POLITICAL SCIENCE (PSCI)

PSCI 2301 Intro to Political Leadership
An introduction to the political, moral, and cultural factors that have shaped political leadership throughout the ages. Case studies drawn from political and social history to illustrate what makes human leadership unique and investigate why leadership and political organization vary across human societies, both historically and cross-culturally. (Cross-listed with LEDR 2301)

PSCI 2304 Intro to Political Science
An introductory survey of concepts, theories, and principles of political science. The political dynamics and institutions of several leading nations of today; the competing philosophies of the twentieth century (democracy, communism and fascism). This course cannot be used to satisfy the state required government courses.

PSCI 2305 American National Government
A survey of national government in the United States with emphasis upon the Constitution, government structure, and processes. European background; federal, state, and interstate relations; rights and obligations of citizens; political parties; group organization; the legislative process; and the executive, judicial, and administrative functions in federal government. See Texas Success Initiative in the section entitled UNIVERSITY COLLEGE. TCCN: GOVT 2305

PSCI 2306 American State Government
Analysis of state and local government in the United States, with particular emphasis upon the State of Texas. History of state governments; state constitutions; the role of the individual pertaining to the rights and liberties in participation in government; political parties, pressure groups, and the franchised. The state legislature, the governor and state administration, state court system, county municipal organization, and current problems of local government. See Texas Success Initiative in the section entitled UNIVERSITY COLLEGE TCCN: GOVT 2306

PSCI 2420 The American Way
This course will focus on the major events that helped to make the United States what it is today, including the Colonial Era and Independence, specifically the writing of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, as well as the major vents of the 19th and 20th centuries. The branches of government, including the checks and balances and separation of powers, will be emphasized as well as the civil rights and liberties of all citizens. An element of the course is faculty-led travel to important historical and governmental sites in Texas. Fulfills the Texas State requirement in history and U.S. government. Enrollment restricted to qualified international students enrolled in joint degree programs.

PSCI 3301 Research Methods in Social Sci
An introduction to the scientific method as applied to social science research. Topics include research methods, research designs, the analysis of data, and basic computer techniques. (Cross-listed with SOCI 3305)

PSCI 3302 Urban Political Theory
This course is designed as an introduction to foundational social theory with a specific orientation toward urban studies. We will explore the early identification of the urban phenomenon with the emergence of modernity, pertinent theoretical and practical responses to the industrial city, the city's role in capitalist accumulation and social conflict, the problem of sustaining urban vitality and community, and new functions of culture and representation in modern cities. (Cross-listed with URBS 3302)

PSCI 3305 Govt & Politics of Europe
The structures, function, and processes of selected European political systems. Prerequisites: Six hours of political science.

PSCI 3308 Latin American Pol Systems
A comparative analysis of the major political systems of Latin America that emphasizes the role of political cultures, elites, and inter-systematic factors.

PSCI 3310 Studies in Comp Politics
This course will explore the methods of comparative political analysis. The course will emphasize political culture, structural functionalism, formal, legal, group, elite, class, and system approaches.

PSCI 3313 Class&Med Political Phil
A survey and analysis of political thought, theory, and political philosophy from Greek antiquity to the present. Prerequisites: Six hours of political science.

PSCI 3314 Modern Political Philosophy
Fundamentals of political thought, theory, and philosophy since Machiavelli; major contemporary political theories and movements. Prerequisites: Six hours of political science.

PSCI 3320 Congress and the Presidency
This course examines the functions and operations of these two branches of the federal government. How representative is the U. S. Congress? How does the Presidency govern? Moreover, the course explores the nature of the congressional-executive relations.

PSCI 3322 The Politics of Class & Gender
This class focuses on the political and economic power of women as a function of the dynamics of contemporary U.S. culture. Using various socioeconomic models, the interactive effects of gender, class, and ethnicity will be explored. Consideration will be given to such issues as women's workplace and educational opportunities, the feminization of poverty, women's health policy, and other contemporary concerns.

PSCI 3325 Grassroots & Community Emp
This course in applied, practical politics emphasizes how to affect the political process directly. The course evaluates grassroots organizations, citizen empowerment, community activism, social movements, political parties, interest groups, and elections in a democratic society. Moreover, we will study the critical elements of effective electoral and issue campaigns.

