

POLITICAL SCIENCE (PSC)

- PSC 502 Politics of the Undead** **3 Credit hours**
A graduate survey of political thought, international relations theory, and political economy through the pop cultural lens of vampires, zombies, and other undead creatures.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 503 War and Popular Culture** **3 Credit hours**
A graduate survey of evolving depictions of political violence in film, television, graphic novels, video games, and popular music.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 505 UN & Global Organizations** **3 Credit hours**
Study of world and regional organizations as reflections of world politics, as instruments of foreign policies, and as forces for change and order, with emphasis on their role as channels for management of cooperation and conflict.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 506 International Relations** **3 Credit hours**
Study of major issues in world politics, with emphasis on theoretical approaches, problems of war and peace, and contemporary trends.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 508 Middle Eastern Politics** **3 Credit hours**
Study of the Arab States and such nations as Israel, Iran and Turkey in the contemporary setting.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 509 Western Democratic Politics** **3 Credit hours**
Study of such nations as Canada and those of Western Europe, particularly Great Britain and France.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 510 Post Soviet Politics** **3 Credit hours**
Study of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 511 Latin American Politics** **3 Credit hours**
This course studies Latin American politics by sectors, such as landed elites, the military, the church, etc. Various styles of governance are considered. Case examples illustrate concepts discussed.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 512 Internat Political Economy** **3 Credit hours**
This course will examine the evolution and structure of the global economic system with emphasis on the development of the Liberal International Economic Order.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 515 International Law** **3 Credit hours**
Study of theories, origins, sources, development, present state, and trends of international law as a factor in various aspects of international politics.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 516 Politics of Development** **3 Credit hours**
A survey of major theories development and modernization and issues confronting developing nations around the world.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 517 Homeland Security & Civil Lib** **3 Credit hours**
An examination of the policy issues involved in protecting the U.S. homeland from terrorist and other threats, with special attention to the impact such policies have on individual liberties.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 518 American Political Thought II** **3 Credit hours**
This course is a detailed examination of the philosophical and historical roots of American politics from Reconstruction through the present with emphasis on original texts.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 519 Women and Pol Thought** **3 Credit hours**
This course examines how women were conceptualized in the history of political philosophy and how women then began conceptualizing themselves and their relation to politics.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 520 Cur World/Regional Issues** **3 Credit hours**
An intensive study of specific world or regional problems, such as the politics of world hunger. The role of multi-national corporations, imperialism, third world communist movements, etc.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 521 American Political Thought I** **3 Credit hours**
Study of the development and influence of American Political Thought with an emphasis on the linkage of ideas to political and economic forces.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 523 American Foreign Policy** **3 Credit hours**
The study of descriptive, analytical, and normative aspects of American foreign policy with emphasis on contemporary problems and issues.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 524 Comparative Foreign Pol** **3 Credit hours**
Application of the comparative method to foreign policy decision-making and outputs. Comparisons within or between geographic regions.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 525 Classical Political Thought** **3 Credit hours**
Selective study of classics of Western political theory from earliest times through the 15th century, such as that of Plato, Aristotle, the Romans, Augustine, and Aquinas.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 526 Modern Political Thought** **3 Credit hours**
Selective study of classics of Western political theory from the 16th century through the 19th century, such as that of Machiavelli, Bodin, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Hume, Burke, Mill, and Marx.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 527 Shapers and Definers** **3 Credit hours**
A study of political leaders who have shaped and defined the American constitutional tradition. A study of political leaders who have shaped and defined the American constitutional tradition.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 528 Islam and Politics** **3 Credit hours**
A study of Islamic political ideas, practices and institutions and their impact on the rise and development of contemporary Islamic movements, organizations and states.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

