

DIVISION OF  
SOCIAL &  
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

# Political Science

In addition to the courses below, students in the Political Science major are also required to take the following General Education courses (see pages 54-58).

- ENG 106 Argumentative Writing  
 ENG 107 Academic Writing  
 ENG 208 Sophomore Core –  
 Social Responsibility  
 CMP 102 Fundamental Computer Literacy I  
 (0.5 c.u.)  
 ECN 200 Introduction to Economics  
 (0.5 c.u.)  
 MTH 103 Understanding our Quantitative  
 World\*  
 or  
 MTH 105 Abstract Reasoning\*  
 AAC course Arts as Catalyst (1 c.u.)  
 HUM GELS Humanities GELS (2 c.u.s)  
 CAT/HUM GELS (1 c.u.)  
 Creative Arts & Technology  
 GELS or  
 Humanities GELS  
 NAT SCI GELS Natural Sciences GELS (2 c.u.s)  
 General Education Electives (2 c.u.s)

Many courses have prerequisites which are listed in the course description. Please be sure that necessary prerequisites have been taken before enrolling in any course.

\*Both MTH 103 Understanding Our Quantitative World and MTH 105 Abstract Reasoning are required for Political Science General and Public Policy

Students wishing New Jersey Teaching Certification must be admitted into the B.A. in Education and satisfy the courses listed in the Political Science co-concentration (see page 146). Should a student decide to major in the discipline exclusively, he/she will need to submit a change of major declaration and satisfy all the requirements listed below. Students who wish to double major must complete the requirements of both majors.

A student wishing to major in Political Science may choose either of the following concentrations:

- **General Political Science**
- **Human Services Studies**
- **Public Administration**
- **Public Policy**

The Core Courses required of all majors consist of the following three (3) courses:

- PSC 100 Introduction to Political Science  
 PSC 200 American Politics  
 PSC 244 Local & State Government

## GENERAL POLITICAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATION

In addition to the Common Core courses, a student in the General Political Science concentration will take the following five (5) required courses:

- PSC 203 Comparative Political Systems
- PSC 204 Ancient Political Theory
- PSC 205 Modern Political Ideologies
- PSC 224 American Foreign Policy
- SOC 325 Methods of Social Research

In addition to the Common Core and required courses, a student will take six additional courses in Political Science or in related disciplines chosen in conjunction with an Advisor.

At least two of these courses must be at the 300 level.

## HUMAN SERVICES STUDIES CONCENTRATION

(See pages 177-179)

## PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION CONCENTRATION

In addition to the Common Core courses, a student in the Public Administration concentration will take the following five (5) required courses:

- PSC 223 Problems in Public Policy
- PSC 310 Public Administration
- PSC 311 Public Economics & Finance
- PSY 245 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
- PSY 317 Organizational Behavior

In addition to the Common Core and required courses, a student will take six additional courses in Political Science or in related disciplines chosen in conjunction with an Advisor.

### GROUP I

Any three courses from the following:

- PSC 204 Ancient Political Theory
- PSC 230 American Political Thought
- PSC 312 The Theory & Practice of Nonprofit Management
- PSC 334 American Constitutional Law: The Development of Government Power
- PSC 335 American Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties & Civil Rights

### GROUP II

Any three courses from the following:

- HIS 208 Ideas of Freedom: African/American History from 1877-1955
- HIS 253 History of U.S. Women
- PSC 235 Gay & Lesbian Politics
- SOC 235 Urban Sociology
- SOC 241 Minority Groups & Race Relations

## PUBLIC POLICY CONCENTRATION

In addition to the Common Core courses, a student in the Public Policy concentration will take the following eight (8) required courses:

- PSC 203 Comparative Political Systems
- PSC 204 Ancient Political Theory
- PSC 205 Modern Political Ideologies
- PSC 223 Problems in Public Policy
- PSC 224 American Foreign Policy
- PSC 242 Science & Public Policy
- PSC 310 Public Administration
- SOC 325 Methods of Social Research

In addition to the Common Core and required courses, a student will take three additional courses in Political Science or in related disciplines chosen in conjunction with an Advisor.

At least two of these courses must be at the 300 level.

## MINOR IN PUBLIC POLICY

A minor in Public Policy must successfully complete eight courses:

- PSC 223 Problems in Public Policy
- PSC 224 American Foreign Policy
- PSC 242 Science & Public Policy
- PSC 244 Local & State Government
- PSC 310 Public Administration

Plus three courses chosen in conjunction with a Political Science Advisor.