PSCI 3340 International Law & Org
A survey of the historical development and present role played by international law in the world community, and the formation and operation of international organizations. Organizations to be examined include the United Nations, regional development banks, alliance systems, cartels, common markets, and other international political organizations.
PSCI 3341 Great Books: Classical to Ren
An intensive study of one or two philosophical classics or a series of readings selected from the classics of Western tradition before the Renaissance, from Greco-Roman period to Renaissance. Classics such as Plato’s Republic, Plutarch’s Lives, Marcus Aurelius’ Meditations, Dante’s Divine Comedy may be read. May be repeated for credit when topic changes. (Cross-listed with ENGL 3341, and PHIL 3341)
Prerequisites: Three hours of sophomore literature or consent of instructor.

PSCI 3342 Great Books: Renaissance-Pres
An intensive study of one or two philosophical classics or a series of readings selected from the classics of Western tradition since the Renaissance, from Cervantes to the present. Classics such as de Tocqueville’s Democracy in America, Wollstonecraft’s A Vindication of the Rights of Women, Nietzsche’s The Uses and Abuses of History, Thoreau’s “Civil Disobedience” may be read. (Cross-listed with PHIL 3342, and ENGL 3342)
Prerequisites: Three hours of sophomore literature or consent of instructor.

PSCI 3345 Intro to Public Administration
Perceptions of bureaucracy; organizational theory and behavior; administrative leadership and decision making; personnel problems and public unions; agency clientele and public interest; questions of administrative ethics, morality, and accountability; and individual in-depth studies of selected public policies.

PSCI 3350 Intro to Analysis of Public
Systematic analysis of factors affecting policy-making and implementation at various stages. Theories of decision-making, organizational behavior of bureaucracies, and regulatory alternatives.

PSCI 3353 Political Geography
The study of the spatial or geographic expression of political phenomena. The primary themes include political regions, boundaries, territorial control, geopolitics, the functioning of the state at multiple scales (from local to national), and international trade and security pacts. Case studies emphasize the political geographies of North America and Latin America. (Cross listed with GEOG 3353).

PSCI 4301 Introduction to Urban Planning
This course introduces the student to the basic principles and concepts of urban planning. A primary focus is the practical skills/techniques associated with the major theories and models of planning. It provides a broad overview of all types of urban planning with emphasis on land use, design, transportation, and environmental and social planning. (Cross-listed with GEOG 4301 and URBS 4301)
Prerequisites: Junior standing or consent of instructor.

PSCI 4307 The Interamerican System
This course analyzes the development of the modern Interamerican System, with emphasis on international and domestic factors that shape hemispheric pacts like the Organization of the American States (OAS) and sub-regional projects like NAFTA. The course also explores contemporary challenges to political and economic integration in the Americas.

PSCI 4309 Mexican Politics & Government
This course explores the roles of Mexican government institutions, state and local governments, political parties, the military, economic elites and social movements. The course analyzes the evolution of their relationships over time, as well as their influence on domestic and foreign choices. (Cross-listed with PSCI 5309)

PSCI 4311 The Constitution and Civil Lib
The parameters of the federal constitution and civil liberties; rights of citizens against state and federal governments; the nature of due process and the equal protection of the law; freedoms of expression, association and religion. (Cross-listed with CRIJ 4311)

PSCI 4312 Constitution and Crim Pro Law
The Constitution's limits on government authority to gather evidence and investigate crime by examination of the Fourth Amendment's limits on search, seizure and arrest; the Fifth Amendment's privilege against self-incrimination; and the Sixth Amendment's right to counsel. (Cross-listed with CRIJ 4312)

PSCI 4313 Constitution and Govt Powers
The powers of government, state and federal, under the federal Constitution; relations between branches of the federal government; limitations on governmental authority by virtue of the distribution of power.

PSCI 4314 Issues in U.S. Government
Basic issues and cases of U.S. Government are analyzed in order to better understand the workings of our political system. The Constitution, political parties and interest groups, public opinion and the media, civil rights and the workings of the federal system and the main branches of government are also evaluated.
Prerequisites: Six hours of political science.

PSCI 4315 Issues in State&Local Gov't
This course is a study, through readings and case studies, of the issues and problems particular to government at the state and local level.

