

## ***Political Science***

### **PS 101 Introduction to American Politics**

Introduction to American national politics. Governmental structures and related political institutions, such as elections and public opinion.

### **PS 130 Contemporary Political Ideologies**

Survey of belief systems, including democracy, Marxism, Maoism, nationalism, Islamic nationalism, Pan-Africanism, nonviolence, militarism, terrorism, anarchism. Study of ideologies via the comparative method and within a framework that emphasizes theory, practical application, integration. May Term odd years.

### **PS 181, 281 Field Experience** (variable credit)

Supervised exploratory experience outside the classroom. Incorporation of academic learning with a practical experience. Prerequisite: Department approval.

### **PS 195, 295, 395, 495 Special Topics**

Topics and credit vary. See course schedule.

### **PS 207 State and Local Government**

Service-learning course examines organization, function, operation of state and local government in applied settings. Students are assigned to field placement sites and bring this experience into shared classroom discussions. Interconnected: Social Science. Winter Term odd years.

### **PS 209 State and Local Government: Denver**

Experiential learning course provides students the opportunity to study state and local government in an urban setting. Students are assigned to field placement sites and bring this experience into classroom discussions. Interconnected: Social Science. Diversity. May Term even years. Fee.

### **PS 220 Political Behavior**

Dynamics of public opinion, political socialization, voting behavior in contemporary American politics. Development of computer-based skills and techniques of survey data analysis.

### **PS 230 Political Psychology**

Identical with PSY 230. Use of psychological theory and research, especially in the area of personality, to examine and analyze dimensions of the political process, such as making of political candidates, perceptions of political leaders, involvement in political activities, development of the democratic citizen. Interconnected: Social Science. Prerequisite: PS 101 or PSY 101.

### **PS 235 American Legislature and Judiciary**

Organization, functions, operation of legislative and judicial branches. Ten-day Washington, D.C., field trip studying these and related government agencies. P/D/F only. May Term even years. Fee.

### **PS 270 Comparative Political Systems**

Examination of comparative political systems from traditional and alternative perspectives. Selected current theoretical approaches to the study of diverse political systems. Basic concepts and definitions, concrete application of theories to selected countries of the world. Winter Term odd years.

### **PS 290 Environmental Politics**

Interrelation of individuals, political processes, and the global environment. Emergence of environmental ideas and values and their intertwining with the policy process, issues regarding protection of the environment, international cooperation in environmental management. May Term even years.

### **PS 302 International Relations**

Historical development of theories and approaches to international relations. Development of nation-state system, interdependence of state and non-state actors, international economic linkages, economic security arrangements, military-political security arrangements and the new world order. Writing Intensive. Fall Term.

### **PS 304 The Developing World**

Role of democratic and authoritarian regimes in less-developed countries. Interrelation between governmental policies and economic, political, military, social, cultural factors. Interdependent linkages with developed world systems, focus on developmental issues, human rights. Writing Intensive. Winter Term even years.

### **PS 306 History of American Foreign Relations**

Identical with HI 306. Foreign relations from the American Revolution to present. Concepts that guided and influenced American diplomacy. Writing Intensive. Winter Term even years.

### **PS 308 The American Presidency**

U.S. presidential politics from presidential selection (nomination and election) to opportunities and constraints for effective presidential leadership across many roles (chief executive, commander-in-chief, chief lobbyist) and contrasting styles of presidential performance. Writing Intensive. Interconnected: Social Science. Fall Term even years.

### **PS 309 Constitutional Law**

Role of the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. Supreme Court in our federal system of government. Relations among the three branches of the federal government, relations between the federal government and the states, civil rights, civil liberties. Fall Term even years.

### **PS 310 Policy Formulation, Administration, and Analysis**

Comparative analysis of the policy process, from formulation through administrative implementation. Focus on industrialized democracies, examining policy-making and administrative processes in a set of policy-issue domains and within the broader political-cultural environment. Winter Term even years.

**PS 313 Political Philosophy**

Identical with PH 313. Acquaintance with theoretical views of political organizations influential in the Western world and major contributors, such as Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Mill, Marx. Writing Intensive. Interconnected: Social Science. Every third year.

**PS 321 Research Methods and Data Analysis for the Behavioral Sciences**

Identical with PSY and SO 321. Assumptions, principles, methods of scientific inquiry. Descriptive and experimental research techniques, hypothesis formulation, research design. Behavioral science statistics integrated with research design, methodology, data analysis, interpretation. Writing Intensive. Fall Term.

**PS 343 Public Finance and Fiscal Policy**

Identical with EC 343. Government revenue and expenditures at federal, state, local levels. Evaluation of economic effects of fiscal policy in stabilizing economic activity. Writing Intensive. Prerequisite: EC 101, EC 102 recommended.

**PS 371, 372 Internship** (variable credit)

Supervised exploratory experience outside the classroom. Incorporation of academic learning and practical experience. Possible off-campus costs. Prerequisites: Third- or fourth-year standing, 2.0 cumulative and major GPA, instructor or department chair approval.

**PS 399 Supplemental Instruction: Political Science** (½ course credit)

Teaching practicum in a specific area of study. Student SI leaders participate in leader training, attend classes for which they serve as leaders, prepare and lead study sessions that reinforce course content, model and teach effective study strategies. P/D/F only.

**PS 421 Advanced Research Methods and Data Analysis**

Identical with PSY and SO 421. In-depth review and evaluation of principles of research design, conduct, data analysis. Research investigation designed, executed, reported by student in consultation with instructor. Topic chosen by student. Writing Intensive. Winter Term. Prerequisite: PS 321.

**PS 450 Independent Study** (variable credit)

Independent additional study. Preparation of major scholarly paper. Must be approved and supervised by political science faculty member.

**PS 460 Perspectives in Political Science**

Critical examination of epistemological and ethical issues in political inquiry. The role of paradigms, facts, values. The pretense to scientific neutrality in interpreting political reality. Political study as pure and applied science. Reading, writing, discussion seminar. Writing Intensive. Capstone. P/D/F only. Winter Term. Prerequisite: Third- or fourth-year standing political science or international relations major.