# POLITICAL SCIENCE - PSC

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<td>PSC 103</td>
<td>The American Constitution</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Provides a thorough grounding in the U.S. Constitution, which is America’s founding document, and serves as the basis for its governmental system. Prerequisite: PSC 103 or PSC 104 or permission of instructor.</td>
<td>fall &amp; spring</td>
<td>Field 5 (Social Sciences)</td>
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<td>PSC 104</td>
<td>American Political Process</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>An introduction to American politics including political socialization, public opinion and ideologies, political participation in electoral systems and mass movements, political parties and interest groups.</td>
<td>fall &amp; spring</td>
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<td>PSC 105</td>
<td>Comparative Government and Politics</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Comparative analysis of foreign countries. Governments, ideologies, parties, elections, political culture, civil society and democracy in industrialized and developing countries.</td>
<td>fall &amp; spring</td>
<td>Field 5 (Social Sciences), Global Awareness</td>
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<td>PSC 121</td>
<td>Western Political Tradition</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Development of Western political tradition from Machiavelli to present, emphasizing development of liberal, conservative and socialist traditions.</td>
<td>fall &amp; spring</td>
<td>Field 4 (History), Justice</td>
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<td>PSC 140</td>
<td>International Relations</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Introduces basic concepts and paradigms of world politics. International security, political economy, and globalization. Power politics, international organizations, transnational politics, and human rights.</td>
<td>fall &amp; spring</td>
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<td>PSC 150</td>
<td>US Foreign Policy</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Development of foreign policy since 1945, as well as government structure, decision-making processes, and controversial foreign policy issues.</td>
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<td>PSC 214</td>
<td>American Constitution</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>The institutions and policies of state and local governments, with focus on New York State. State and local elections, gubernatorial politics, state legislatures, community politics.</td>
<td>fall of odd-numbered years</td>
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<td>PSC 215</td>
<td>National Issues and Public Policy</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>History of Latin America. Introduces the region’s political, economic, and social characteristics. In-depth analysis of issues and countries in the region.</td>
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<td>PSC 224</td>
<td>Congress and the Legislative Process</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Survey of Congressional procedures and practices. Emphasis on recent changes within Congress, and the position of Congress in the U.S. political and governmental system.</td>
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<td>PSC 225</td>
<td>U.S. Presidency</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Survey of the U.S. executive branch of government, including President, Vice President, White House staff, Executive office and the bureaucracy.</td>
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<td>PSC 226</td>
<td>Interest Groups and Public Opinion in America</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Development of the notions of opinion and interest, their transmission and their influence on decision-making.</td>
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<td>PSC 236</td>
<td>Political Campaigning</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Campaigning resources, techniques, strategies and goals. Practical and theoretical treatment. Field research.</td>
<td>spring of odd-numbered years</td>
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<td>PSC 237</td>
<td>State and Local Politics</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>The institutions and policies of state and local governments, with focus on New York State. State and local elections, gubernatorial politics, state legislatures, community politics.</td>
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<td>PSC 240</td>
<td>Governmental System</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>The institutions and policies of state and local governments, with focus on New York State. State and local elections, gubernatorial politics, state legislatures, community politics.</td>
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<td>PSC 242</td>
<td>International Organizations</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>International and transnational. Intergovernmental and non-governmental. Regional and global. Content areas: political, economic and humanitarian.</td>
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<td>PSC 250</td>
<td>Politics in Latin America</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>PSC 270</td>
<td>Information Literacy</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Introduces students to the concept of information literacy, “a set of abilities requiring individuals to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information” (ALA, 1989). Over the course of the semester students will learn to apply these abilities to conduct research effectively and efficiently.</td>
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*Note: Offered: indicates the semester the course is typically offered.*
PSC 335 Political Parties  3 Credits
Development and present conditions of political parties. What they do and why they do it. Parties’ past and present roles, as well as their future prospects.
Offered: fall of odd-numbered years.

PSC 336 Urban Government and Politics  3 Credits
Structure, function, operation and politics of local government. Machine and reform models, power and participation. Significant policy issues to be addressed include schools, finances, land use, planning and crime.
Fulfills College Core: Field 5 (Social Sciences)
Offered: fall of even-numbered years.

PSC 345 Transnational Crime After 9/11  3 Credits
Fulfills College Core: (part of the Global Citizenship Core Pathway), Field 5 (Social Sciences), Global Awareness
Offered: spring of even-numbered years.

PSC 355 European Union  3 Credits
History of European integration. Structure, process and politics of EU policies. Optional co-curricular international, intercollegiate simulation of the EU and travel (EuroSim).
Fulfills College Core: (part of the Global Citizenship Core Pathway), Field 5 (Social Sciences), Global Awareness, Oral Communication
Offered: every spring.

PSC 360 Political Economy of the Developing World  3 Credits
Reviews the main theories on development. Explores the relationship between international and domestic factor in fostering development.
Fulfills College Core: Field 5 (Social Sciences)
Offered: every spring.

PSC 370 Domestic Conflicts & Peace  3 Credits
Examines the factors that account for domestic conflicts. Explores the different mechanisms for their resolution and the challenges faced by post-conflict societies.
Fulfills College Core: Advanced Writing-Intensive, Field 5 (Social Sciences)
Offered: fall of even numbered years.

PSC 401 Political Science Capstone 1 Credit
Focuses on professional development and career planning related to the major, including law, government, politics, lobbying, security, international affairs, teaching, and business. Classroom sessions and online assignments to prepare students for postgraduate success. Offered with cooperation of career planning experts in the GriffCenter.
Offered: every fall.

PSC 420 The Constitution, The War on Terror and Civil Liberties  3 Credits
Civil liberties issues in the war on terrorism. Treatment and rights of detainees, enhanced interrogation, ethnic and racial profiling, use of the war power including drone strikes, data collection, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act; U.S. citizens as enemy combatants. Military detention and trial of terrorist suspects.
Offered: spring of odd-numbered years.

PSC 442 Seminar in International Relations  3 Credits
Theoretically informed perspectives on global affairs explored through selected topics and issues unified by a central theme, such as leaders and leadership in international politics.
Prerequisite: senior International Relations major, or permission of instructor. Restriction: must be an International Relations major or obtain permission of instructor.
Fulfills College Core: Core Capstone, (part of the Global Citizenship Core Pathway)
Offered: occasionally, currently scheduled for fall 2018.

PSC 452 Politics of Identity in Europe  3 Credits
Restriction: seniors only.
Fulfills College Core: Core Capstone, (part of the Global Citizenship Core Pathway)
Offered: occasionally, currently scheduled for fall 2018.

PSC 498 Internship 1-12 Credits
A variety of opportunities are available locally, as well as in Washington, DC and Albany. Internships arranged by faculty members in government, law offices and non-profit organizations. Prior to seeking approval, a student must work with a faculty member to develop a syllabus of learning goals, written outputs and deadlines. Pass-Fail. Does not apply as a major elective.
Prerequisite: permission of chair of the political science department & associate dean.
Offered: fall & spring.

PSC 499 Independent Study 1-3 Credits
Research and/or directed reading under direction of faculty members associated with the Political Science department. Prior to seeking approval, a student must work with a faculty member and his/her on-site supervisor to develop a syllabus of learning goals, written outputs and deadlines. Independent studies require an application and approval by the associate dean.
Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair, & associate dean.
Offered: fall & spring.