- PSC 529 Politics of Confl & Rev** **3 Credit hours**
Study of major theories of conflict and revolution with emphasis on cross-national explanations and outcomes.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 530 Political Ideologies** **3 Credit hours**
This course examines modern political ideologies including Liberalism, Conservatism, Anarchism, Socialism, Fascism, and Environmentalism with emphasis on the original texts.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 531 Politics of Global Terrorism** **3 Credit hours**
An examination of terrorism globally, both in its development and its current manifestations, with attention to its attractions, the difficulties of confronting it, and its implications for democratic society. Draws upon both classic and contemporary sources of political theory to address basic political issues inherent in public problems.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 532 Nonprofit Management** **3 Credit hours**
This course examines the principles and applied practices of nonprofit administration including theories of nonprofit formation, fundraising appeals, executive leadership, marketing, budgeting, and strategic management.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 533 Public Adm & Policy Dev** **3 Credit hours**
An examination of alternative theoretical approaches to the study of policy and administration and their implications for the use of policy to shape administrative practice.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 536 The American Judiciary** **3 Credit hours**
Structure and behavior in American national and state judicial systems, including analysis of their decision making and policy making functions, their procedures and administration, and problems and trends.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 540 Power In American Society** **3 Credit hours**
An examination of some of the major theoretical approaches—pluralist, elitist, etc.—to the study of power. A major concern is on the relationship between the distribution of political resources and the performance of political systems. Efforts to transform political systems are examined on the basis of cross-national research.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 542 Politics and Welfare** **3 Credit hours**
A comparative course examining the political institutional methods states use to assist citizens who are poor, primarily women and children. It also addresses behavioral concerns that shape welfare policy.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 544 Dictatorship & Democracy** **3 Credit hours**
An investigation of the strengths of democracies relative to dictatorships with regard to such dimensions as economic growth, income equality, health and welfare of citizens and war reduction.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 545 Environmental Politics** **3 Credit hours**
This course examines multiple perspectives on the relationship between humans and nature, focusing on how particular interpretations of this relationship determine how we translate environmental concerns into political problems.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 550 Administrative Law** **3 Credit hours**
A study of the basic legal framework of administrative organization, including the problems of administrative discretion, rule making and adjudication, regulatory agencies, and administrative responsibility in the democratic state.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 552 Public Personnel Admin** **3 Credit hours**
Survey of Public Personnel Administration with particular attention on various facets of the merit system concept. Psychological and human relations aspects of the work situation and supervisor-subordinate interaction emphasized.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 553 Government Budgetary Admin** **3 Credit hours**
Study of organization, administration, and accountability in the management of public funds, with emphasis on the political decision-making processes of budget formulation, presentation, and execution.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 554 Politics of the Workplace** **3 Credit hours**
A study of the contributions of the behavioral sciences to the study of organizations with stress on such concepts as leadership, motivation, power conflict, organizational design and decision making.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 560 Civil Rights & Liberties** **3 Credit hours**
The basic substantive and procedural elements of American constitutional liberties and civil rights with emphasis on historical development as influenced by social and political forces.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 561 Urban Prob & Pub Policy** **3 Credit hours**
Study of policy problems of metropolitan areas in terms of structures, alternatives, and outcomes.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 566 Appalachian Politics** **3 Credit hours**
Explores Appalachia as both a geographical region and a political construct, focusing on how politics shapes regional identity and the region's relationship to the United States.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 578 Politics and Video Games** **3 Credit hours**
An exploration of the power dynamics and politics at play in video games, the video game industry, and gaming culture.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 580 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
To offer a course on some special topic which is not adequately treated in the regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 581 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
To offer a course on some special topic which is not adequately treated in the regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 582 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
To offer a course on some special topic which is not adequately treated in the regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- PSC 583 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
To offer a course on some special topic which is not adequately treated in the regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 584 Constitutional Law	3 Credit hours	PSC 620 Comparataive Public Admin	3 Credit hours
Introduction to the principles of American constitutional law and analysis of constitutional issues, emphasizing leading Supreme Court cases.		This course will serve as an introduction to the comparative study of public administration. Students will be introduced to several key areas of comparative administration research, including different methods used for analysis.	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
PSC 585 Independent Study	1-4 Credit hours	PSC 621 Urban Administration	3 Credit hours
These numbers are reserved for tutorials, directed and independent research, problem reports, etc.		Principles and methods of urban administration in the U.S.	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
PSC 586 Independent Study	1-4 Credit hours	PSC 622 Constitutions	3 Credit hours
These numbers are reserved for tutorials, directed and independent research, problem reports, etc.		A study of constitutions, their duration, distribution of power, contribution to a stable government and the rule of law. While the course is comparative, major emphasis is on the United States.	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
PSC 587 Independent Study	1-4 Credit hours	PSC 629 Seminar Political Thought	3 Credit hours
These numbers are reserved for tutorials, directed and independent research, problem reports, etc.			
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
PSC 588 Independent Study	1-4 Credit hours	PSC 648 Sem State Govt & Politics	3 Credit hours
These numbers are reserved for tutorials, directed and independent research, problem reports, etc.		West Virginia government and political problems will receive special attention although other states may be considered.	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
PSC 600 Research Design	3 Credit hours	PSC 650 Seminar	3 Credit hours
Philosophy of Science as applied to empirical political inquiry; elements of good research design, measurement theory, writing and critiquing research reports. (PR: PSC 211 or Permission)			
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
PSC 601 Reading-Political Science	2-3 Credit hours	PSC 651 Seminar	3-6 Credit hours
Readings to meet the needs and interests of individual students.			
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
PSC 604 Data Analysis	3 Credit hours	PSC 652 Sem Political Behavior	3 Credit hours
A study of quantitative methods used in empirical research with an emphasis upon applied statistical analysis; writing and critiquing research reports.			
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
PSC 606 Seminar Judicial Politics	3 Credit hours	PSC 660 Sem in Policy Analysis	3 Credit hours
		Development of theoretical and methodological skills in the analysis of public problems and the use of policy in problem solving.	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
PSC 609 Sem Internat Relations Theory	3 Credit hours	PSC 675 Legislative Internship	6 Credit hours
		Intensive work experience in the West Virginia legislative processes coupled with a seminar involving directed reading and the preparation of a paper. This is a cooperative program with West Virginia University and the Office of Legislative Services with only selected students participating.	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Attributes: No Textbook Required	
PSC 611 Am Legislative Process	3 Credit hours	Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
		PSC 676 Internship / Practicum	3-6 Credit hours
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Supervised internship / practicum where students apply public administration principles in an approved field setting.	
PSC 612 Sem Am Executive Process	3 Credit hours	Attributes: No Textbook Required	
		Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit Grade Only	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		PSC 680 Master's Thesis Workshop	3 Credit hours
PSC 614 Sem Comp Political System	3 Credit hours	A writing workshop/seminar in which students will prepare their Master's Thesis Prospectus.	
		Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit Grade Only	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		PSC 681 Thesis	1-6 Credit hours
PSC 616 Public Adm Scope and Practice	3 Credit hours		
Orientation to the field of Public Administration, ethics, professional standards and skills. Review of foundations, theories, and scope. Study of public management heritage and current trends and issues.		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
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PSC 618 Sem Public Administration	3 Credit hours		
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode			