POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS-GRADUATE

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.

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: complete
minimum of 56 credit hours of university course work.

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. Recommended: PSC 555.

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  Public Sector Information Technology Management  3(3-0)
To teach public administrators applied management techniques for public sector information
systems, and the computer's role in the management of information in a democracy.
Prerequisites: PSC 210; 56 semester hours completed or graduate status.

PSC 590  Independent Study 1-6(Spec)
Prerequisite: 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.
POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS-GRADUATE

PSC 598  
Special Topics in Political Science 1-12(Spec)  
Subject matter not included in courses currently listed in Bulletin.

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 675  
The Public Sector Role in Post-Disaster Recovery 3(3-0)  
Analysis of the emergency and crisis management considerations necessary to restoration of public services following a disaster. Prerequisites: Admission to the MPA program.

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. Recommended: Admission to MPA program.

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. Recommended: Admission to MPA program.

PSC 740  
Seminar in Comparative Politics 3(3-0)  
Examination of the specific approaches and methods of comparative political analysis.
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<td>Study and research in the problems and the process of state government. Content varies. Recommended: PSC 561.</td>
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<td>Seminar in Political Theory</td>
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<td>Investigation of selected aspects of ancient or modern political thought through a variety of sources.</td>
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<td>Normative theoretical inquiry into the ethical dimensions of public administration through a variety of sources in political thought and administrative theory.</td>
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<td>Strategic Planning for Public/Non-Profit Organizations</td>
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<td>Study of strategic planning process and documents in public and non-profit organizations. Develop and critique strategic plans, goals, and information processes. Recommended: PSC 713 or PSC 714.</td>
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<td>Organization Theory in Public Administration</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Conceptual frameworks within which policy is studied, and relationship between theory and empirical research.</td>
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<td>This course focuses on regression analysis in political science and how to apply such methods to scholarly research. Prerequisite: PSC 680.</td>
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<td>Strategic Leadership</td>
<td>3(3-0)</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>An integrative learning experience where students apply textbook knowledge to public administration and public affairs work experience. CR/NC only. Prerequisite: permission of instructor.</td>
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