

## **POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

- PSC 514 **American Public Policy Making 3(3-0)**  
This course serves to integrate political institutions and levels of government in terms of policy development and implementation. This course is approved for offering in a distance learning format.
- PSC 515 **Comparative Public Policy 3(3-0)**  
Techniques of cross-national and other comparative policy analysis applied to social and economic policies of industrialized nations, especially Western Europe.
- PSC 516 **Environmental Politics and Policy 3(3-0)**  
Analysis of relationships between politics and public policy in the environmental arena. Emphasis upon policy making process, political strategies, and alternative decision modes. Prerequisites: complete minimum of 56 credit hours of university course work, or permission of instructor.
- PSC 520 **American National Government and Politics 3(3-0)**  
This course will examine the major theoretical frameworks used in the study of American national government and politics and survey current research in the area. Prerequisites: a minimum of 9 hours of political science coursework, including PSC 105, or permission of instructor.
- PSC 522 **Regulatory Processes and Administrative Law 3(3-0)**  
Survey of the principles of administrative law and the politics of the U.S. regulatory processes. This course is approved for offering in a distance learning format.
- PSC 540 **Cultural Heritage and Politics of Eastern Europe 3(3-0)**  
Comparative study of political systems of Soviet bloc countries and Yugoslavia.
- PSC 551 **Seminar in International Relations 3(3-0)**  
Significant aspects of international relations on the basis of timeliness and importance. This course is approved for offering in a distance learning format.
- PSC 555 **International Law I 3(3-0)**  
Processes of international law; role in international relations and organizations; effects on individual rights in peacetime through cases, treaties, customs, and legal rules. This course is approved for offering in a distance learning format.
- PSC 556 **International Law II 3(3-0)**  
This course supplements the study of the international legal regime examined in International Law I by focusing upon the newly established international criminal law regime. Prerequisite: PSC 555 recommended.
- PSC 561 **American State Government and Administration 3(3-0)**  
Political, legislative, executive, and judicial processes of American state government, with emphasis on the way they affect public policies in the states.
- PSC 563 **Politics and Policy in Urban Communities 3(3-0)**  
Examination of large and small city governments. Their political process, behavior and citizen participation. Emerging public policies and intergovernmental cooperation.
- PSC 565 **Managing Modern Local Government 3(3-0)**  
Covers all aspects of local government. Simulated problem solving in local administration. Prerequisite: a course in local government.
- PSC 566 **Intergovernmental Relations in the United States 3(3-0)**  
An analysis of the administrative and fiscal relationships between the national, state, and local governments, with emphasis on grants-in-aid and revenue sharing.
- PSC 583 **Survey Research 3(3-0)**  
Development and utilization of quantitative data, with emphasis on behavioral research, public opinion polling, and statistical analysis.
- PSC 585 **Computer Applications for Public Administrators 3(3-0)**  
To teach public administrators applied public sector information systems, and the role that computers play in the management of information in a democracy. Prerequisites: undergraduate computer skills, such as CPS/BIS 106 and CPS/BIS 107; PSC 210; or permission of the instructor.
- PSC 590 **Independent Study 1-6(Spec)**  
Open to majors or minors who have completed at least 12 hours of political science with a B average. Arrange with department chairperson and instructor.
- PSC 598 **Special Topics in Political Science 1-12(Spec)**  
Subject matter not included in courses currently listed in Bulletin.

