POLITICAL SCIENCE (PSC)

- General Education Course

PSC 104 American Government (CT) 3 Credit hours
This course will engage students in critical thinking as they explore the American federal government system, with emphasis on constiutionalism, governmental structure, and the political process.
Attributes: American Institutions, Critical Thinking, Core II Social Sciences
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 105 Fundamentals of Politics (CT) 3 Credit hours
General survey introducing the study of politics, its major concepts, processes, institutions, and fields of concern, with attention to the place of political science in the larger context of social science inquiry.
Attributes: Critical Thinking, Core II Social Sciences
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 200 Models of Politics 1-3 Credit hours
Introduction to the use of theory in political science. Offered in one-credit(5 week) modules. Module I is prerequisite to all others. Designed to assist in the develop,emt pf analytic and synthetic skills.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 201 Politics, Media, and Culture 3 Credit hours
An introductory survey of how the media and popular culture both reflect and shape political values.
Attributes: Core II Humanities, Core II Social Sciences
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 202 State and Local Government 3 Credit hours
Study of the institutions, processes, and significance of this level of political life in America.
Attributes: American Institutions, Core II Social Sciences
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 207 Comparative Politics (CT) 3 Credit hours
Introduction to the field of comparative politics, stressing comparative concepts and approaches to the cross-national study of politics and government, with examination of political systems, ranging from democratic to non-democratic types.
Attributes: Critical Thinking, International, Core II Social Sciences
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 209 World Politics (CT) 3 Credit hours
Survey of major concepts and approaches in the study of international relations and analysis of processes, institutions, strategies, and trends in world politics.
Attributes: Critical Thinking, International, Core II Social Sciences
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 280 Special Topics 1-4 Credit hours
To offer a course on some special topic not adequately treated in the regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 281 Special Topics 1-4 Credit hours
To offer a course on some special topic not adequately treated in the regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 282 Special Topics 1-4 Credit hours
To offer a course on some special topic not adequately treated in the regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 283 Special Topics 1-4 Credit hours
To offer a course on some special topic not adequately treated in the regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 301 City Management 3 Credit hours
Political systems in American cities and metropolitan areas.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 302 Models of Public Policy 3 Credit hours
Basic concepts and skills in the analysis of public policy problems. Use of policy as an instrument for solving problems. Application to selected fields, for example, environmental policy and urban policy.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 303 American Political Parties 3 Credit hours
Examination of the American party system, its origins, development and characteristics. Emphasis also on party organization, political ambition and recruitment, party impact on public policy, campaigns, elections, and voting behavior.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 304 Law & Society 3 Credit hours
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 307 Public Opinion and Propaganda 3 Credit hours
Study of the processes by which individuals acquire politically relevant information, attitudes, values, and opinions; the consequences of these processes for political stability and conflict; and the linkage of mass opinions to elite behavior. (Same as Sociology 307)
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 310 Campaigns and Elections 3 Credit hours
Federal and state laws for campaigns and elections and the changing mechanisms for reaching voters are covered in this course.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 311 Issues in Public Policy 3 Credit hours
A course devoted to a special topic of interest in the policy field, such as energy, health care, transportation, environmental concerns, etc.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 312 Research in Political Science 3 Credit hours
Study of the development of political science as a distinct science and discipline, and of the fundamentals of research in political science, such as bibliographic techniques, uses of scientific method, textual and case-study approaches and data analysis.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 333 Public Administration 3 Credit hours
Introduction to modern theories of administration; the relation of administration to the political system and process; and analysis of administrative organizations and functions, including planning, personnel, and finance.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 376 Race & Politics **3 Credit hours**
Study emphasizing power structures in black communities, dissent and protest, problems and trends, and the uniqueness of black politics as compared with the politics of other ethnic groups.
Attributes: American Institutions, Multicultural
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 381 Am Legislative Process **3 Credit hours**
Structure and behavior of American national and state legislative systems; the impact of constituencies, parties, interest groups, interpersonal relations, and other factors on the legislative policymaking process; the role of the legislature as a subsystem in the larger political system; and problems and trends.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 382 The US Congress **1 Credit hour**
One week of intensive legislative observation designed to provide selected students an understanding of the organization and processes of the West Virginia legislature and its role in the making of public policy.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 383 The American Presidency **3 Credit hours**
Study of governmental executives in the American political system, with emphasis on the president, including analysis of constitutional status and powers, recruitment, administrative responsibilities, political and legislative leadership, accountability, and problems and trends.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 402 Politics of the Undead **3 Credit hours**
An exploration 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 403 War and Pop Culture **3 Credit hours**
An exploration of evolving depictions of political violence in film, television, graphic novels, video games, and popular music.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 405 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.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 406 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.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 409 Western Democratic Politics **3 Credit hours**
Study of such nations as Canada and those of Western Europe, particularly Great Britian and France.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 410 Russian Politics **3 Credit hours**
