

# Political Science Courses

## (POLISCI)

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## POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLISCI)

### POLISCI 501

#### **Political Science Research Methods 3 u**

An introduction to basic research methods in political science. Topics will include various data collection and analysis techniques on the U.S. Presidency, the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Supreme Court, political socialization, political parties, interest groups, civil violence, rebellion, and revolution. Students will obtain “hands-on” experience with computer software designed specifically for political science and the social sciences. This is not a statistics course, and no previous knowledge of statistical methods is assumed. Prereq: Three credits of political science.

### POLISCI 518

#### **The American Presidency 3 u**

Analysis and discussion of the various roles of the President regarding his constitutional status and powers, nomination and election, administrative responsibilities, legislative and political leadership, and his role in the conduct of foreign relations. Prereq: Three credits of political science.

### POLISCI 519

#### **American Political Parties and Elections 3 u**

This course will examine the development, organization, and functions of political parties and elections in the American political systems. Topics include the nature and function of political parties, nominations and elections, political campaigns and campaign finance, voting behavior and party realignment issues, and the role of the party in government policy-making. Graduate Students will be required to complete an additional paper.

Prereq: Three credits of political science.

### POLISCI 612

#### **Contemporary Political Thought 3 u**

An in-depth study of certain selected topics of contemporary importance, such as the resolution of power conflicts, the theory and practice of nonviolence and the existentialist dilemma.

Prereq: Three credits of political science.

## POLISCI 614

### **The Constitution And Civil Liberties 3 u**

A course focusing on the constitutional development of equal protection and of the rights and freedoms of individuals and the limitations upon the powers of government, both state and national.

Prereq: Three credits of political science.

## POLISCI 615

### **Criminal Justice And The Constitution 3 u**

This course examines the role of the major participants in the criminal justice system - defendants, police, prosecutions, courts, and corrections - and the development of constitutional law regulating their behavior.

Prereq: Three credits of political science.

## POLISCI 620

### **American Political Thought 3 u**

A study of the fundamental political ideas of America and the political philosophers who espoused them from colonial times to the present.

Prereq: Three credits of political science.

## POLISCI 664

## POLISCI 690

### **Workshop 1-6 u**

Prereq: Three credits of political science.

## POLISCI 691

## POLISCI 694

### **Seminar 3 u**

## POLISCI 696

### **Special Studies 1-3 u**

Prereq: Three credits of political science.

## POLISCI 790

### **Workshop 1-4 u**

## POLISCI 793

### **Internship In Political Science 1-12 u**

Study and work with a government unit or in some area of public affairs under the direction of a faculty supervisor. Students will have the opportunity to combine academic learning with practical experience in government and politics. Students may earn a maximum of 12 credits.

Prereq: A political science general studies course.

POLISCI 794

**Seminar 1-3 u**

POLISCI 798

**Individual Studies 1-3 u**