PSCI 4320 The Political System of U.S
An intensive analysis of the United States of America's political system in terms of elitism and democratic behavior of elites and masses.
Prerequisites: Six hours of political science.

PSCI 4321 Special Stud in Political Sci
An intensive examination of special topics of study in political science. May be repeated once when topic changes.
Prerequisites: Six hours of political science.

PSCI 4326 The Judicial Process
A study of the American judicial system with emphasis upon its structure, function, and process. Interchangeable with CRIJ 1306 with permission of CRIJ faculty advisor. (Cross-listed with PSCI 5326)
Prerequisites: Six hours of political science.

PSCI 4335 International Politics
This course will explore and analyze various topics in international politics. Emphasis will be given to major theories and their application to related areas, issues, and regions. May be repeated once when topic changes.
Prerequisites: Six hours of political science.
**PSCI 4340 American Foreign Policy**
A study of the sources of American foreign policy in domestic institutions and public opinion, and in the actions of foreign governments, as a means of elucidating the policy making process. (Cross-listed with HIST 3380).

**PSCI 4345 Urban Politics**
Forms and organization of city government. A study of urban political processes and major public problems confronting urban areas. (Cross-listed with URBS 4345).
Prerequisites: Six hours of political science.

**PSCI 4350 Ethnic Politics**
A study of ethnic interest groups and the varieties of American ethnic politics. Emphasis on ethnic groups in Texas. (Cross-listed with PSCI 5350)
Prerequisites: Six hours of political science.

**PSCI 4351 Senior Seminar in PSCI**
This course is the capstone for undergraduate studies in political science. It bridges major sub-fields of political science to identify linkages as well as divergences within the discipline. The course emphasizes contemporary developments in the study of politics by exploring current theoretical approaches, research methods, and emerging issues.
Prerequisites: Senior standing and PSCI 3301, 3310, 3313, 3320 and 4335.

**PSCI 4380 Civic Engagement & Leadership**
Civic Engagement and Leadership is an experiential learning course that seeks to make a difference in the civic life of communities and develops in students the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference. Students have multiple options, they may 1) perform hands-on work in the community in service based learning course 2) students can volunteer to work in designated civic engagement and leadership approved programs on campus, 3) students can complete an intensive internship experience, which requires pre-approval from the political science program director. Regardless of what option students choose they must enroll into PSCI 4380.
Prerequisites: Junior or Senior standing.

**PSCI 4390 Undergraduate Research in PSCI**
This course enables students to engage in independent research on an issue/topic in political science. The issue/topic is selected by the student, with the advice and approval of the instructor prior to registration. The course may be repeated under a different issue/topic for credit.
Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and either the Director of Political Science or the department chair.

**PSCI 5301 Adv Methods of Social Research**
This course introduces the student to the essentials of conducting social science research. Students will be introduced to the different dimensions of social research: ethics, theory, hypothesis testing, research design, sampling, measurement, and quantitative data analysis. Students will also become familiar with using SPSS, a common statistical software package. By the end of the course students will possess the foundation to begin applying this knowledge to real world applications- in academia, government, non-profit, or private industry. (Cross-listed with CRIJ 5320)
Prerequisites: PSCI 3301, SOCI 3305, or similar undergraduate coursework in social scientific research methods, or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 5303 American Political Institution**
An analysis of the operations and functions of the major political institutions in American government (i.e., legislature, elected executives, the bureaucracy, and the judiciary). The course focuses on how members are selected, how they use power, how they interact with other actors, and how they affect public policy.

**PSCI 5308 American Political Behavior**
An examination of the behavioral aspects of American politics, including both mass and elite behavior. Topics to be covered may include public opinion, political participation (e.g., voting behavior), political parties, and interest groups.

**PSCI 5309 Mexican Politics & Government**
This course explores the roles of Mexican government institutions, state and local governments, political parties, the military, economic elites and social movements. The course analyzes the evolution of their relationships over time, as well as their influence on domestic and foreign choices. (Cross-listed with PSCI 5309)

**PSCI 5310 Directed Research in PSCI**
Opportunity for graduate students to undertake independent study or research in political science. Prior consent of faculty member(s) with whom students wish to work. Subject may vary from semester to semester. This course may be repeated for a total of 6 SCH. Graded CR/NC.

**PSCI 5311 Constitutional Law**
A case study of American constitutional law based on the leading decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court. This course deals with the functional and federal distributions of governing authority, civil liberties, rights of the criminally accused, and civil rights. This course is held in conjunction with PSCI 4311 but requires additional graduate-level work assigned to students taking the course for graduate credit. (Cross-listed with PSCI 4311)
Prerequisites: Admission to a graduate degree program, including the BA/MA.

**PSCI 5321 Social Inquiry**
An orientation to the scientific study of political and social phenomena. Topics include the philosophy of science; ethical considerations in human subjects research; measurement; theory-building; reviewing and integrating existing research; research design (including experiments, quasi-experimental designs, and controlled comparisons); and written and oral presentation of research.
Prerequisites: PSCI 3301, SOCI 3305, or similar undergraduate coursework in social scientific research methods, or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 5326 The Judicial Process**
A study of the American judicial system with emphasis upon its structure, function, and process. This course is held in conjunction with PSCI 4326 but requires additional graduate-level work assigned to students taking the course for graduate credit. (Cross-listed with PSCI 4326)
Prerequisites: Admission to a graduate degree program, including the BA/MA.

**PSCI 5330 Sem in Political Philosophy**
Intensive investigation in selected topics of concern to students of political science. Subject will vary from semester to semester. Course may be repeated when subject matter changes.
PSCI 5340 Comparative Politics
An in-depth comparative analysis of the political systems of the countries of Western Europe, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East.

PSCI 5345 Topics in Area Studies
An intensive investigation of the social, economic, and political conditions of specific world regions. Possible areas include the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, South Africa, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, East Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, Southeast Asia, Pacific, North America, Mexico, Canada, or other regions or countries. Course may be repeated when world region changes.

PSCI 5350 Ethnic Politics
A study of ethnic interest groups and the varieties of American ethnic politics. Emphasis on ethnic groups in Texas. This course is held in conjunction with PSCI 4350 but requires additional graduate-level work assigned to students taking the course for graduate credit. (Cross-listed with PSCI 4350).
Prerequisites: Admission to a graduate degree program, including the BA/MA.

PSCI 5360 American Foreign Policy
An analysis of the forces and institutions involved in the establishment of American foreign policies. Emphasis is placed on the effect of the growth of American power and responsibility on the development of foreign policies.

PSCI 5368 Sem in International Politics
Selected problems and concepts related to the theory and practice of international politics. Subject may vary from semester to semester. Course may be repeated when subject matter changes.

PSCI 5370 Political & Historical Thought
This is an interdisciplinary seminar for students whose interests lie in the field of the study of the history of ideas, with a particular emphasis on the history of political thought. The seminar covers topics in Western, Non-Westerns, ancient, medieval, early modern, modern and contemporary thought, political theory, and methodology in the history of political thought.

PSCI 5372 Topics in Int. Politics
A current issue or topic in the discipline of international relations/affairs such as Ethics and International Affairs, International Law, International Organization, Democratization, Transnational Crime and Terrorism, International Development, Leadership in International Affairs, War and Peace, International Political Economy, or other topics will be the focus of the course. The course may be repeated when the topic changes.

PSCI 5373 Adv Sem in Latin-Amer Politics
Focused study of one major regional issue or unifying theme in Latin American Politics. May be repeated once when topic changes

PSCI 5385 Political Science Internship
This course is an option for students enrolled in thesis and topical focus plans. Students will be placed in one of many types of organizations, pollsters, and government agencies. Intern students will attend class meetings, maintain activity logs, and write a research paper.

PSCI 5390 Special Problems in PSCI
A current issue or topic in the discipline of political science. The course may be repeated when the topic changes.

PSCI 5398 Thesis
To be scheduled by the student in consultation with his/her major professor. If grade of IP received, student must enroll again for credit. Evaluation of performance in this course is on CR/NC basis. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission of major instructor/ advisor.

PSCI 5399 Thesis
To be scheduled by the student in consultation with his/her major professor. If grade of IP received, student must enroll again for credit. Evaluation of performance in this course is on CR/NC basis. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission of major instructor/ advisor.