Study of the politics of Russia and the former Soviet Union.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 411 Latin American Politics **3 Credit hours**
Study of 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.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 412 International Political Econ **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 415 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.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 416 Politics of Development **3 Credit hours**
A survey of major theories of development and modernization and issues confronting developing nations around the world.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 418 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 419 Women and Political 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 420 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 multinational corporations, imperialism, Third World Communist movements, etc.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 421 American Political Thought I **3 Credit hours**
This course is a detailed examination of the philosophical and historical roots of American politics from the Colonial era through the Civil War with emphasis on original texts.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 423 American Foreign Policy **3 Credit hours**
The study of descriptive, analytical, and normative aspects of United States foreign policy with emphasis on contemporary problems and issues.
Attributes: American Institutions, International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 424 Diplomacy **3 Credit hours**
Application of the comparative method to foreign policy decision-making and outputs. Comparisons within or between geographic regions.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 425 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 426 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 427 Shapers and Definers **3 Credit hours**
A study of political leaders who have shaped and defined the American constitutional tradition.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 429 Conflict and Revolution **3 Credit hours**
Study of major theories of conflict and revolution with emphasis on cross-national explanations and outcomes.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 430 Political Ideologies **3 Credit hours**
This course examines modern political ideologies including Liberalism, Conservatism, Anarchism, Socialism, Facism, Feminism, and Environmentalism with emphasis on the original texts.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 431 Pol 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.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 432 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 433 Public Policy Development **3 Credit hours**
Examination of alternative theoretical approaches to the study of policy and administration and their implications for the use of policy to shape administrative practice.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 434 Intel and Covert Ops **3 Credit hours**
An introduction to the institutions and processes of the U.S. Intelligence Community, with an emphasis on the vital role of intelligence in national security.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 435 Harry Potter Political Theory **3 Credit hours**
Detailed examination of the Harry Potter book series through the lens of various theories and theorists of power, with emphasis on scholarly argumentation and writing.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 436 US Court System **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.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 440 Power in American Society **3 Credit hours**
Examination of some of the major theoretical approaches pluralistic, elitist, etc. to the study of power. A major concern is 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.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 442 Politics of Poverty **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 444 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 reductions.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 445 Environmental Politics **3 Credit hours**
This course examines multiple prespectives 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 446 Politics in History **3 Credit hours**
A study of politics as an order shattering, order restructuring force during some of America's most transformative moments.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 450 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 452 Public Personnel **3 Credit hours**
Survey of Public Personnel Administration with particular attention to 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 453 Public Finance Management **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 454 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 460 Civil Rights & Liberties **3 Credit hours**
Pre-req: PSC 104 or PSC 104E.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 461 American Cities **3 Credit hours**
Study of policy problems of metropolitan areas in terms of structures, alternatives, and outcomes.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 466 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 478 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.
Attributes: Digital Humanities
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 480 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 481 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 482 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 483 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 484 Constitutional Law **3 Credit hours**
Introduction to the principles of American constitutional law and analysis of constitutional issues, emphasizing leading Supreme Court cases.
Pre-req: PSC 104E or PSC 104.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 485 Independent Study **1-4 Credit hours**
These numbers are reserved for tutorials, directed and independent readings, directed and independent research, problem reports, etc.
Attributes: No Textbook Required
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 486 Independent Study **1-4 Credit hours**
These numbers are reserved for tutorials, directed and independent readings, directed and independent research, problem reports, etc.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 487 Independent Study **1-4 Credit hours**
These numbers are reserved for tutorials, directed and independent readings, directed and independent research, problem reports, etc.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 488 Independent Study **1-4 Credit hours**
These numbers are reserved for tutorials, directed and independent readings, directed and independent research, problem reports, etc.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 489 Seminar in Public Service **3 Credit hours**
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 490 Public Service Internship **6 Credit hours**
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

PSC 499 Capstone Experience **3 Credit hours**
This course is designed as a culminating experience for seniors. Students will engage in a service learning project that combines scholarly interests with real life skills. Course offered only in Fall Semester.
Pre-req: PSC 211 with a minimum grade of D.
Attributes: Capstone Course
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode