



Political Science: Fall 2020 Courses

PSC 1200 **American National Government** *(satisfies Core Social Science requirement, req'd for Political Science majors)*

46326	MW	11:10-12:30	Dr. Broxmeyer
49236	TR	11:10-12:30	Staff
40823	TR	4:00-5:20	Dr. Boden
56472	MW	9:35-10:55	Dr. Daniels
56473	MW	12:55-2:15	Dr. Daniels
46865	Distance Learning		Dr. Daniels
55705	Distance Learning		Staff

PSC 1710 **Current International Problems** *(satisfies Multicultural Non-Western requirement, political science elective)*

44941	TR	9:35-10:55	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** *(satisfies Multicultural Non-Western requirement)*

47675	MW	12:55-2:15	Dr. Caceres
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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 2300 **Principles of State and Local Government**

56534	TR	12:55-2:15	Staff
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A study of the political processes and institutions of American state and local governments, with attention given to selected areas of public policy and intergovernmental relations.

PSC 2600 **Principles of Comparative Politics** *(Satisfies Gateway requirement for major, major elective.)*

46745	MW	9:35-10:55	Dr. Caceres
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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** *(Satisfies Gateway requirement for major, major elective, WAC.)*

49632	TR	2:30-3:50	Dr. Heberle
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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 3270 Campaigns and Elections

56475 MW 9:35-10:55 Dr. Broxmeyer

In democracy, elections matter. This course examines how candidates, parties, and citizens participate in the electoral process. Topics covered throughout the semester include candidate recruitment, voting behavior, interest groups, campaign finance, and the impact of new technologies on party mobilization.

PSC 3510 Constitutional Law and Politics I

56479 MW 11:10-12:30 Dr. Nelson

This course focuses on the place of the Supreme Court in American politics and the political processes of constitutional decision-making through examination of key institutional questions such as the separation of powers and federalism. Constitutional politics involves all three branches of the national government, state government, lower courts, interest groups, and the American people. Our goal is not to attempt a comprehensive knowledge of Supreme Court case law but rather to discover the ways in which doctrine is just one among many complex factors that explain American constitutional decisionmaking and politics.

PSC 4220 Advocacy Groups in US Politics

56494 TR 2:30-3:50 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 4280 US Congress

54624 MW 2:30-3:50 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 4300 Principles of Public Administration

56498 T 5:30-6:50 (Blended course) Dr. Boden

This course surveys the field of public administration in a blended online and in-person format. 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 4340 Environmental Policy

51140 TR 9:35-10:55 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 4410 Public and Nonprofit Management

56503 R 7:00-9:20 PM (Blended course) Dr. Boden

This course examines management techniques, organizational design, strategic planning and the theoretical and practical behavioral skills that are necessary for effective public and nonprofit management. These skills include communication, organizational, and leadership skills within public and nonprofit organizations.

PSC 4480 Introduction to Nonprofits

56484 Distance Learning Staff

This course provides an overview of the voluntary sector with an emphasis on the historical, philosophical, and theoretical justifications of the nonprofit sector, voluntary action, and philanthropy. The course will explore the administration and management of nonprofit organizations as well as the impact nonprofit organizations have on public policy.

PSC 4720 International Organization

56490 TR 12:55-2:15 Dr. Voss

A study of the background, general concepts and problems of international organizations including the United Nations, regional organizations and non-governmental organizations. Issues covered include war, security, human rights, trade, international law, and global health.

PSC 4950 Capstone in Political Science

56535 Distance Learning Dr. Caceres

This one credit course is required for all political science majors who started at UT in Fall 2017 or after. **If you plan to graduate in December 2020 or May 2021 you should register this semester.** This course provides the opportunity to integrate and reflect on knowledge and experiences gained during completion of the political science major with an eye towards post-graduation endeavors such as graduate or professional study, employment, internships, or service programs. Topics include how to construct a portfolio and write cover letters, resumes, and CVs.

PSC 4980 Politics of Violence in Law and Society

56486 TR 11:10-12:30 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?

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