# Political Science Courses

## ■ General Education Course (Primary Competency Addressed)

### PSC 100 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

#### ■ (Problem Solving and Critical Thinking Skills)

The nature and use of political power. Political analysis of social institutions and behavior and their impact upon the distribution of social values. Current political problems. 1 c.u.

### PSC 105 CONSTITUTIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (Also ECN 105)

In this course we study the American political and economic systems; we explore their interdependence and investigate the nature of their integration. Since the United States Constitution is the single common unifying legal force in the American Society, we study the structure of the Constitution first. Then, we focus on the commercial and economic provisions of the Constitution. Next, we investigate the relationship between economics and politics and finally we discuss the social philosophies of the main political groups that compete for political power in America today. 1 c.u.  
*Corequisite: ENG 106.*



### PSC 200 AMERICAN POLITICS

#### ■ (Problem Solving and Critical Thinking Skills)

Analysis of national government and politics. The branches of government, political parties and pressure groups, voting behavior and the distribution of power in the American political system. Particular attention to contemporary problems and issues. 1 c.u.

### PSC 203 COMPARATIVE POLITICAL SYSTEMS

(Also LLC 203)

#### ■ (Problem Solving and Critical Thinking Skills)

General problems of comparative analysis. Political communication, political culture, modernization and nation-building, conflict and revolution. 1 c.u.

### PSC 204 ANCIENT POLITICAL THEORY

#### ■ (Problem Solving and Critical Thinking Skills)

Concepts and questions that are the basis of Western political thought. Conflicting notions of justice, the nature and role of authority, individualistic and majoritarian principles in modern political life. Emphasis on the role of these principles in resolving issues of contemporary significance. 1 c.u.

### PSC 205 MODERN POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES

#### ■ (Problem Solving and Critical Thinking Skills)

Modern political thought with emphasis on political movements of this century: conservatism, liberalism, socialism, statism and radicalism. The role of political ideologies in modern political systems. The examination of competing ideologies in the light of contemporary issues. 1 c.u.

### PSC 223 PROBLEMS IN PUBLIC POLICY

An introduction to public policy in the United States. Public policy is studied as choices made by political leaders, and governed by who does and who does not have power. Policy topics vary. 1 c.u.

**PSC 224 AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY**  
(Also LLC 224)

■ (Problem Solving and Critical Thinking Skills)

American foreign policy today. American relations with major allies, the Communist countries and the Third World. Current problems in American foreign policy such as detente, national security, disarmament, the global allocation of resources. 1 c.u.

**PSC 226 AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

An analysis of American foreign policy interests in the Middle East in the context of Middle East politics. Special emphasis is given to the limits within which American policy choices are made. Topics include the Arab-Israeli conflict; the politics of oil; the American role in the politics of the Gulf. 1 c.u.

**PSC 230 AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT**

Modern American political thought. Conservatism and liberalism in the American context. The ideologies of the left and the right in contemporary American politics as well as an analysis of their respective constituencies. The role of ideology in American political life. 1 c.u.

**PSC 235 GAY AND LESBIAN POLITICS**

■ (Problem Solving and Critical Thinking Skills)

The history and development of Gay and Lesbian liberation movement(s). Topics include the politics of changing conception of homosexuals: the development of Gay culture(s) and identities; and the impact of the African/American and Women's movement upon the Gay and Lesbian movements. 1 c.u.

**PSC 242 SCIENCE AND PUBLIC POLICY**

Analysis of science as a political system competing for resources in the American political arena. The impact of science and technology upon policy making. Science as a political resource in problem solving as well as a political competitor and problem creator. 1 c.u.

**PSC 243 THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY**

An indepth study of the American presidential system, its origins, processes, power, influence and roles, including those of commander-in-chief, director of foreign policy, chief of legislation, public opinion, administration of party affairs, manager of the economy and torch-bearer of social justice. The President as a political personality and a decision and crisis manager. The office is compared with that of the heads of other governments. 1 c.u.

**PSC 244 LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT**

Introduction to State and local Government. Topics include the role of states and localities in American Federalism, the rejuvenation of State and Local Authority, budgetary allocation within the political process and the politics of State, local and Federal relations. 1 c.u.

