

POLITICAL SCIENCE (PS)

PS 506 METH & APPROCH TO POL SCI (3 Hours)

A review of traditional, behavioral and post behavioral approaches to political science, methods of research and explanation. A required course.

PS 507 POLITCL INQUIRY & RESEAR (3 Hours)

An inquiry into concepts and methods of social science in general and of political science in particular; the philosophy of science; presuppositions, aims and history of procedures and methods, research techniques, sources, bibliography and the presentation and publication of investigative results. A required course.

PS 509 AFRICAN POLITICAL SYSTEMS (3 Hours)

This course includes traditional African political systems and their developments; the impact of colonialism on the systems, African nationalism, and the politics of independent Africa.

PS 512 BLACK POLITICAL THOUGHT (3 Hours)

A study of Black political theory that has developed since the end of the civil rights period with an evaluation of new concepts in Black political theory and the links between these concepts and the historical problems considered in Afro-American political theory.

PS 515 MODERN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (3 Hours)

A history of political philosophy in which attention is given to the dilemma of democracy with emphasis on liberty and equality, liberalism, Marxism, colonialism, feminism, nationalism, and post-modernism. The impact of historical events will be explored. Attention will be given to the works of Tocqueville, Wellstonecraft, Mill, Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche, Fanon, Martin Luther King, and Rawls.

PS 524 American Political Behavior (3 Hours)

The purpose of this course is to examine the economic, philosophical, political, religious, and social discourse of American political behavior. It will explore essential topics in the study of behavior including, but not limited to, suffrage, voting, the Constitution, the role of democracy, rules, relative power, notions of freedom, and the elusiveness of equality.

PS 532 African American Politics (3 Hours)

The purpose of this course is to examine the economic, philosophical, political, religious, and social discourse of African Americans. It will explore essential topics in African American politics including, but not limited to, social justice, the role of democracy, identity politics, relative power, notions of freedom, and the elusiveness of equality.

PS 537 URBANIZTN SOC CHG & POLI (3 Hours)

This course will explicitly examine the political effect of urbanization and its attendant social changes as reflected in the political culture of different parts of the United States and the world.

PS 539 Urban Political Structures (3 Hours)

This course examines the rise of Black politics in urban areas, relations between whites and Blacks in the urban city, as well as the concept of community, and particularly, the changing political process.

PS 556 American Political Institutions (3 Hours)

The purpose of this course is to examine the economic, philosophical, political, religious, and social discourse of American political institutions. It will explore essential topics in the study of institutions including, but not limited to, the Constitution, the role of democracy, rules, relative power, notions of freedom, and the elusiveness of equality.

PS 565 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (3 Hours)

The nation-state system and conceptions of the national interest in modern world politics, forms and distribution of power and the adjustment of international conflict.

PS 581 Metropolitan Areas and Community Power Analysis (3 Hours)

An examination of the national and urban power structures in the United States, community power structures, studies, models of urban political process. Elitism and pluralism and the implications for the Black community, the politics of metropolitan reorganization and its impact on Black politics, the metropolitan areas in the American federal system, and suburban-central city conflicts.

PS 583 SPECIAL TOPICS SEMINAR (3 Hours)

An indepth examination of a particular subfield or topic of interest to political scientists through a detailed examination of the literature and/or original research.

PS 596 INDEPENDENT STUDY (1-6 Hours)

The student is allowed to select research which will be beneficial to his/her program. The topic must be approved by the adviser and the instructor selected by the student for the research.

PS 597 INTERNSHIP (3 Hours)

Prerequisite: Core Courses.

Individual work experience in government agencies.

PS 598 THESIS (3 Hours)

The candidate for the Master of Arts degree presents a Thesis embodying the results of his research. The candidate chooses his problem but approval by his adviser is required.