, politics of development and underdevelopment, civil society, political culture, globalization, political economy, and welfare and social policies, among others.

PSC 2800	Principles of Political Theory-WAC	<i>(Satisfies Gateway requirement for major, major elective, WAC.)</i>			
	49632	MW	12:55-2:15	SM 3066	Dr. Heberle

This course will introduce you to some of the main issues and problems of political theory, a subfield of the academic discipline of Political Science. We will discuss what we mean by "politics," that part of life through which we seek such ends as freedom, justice, equality, and order — maybe even happiness. This class is primarily about learning how to ask good questions that will help us think about fundamental dilemmas and tensions that we continue to experience as political persons, communities, nation-states, and in terms of our global existence. It is not about finding *the* answers to the questions. Rather, we will study how political theorists frame and respond to the questions of politics.

PSC 3250	Public Opinion				
	54628	TR	11:10-12:30	SM 2170	Dr. Taylor

This course explores the role of public opinion in American politics. It also develops data analysis skills and familiarizes students with survey development.

PSC 3500	Principles of Law				
	54625	MW	4:00-5:20	SM 3066	Dr. Nelson

This course is an overview of the academic study of law and the politics of law. We will address problems such as the sources and existence of law, the legal process in civil and criminal cases, the nature of rights and the search for justice through participation in the legal system. The course takes up issues like plea bargaining and jury trials, personal injury lawsuits, national security and police powers, and the ways in which federal judges are nominated and confirmed. (Please note: no longer offered for WAC credit)

PSC 3800 Sexual Politics

54623 MW 11:10-12:30 SM 3066 Dr. Heberle

This course critically examines gender, sex and sexuality as identities, practices, and relationships. Through readings in feminist political theory and history, we study state practices, social norms, and historical movements for change to understand why and how various forms of gender, sex and sexuality become normal or are challenged in unexpected ways.

PSC 3850 Sports, Politics, and Society

51503 TR 2:30-3:50 UH 4540 Dr. Taylor

This course explores the intersection of sports with politics and policymaking. Topics covered include sports and nationalism, sports and international diplomacy, globalization and sports, economic development and sport stadiums, baseball and antitrust law, Title IX and women's athletics, college athletics and race, and athletes and political advocacy. The course use also uses multiple videos and films to examine course concepts.

PSC 4280 US Congress

54624 MW 2:30-3:50 SM 3066 Dr. Broxmeyer

Despite its key role in our political system, the U.S. Congress is not well understood by the public. This course examines how it works: the committee system, parties, and arcane legislative procedures. We consider topics like the impact of party polarization on congressional gridlock, the impact of divided government on policymaking, and how to improve representation.

PSC 4320 Urban Policy and Administration

54622 MW 9:35-10:55 HH 2402 Dr. Broxmeyer

What does it take to govern a city and its environs? In this course, we examine the balance between the pressing needs of a city and the many economic and political constraints that citizens, leaders, and experts must navigate to achieve their goals.

PSC 4340 Environmental Policy

51140 TR 9:35-10:55 FH 1140 Dr. Rai

This course is designed to provide an overview of environmental policy where we will cover a variety of contemporary issues relevant to American and international environmental issues. These include understanding sustainable development, environmental regulation, and issues of energy, air pollution, natural resource management, hazardous waste, and climate change, to name a few. The purpose of this course is to provide a broad overview of different environmental problems and prepare students to think critically about environmental policymaking. The readings for the course incorporate U.S. environmental policymaking, as well as global and regional environmental issues.

PSC 4750 Terrorism in International Relations

54626 TR 9:35-10:55 SM 3066 Dr. Voss

This course will give students a comparative historical, empirical, and theoretical overview of the causes, strategies, and goals of terrorists and counter-terrorism. The primary focus of the course is on the comparative and international nature of terrorism. Global and regional case studies will be used to better understand issues related to terrorism.

PSC 4900 Politics of Asia

54627 TR 12:55-2:15 SM 3066 Dr. Rai

Asia is the largest of all continents and hosts more than half the world's population. Diversity among the Asian countries provides a fascinating investigation of politics within the continent. This course will apply a comparative framework to explore the historical, cultural, and social forces shaping the politics of Asia. We will utilize key concepts of political science to understand the variations in the political institutions and power, economic dynamism, and social and political culture of regions within Asia. We will place these variations within the larger international context, to understand the historical influences of colonization and the emergence of Asia as a new economic power. We will also delve deeper into individual countries such as Japan, China, North Korea, and Taiwan in East Asia; India and Pakistan in South Asia; and Indonesia, Singapore, Vietnam and Cambodia in Southeast Asia, thereby gaining a broad understanding of politics of this rapidly changing continent.

Cross-listed courses in other departments

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

PSC 5390 Applied Politics Internship

PSC 5990 Independent Study in Political Science