**PSC 304 DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONFLICT**

An analysis of violent conflict within nation-states. Emphasis is given to the conditions which lead to violent conflict and violent conflict as an agent of change. Topics vary and include: civil war; revolution; domestic and state terrorism. 1 c.u.  
*Prerequisites: Two courses in any of the following areas: Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Economics or History.*

**PSC 305 INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CONFLICT**

An analysis of violent conflict within the international political system. General theories of conflict, problems of strategy; the consequences of war; the process of conflict resolution. 1 c.u.  
*Prerequisites: Two courses in any of the following areas: Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Economics or History.*

**PSC 308 THEORY AND PRACTICE IN HUMAN SERVICES**

(Also PSY/SOC 308)

This course considers several different cross-disciplinary theoretical frameworks that are relevant to understanding social problems (e.g., HIV/AIDS, poverty and homelessness, teenage motherhood, hunger, domestic violence, alcohol and drug abuse, aging, child welfare issues, etc.). The course investigates the ways in which these social problems and people's needs are addressed by our social welfare and human service institutions, both public and private. Ethical issues surrounding the provision of care and services in the human services are emphasized. Principles of group dynamics, needs assessment, participant observation and evaluative research methods are also studied. 1 c.u.

*Prerequisite: Junior standing.*

**PSC 310 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

The impact of government bureaucracies on the policy-making process. Internal processes of the federal administrative units including recruitment, budgetary conflicts, formal and informal rules and rule making; regulatory distributive and control functions. Interaction between bureaucracies and state and local governing agencies. 1 c.u.

*Prerequisites:* Two courses in any of the Social Sciences, Business Administration or Accounting.

**PSC 311 PUBLIC ECONOMICS AND FINANCE**

Major issues in macroeconomic Public Finance. The course examines the process by which government provides and allocates public goods. Major topics include the impact of Federalism upon fiscal policy, voting and interest group behavior impact upon Finance policy as well as the empirical and normative issues of taxation. 1 c.u.

*Prerequisites:* PSC 200; ECN 102.

**PSC 312 THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT**

This course explores the theoretical basis of the nonprofit sector in the United States, both historically and in today's society. Differences in theory and practices in the nonprofit sector which distinguish it from private for-profit and government sectors will also be studied. 1 c.u.

*Prerequisite:* Junior status.

**PSC 333 SELECTED STUDIES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Depending on the instructor, topics may be suited for General Political Science or the Public Administration concentrations or the minor in Public Policy. As topics change, this course may be repeated for credit. 1 c.u.

**PSC 334 AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENT POWER**

A study through cases of the role of the Supreme Court and judicial review, separation of powers, federalism, and taxation during the periods of agrarianism, laissez-faire, and welfare society; government regulation of property and the revolution in due process of the law. 1 c.u.

*Prerequisites:* Two courses in American Politics, Public Policy, Criminal Justice or American History.

**PSC 335 AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL LIBERTIES AND CIVIL RIGHTS**

A case study of the increasing protection of individuals and their freedoms from government, especially according to recent interpretations of the Bill of Rights and of the law of criminal procedure. 1 c.u.

*Prerequisites:* Two courses in American Politics, Public Policy, Criminal Justice, or American History.

**PSC 403 FUNDAMENTALS OF AMERICAN LEGAL STUDIES**

American Law is founded in English Common Law. In the course we trace its evolution to meet the perceived needs of the day. The fundamentals of the classic branches of the law will be explored including the law of contracts, torts, property, and criminal law. Guest speakers will also participate. 1 c.u.

*Prerequisite:* Junior standing.

**PSC 490 INTERNSHIP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Supervised placement in an agency or organization which is part of, or related to, the public sector. 1 c.u.

*Prerequisite:* Application procedure and consent of Instructor required.

**Criteria for entering PSC 490 Internship in Political Science:**

1. Class standing (Seniors have preference over Juniors)
2. Political Science GPA
3. Satisfactory completion of the Internship Program Application Procedure which includes:
  - A. The application form and personal essay in which the student's goals and objectives, motivations, interests, interpersonal skills and previous relevant experiences are clearly articulated.
  - B. Two letters of recommendation from Faculty who are familiar with the student's interests and performance in related courses.
  - C. Interview with the Internship Coordinator. The interview will help the Coordinator to assess student's readiness and degree of motivation for the internship experience, and help students explore options regarding the most suitable placements.