

POLITICAL SCIENCE - PSC

<p>PSC 103 The American Constitution 3 Credits Provides a thorough grounding in the U.S. Constitution, which is America's founding document, and serves as the basis for its governmental system. Fulfills College Core: Field 5 (Social Sciences) Offered: fall & spring.</p>	<p>PSC 225 U.S. Presidency 3 Credits Survey of the U.S. executive branch of government, including President, Vice President, White House staff, Executive office and the bureaucracy. Offered: fall of odd-numbered years.</p>
<p>PSC 104 American Political Process 3 Credits 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. Fulfills College Core: Field 5 (Social Sciences) Offered: fall & spring.</p>	<p>PSC 233 Interest Groups and Public Opinion in America 3 Credits Development of the notions of opinion and interest, their transmission and their influence on decision-making. Offered: spring of even-numbered years.</p>
<p>PSC 111 Western Political Tradition 3 Credits Development of Western political tradition from Machiavelli to present, emphasizing development of liberal, conservative and socialist traditions. Fulfills College Core: Field 4 (History), Justice Offered: fall & spring.</p>	<p>PSC 236 Political Campaigning 3 Credits Campaigning resources, techniques, strategies and goals. Practical and theoretical treatment. Field research. Offered: spring of odd-numbered years.</p>
<p>PSC 140 International Relations 3 Credits Introduces basic concepts and paradigms of world politics. International security, political economy, and globalization. Power politics, international organizations, transnational politics, and human rights. Fulfills College Core: Field 5 (Social Sciences), Global Awareness Offered: fall & spring.</p>	<p>PSC 237 State and Local Politics 3 Credits 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. Offered: fall of odd-numbered years.</p>
<p>PSC 150 Comparative Government and Politics 3 Credits Comparative analysis of foreign countries. Governments, ideologies, parties, elections, political culture, civil society and democracy in industrialized and developing countries. Fulfills College Core: Field 5 (Social Sciences), Global Awareness Offered: every fall.</p>	<p>PSC 241 Human Rights and Globalization 3 Credits History and evolution of international human rights laws. Explores human rights violations, challenges for enforcing human rights and prosecuting abuses. Analysis of human rights conditions in different world regions. Fulfills College Core: Field 5 (Social Sciences), Global Awareness Offered: every fall.</p>
<p>PSC 201 Race, Law, and Politics 3 Credits This course acknowledges the challenges posed by America's legacy of white supremacy and explores constitutional, political, and cultural efforts to overcome that legacy. In the first unit of the course, we lay a foundation for the course by considering the political ideals and compromises at the heart of the American experiment. We examine the shifting coalitional politics that set the stage for civil war and the new constitutional politics that follow the war. In the second unit, we next consider the civil rights movement of the Twentieth Century, growing agency within the black community, and counter-movements in law and culture. In the third unit of the course, we draw upon the context provided by the first two units to evaluate critically the current moment in American racial politics—including the ways in which the rise of a new rhetorical presidency, social media, and the ubiquitous filming of everyday life expose lingering racial bias in law and culture. Fulfills College Core: Diversity, Field 5 (Social Sciences) Offered: occasionally.</p>	<p>PSC 242 International Organizations 3 Credits International and transnational. Intergovernmental and non- governmental. Regional and global. Content areas: political, economic and humanitarian. Fulfills College Core: Advanced Writing-Intensive, Field 5 (Social Sciences), Global Awareness Offered: fall of odd-numbered years.</p>
<p>PSC 215 National Issues and Public Policy 3 Credits Selected policy issues and their relationship to the political process including health care, homeland security, welfare and housing. Offered: fall of even-numbered years.</p>	<p>PSC 245 American Foreign Policy 3 Credits US foreign relations in political perspective, including diplomatic history since 1945, as well as government structure, decision-making processes, and controversial foreign policy issues. Offered: Offered every other year; next scheduled for 2022-2023.</p>
<p>PSC 224 Congress and the Legislative Process 3 Credits 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. Fulfills College Core: Field 5 (Social Sciences), Oral Communication Offered: fall of even-numbered years.</p>	<p>PSC 250 Politics in Latin America 3 Credits History of Latin America. Introduces the region's political, economic, and social characteristics. In-depth analysis of issues and countries in the region. Fulfills College Core: Field 5 (Social Sciences), Global Awareness Offered: every spring.</p>
	<p>PSC 270 Facing Borders: Using Information in the 21st Century 3 Credits 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. Fulfills College Core: Global Awareness Offered: occasionally.</p>
	<p>PSC 320 American Constitutional Law I 3 Credits Development of constitutional law in the U.S. from the founding to present. Use of case-study method with focus on judicial review, the separation of powers and federalism. The growth of executive authority and the emergence of the administrative state. Fulfills College Core: Justice Offered: every fall.</p>

- PSC 321 American Constitutional Law II** 3 Credits
The historical origin and development of the Bill of Rights. Close examination of Supreme Court decisions interpreting and expanding rights. Freedom of speech and religion, due process and equal protection. Current controversies over the right to privacy, affirmative action and gender equality.
Fulfills College Core: Justice
Offered: spring of even-numbered years.
- PSC 334 Public Administration** 3 Credits
The Federal Bureaucracy: its relationship to the executive and the public. Elements and issues of public-sector management.
Prerequisite: PSC 103 or PSC 104 or permission of instructor.
Offered: every spring.
- 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 338 Refugee Resettlement in the United States** 3 Credits
This is a seminar focused on exploring, appreciating, and unpacking refugee resettlement through scholarship and the voices of (former) refugees. Students will be assigned a variety of readings that provide a comprehensive understanding of the displacement, trauma, forced migration, and jarring arrival of the group of immigrants whom we call refugees. This course begins with an understanding of the Holocaust and its effect on international law and the United Nations and the creation of the founding documents governing refugees. We will continue by breaking down international law, and then shift to examining how refugee resettlement works in the United States and in comparative context. Students will gain a profound appreciation for the refugee experience. The course will grapple with theoretical notions of borders, belonging, citizenship and 'illegality,' while concurrently using intersectional theories to understand how immigration politics are "raced" and "gendered."
Fulfills College Core: Diversity, Field 5 (Social Sciences)
Offered: every spring.
- PSC 344 Transnational Crime After 9/11** 3 Credits
Cross-border organized crime and responses, especially in North America and Europe. Emphasis on drug trafficking, terrorism and irregular immigration. Crime-fighting, counter-terrorism, border management and international police cooperation. Brief videos, feature films, reading, weekly discussion posts, short essays, crime analysis, and a written team project. Instruction in research and writing. Students will engage course materials, peers, and the instructor in an online environment.
Fulfills College Core: Advanced Writing-Intensive, Field 5 (Social Sciences), Global Awareness
Offered: summer, online only.
- PSC 345 Transnational Crime After 9/11** 3 Credits
Cross-border organized crime and responses, especially in North America and Europe. Emphasis on drug trafficking, terrorism and irregular immigration. Crime-fighting, counter-terrorism, border management and international police cooperation. Guest speakers and video.
Fulfills College Core: 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: Field 5 (Social Sciences), Global Awareness, Oral Communication
Offered: spring of odd-numbered years.
- 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), Global Awareness
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 post-graduate 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.
Restriction: seniors only.
Fulfills College Core: Core Capstone
Offered: every spring.
- PSC 452 Politics of Identity in Europe** 3 Credits
Nationalism, separatism and European identities. Immigrant communities and responses by Europe's governments and political parties. Islam in Europe and challenges for identity and security. Lessons for U.S. public policy.
Restriction: seniors only.
Fulfills College Core: Core Capstone
Offered: occasionally.
- 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.