Political Science

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PSCI 5020. Proseminar in American Government and Politics. 3 hours. Concepts, research, analytical methods and literature drawn from the leading scholars in the various areas of the field.

PSCI 5050. Seminar in American Government and Politics. 3 hours. Analysis of pertinent government and political problems confronting the American people on the national, state and local levels. May be repeated for credit as topics vary.

PSCI 5220. Proseminar in Public Law. 3 hours. Concepts, research, analytical methods and literature drawn from leading scholars in various areas of the field.

PSCI 5230. Seminar in American Public Law. 3 hours. The legal framework within which American governmental processes operate; analysis of substantive legal rules and basic processes by which law is made and applied. May be repeated for credit as topics vary.

PSCI 5310. Proseminar in Political Theory. 3 hours. Explores the variety of concepts, research, analytical methods and literature drawn from leading scholars in various areas of the field.

PSCI 5340. Seminar in Political Science Scope and Methods. 3 hours. Concepts, trends and research design in political science.

PSCI 5350. Topics in Political Theory. 3 hours. Study of selected theorists or themes in political philosophy. Seminar may include works of ancient, medieval or modern theorists, focusing on issues of power and justice, human nature and politics, and the nature of the best political system. Themes might include liberalism and conservatism, ethics and international politics, or American political thought. May be repeated for credit as topics vary.

PSCI 5420. Proseminar in Public Administration. 3 hours. Concepts, research, analytical methods and literature drawn from leading scholars in various areas of the field.

PSCI 5610. Proseminar in Comparative Government. 3 hours. Concepts, research, analytical methods and literature drawn from leading scholars in various areas of the field.

PSCI 5650. Seminar in Area Studies. 3 hours. The institutions and processes of the major regional areas of the world: Africa, Asia, Europe, the former Soviet Union, Western Europe, Latin America and the Commonwealth. May be repeated for credit as topics vary.

PSCI 5810. Proseminar in International Relations. 3 hours. Concepts, research, analytical methods and literature drawn from leading scholars in various areas of the field.

PSCI 5820. Seminar in International Relations. 3 hours. Selected problems and concepts related to the theory and practice of international politics, international law, and organization and foreign policy. May be repeated for credit as topics vary.

PSCI 5900-PSCI 5910. Special Problems. 1–3 hours each. Conference courses open to advanced students capable of doing independent research under the direction of the instructor. Prerequisite(s): consent of department chair.

PSCI 5950. Master's Thesis. 3 or 6 hours. To be scheduled only with consent of department. 6 hours credit required. No credit assigned until thesis has been completed and filed with the graduate dean. Continuous enrollment required once work on thesis has begun. May be repeated for credit.

PSCI 6000. Research Seminar. 3 hours. Specialized study and research in the field of political science. May be repeated for credit.

PSCI 6100. Political Science Teaching and Research. 3 hours. Classroom methods for political science instruction, as well as basic research and job-hunting skills. Pass/no pass. May be repeated for credit as topics vary. Hours may not count toward graduate degree plans.

PSCI 6320. Quantitative Political Research Methods. 3 hours. Empirical research design and contemporary statistical applications in political science, including an introduction to the use of computers. An undergraduate introductory statistics course would be useful prior to registering for this course.

PSCI 6340. Time Series Methods for Political Data. 3 hours. Focuses on methods for analyzing dynamic relationships among political variables. Topics include pooled cross-sectional time series designs, ARCH, ECM, State-Space, VAR and Box-Jenkins-Tiao intervention-transfer function models. Emphasis is placed on the application of these methodologies using mainframe and microcomputer programs such as BMDP, MICROCRUNCH, RATS and SPSS PC + TRENDS. Prerequisite(s): PSCI 6320 or consent of instructor.

PSCI 6900-PSCI 6910. Special Problems. 1–3 hours each. Conference courses for doctoral students. Directed reading and research in fields of special interest. Prerequisite(s): consent of department.

PSCI 6930. Individual Research. 1–12 hours. Independent doctoral research prior to comprehensive examinations. Prerequisite(s): approval of graduate advisor. May be repeated for credit. Pass/no pass only.

PSCI 6940. Practicum. 3–6 hours. Pre-dissertation independent research, under faculty supervision. May be repeated for credit up to 6 hours. Partially fulfills the tool requirement. Prerequisite(s): must be near completion of course work.

PSCI 6950. Doctoral Dissertation. 3, 6 or 9 hours. To be scheduled only with consent of department. 12 hours credit required. No credit assigned until dissertation has been completed and filed with the graduate dean. Doctoral students must maintain continuous enrollment in this course subsequent to passing qualifying examination for admission to candidacy. May be repeated for credit.

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