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- PSC 610 **Foundations of Public Administration 3(3-0)**  
Overview of major subfields of modern public administration including administrative theories and processes, democratic environments, administrative functions and activities and analytical tools and concepts.
- PSC 615 **Politics and Regulation of Health Care Policy 3(3-0)**  
Explore external environments in which health care systems operate, political determinants of health care policy, politics of bureaucracy, social and economic demands placed upon the system.
- PSC 619 **Continuing Registration for Final Research Project 1(1-0)**  
A non-credit course intended for students who have completed all program credits but still need to use university resources to complete their degree requirements.
- PSC 642 **Problems and Processes of International Development I 3(3-0)**  
Impact of modernization and industrialization upon emergent countries and nation-building processes.
- PSC 651 **Comparative Political & Economic Systems 3(3-0)**  
An introduction to comparative political and economic systems. How politics and economics interact in theory, as well as in concrete political-economic interactions of nations. Prerequisite: PSC 351.
- PSC 680 **Methodology of Political Research 3(3-0)**  
This course focuses on the advanced study of the logic and methods of scientific research in political science. Prerequisite: PSC 280; or SOC 200 and SOC 350; or equivalent
- PSC 710 **Seminar on Public Bureaucracies and Policy Formation 3(3-0)**  
Selected topics in bureaucratic policy-making, including science and public policy, liberalism and the bureaucratic states, and street-level bureaucracies.
- PSC 711 **Public Personnel Administration Practice 3(3-0)**  
Emphasizes skill development in selected areas of public personnel administration, including: personnel evaluation, collective bargaining, affirmative action, and human resource planning and development. This course is approved for offering in a distance learning format.
- PSC 712 **Implementation and Reform of Public Programs 3(3-0)**  
Methodology of implementing public programs. Examination of administrative reforms and their implementation. Prerequisite: admission to MPA program or permission of instructor.
- PSC 713 **Public Budgeting and Finance 3(3-0)**  
Advanced study of public budgets and processes. Emphasizes political nature of budget preparation, adoption, administration and evaluation at various levels of government.
- PSC 714 **Program Analysis and Evaluation 3(3-0)**  
Methodology of analyzing and evaluating public programs. Design and use of quantitative and qualitative techniques for predicting and measuring performance. Prerequisite: admission to MPA program or permission of instructor.
- PSC 740 **Seminar in Comparative Politics 3(3-0)**  
Examination of the specific approaches and methods of comparative political analysis.
- PSC 761 **Seminar in American State Government 3(3-0)**  
Study and research in the problems and the process of state government. Content varies. Recommended: PSC 561.
- PSC 770 **Seminar in Political Theory 3-6(Spec)**  
Investigation of selected aspects of ancient or modern political thought through a variety of sources.
- PSC 773 **Public Administration and Public Interest 3(3-0)**  
Normative theoretical inquiry into the ethical dimensions of public administration through a variety of sources in political thought and administrative theory.
- PSC 774 **Strategic Planning for Public/Non-Profit Organizations 3(3-0)**  
Study of strategic planning process and documents in public and no-profit organizations. Develop and critique strategic plans, goals, and information processes. Prerequisite: PSC 713 or PSC 714, or permission of instructor.
- PSC 775 **Organization Theory in Public Administration 3(3-0)**  
A systems approach to studying the appropriate design structures for administering complex organizations in the public sector. Emphasis on diverse strategies in decision making, planning, and coordination.
- PSC 780 **Research in Public Administration in Political Science 3(3-0)**  
Conceptual frameworks within which policy is studied, and relationship between theory and empirical

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PSC 781

### **Techniques of Political Research 3(3-0)**

This course focuses on regression analysis in political science and how to apply such methods to scholarly research. Prerequisite: PSC 680.

PSC 785

### **Strategic Leadership 3(3-0)**

The study of leadership within public and not-for-profit organizations or agencies. Examines major theories of leadership, analyzes case studies involving leaders in various settings, and explores how to lead and manage change in organizations.

PSC 790

### **Advanced Readings I 1-6(Spec)**

Prerequisite: permission of advisor and department chairperson.

PSC 795

### **Internship in Public Administration 1-6(Spec)**

An integrative learning experience where students apply textbook knowledge to public administration and public affairs work experience. CR/NC only. Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

PSC 796

### **Applied Research in Public Administration 3(3-0)**

Work experience in administration in a public agency is utilized in the course for an applied research project to integrate the practical and theoretical contributions.

PSC 798

### **Thesis 1-6(Spec)**

CR/NC only. Prerequisite: written permission of advisor and department chairperson.