

POLITICAL SCIENCE (PS)

PS 110 American National Government 3 Hours

The essentials of the political system and processes, particularly at the national level, in the United States. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code E-SB | SB**

Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; summer 2023; fall 2023; spring 2024; summer 2024; fall 2024; spring 2025; summer 2025; fall 2025

PS 200 Latin American Society: Past and Present 3 Hours

A broad interdisciplinary introduction to the study of Latin America, emphasizing its regions, peoples, and cultures. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-SC**

Prerequisite(s): 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status

Equivalent(s): GEOG 200, ANTH 200, SPAN 200, HIST 200

Recent Term(s) Offered: None

PS 201 Concepts of Political Science 3 Hours

Examines the linkage between politics and political thought in modern societies. Students apply a variety of theoretical concepts to specific policy areas.

Recent Term(s) Offered: None

PS 220 Judicial Process 3 Hours

An introduction to the American legal system, the process of legal reasoning and legal resolution of value conflicts. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-SY**

Prerequisite(s): 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status

Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; summer 2023; fall 2023; spring 2024; fall 2024; spring 2025; fall 2025

PS 275 Introduction to Citizenship 3 Hours

Examines what it means to be a citizen of a community, nation, and world; designed to introduce students to the basic theories, concepts and issues of citizenship.

Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; fall 2023; spring 2024; fall 2024; spring 2025; fall 2025

PS 299 Contemporary Topics in Political Science 1-3 Hours

Examination of significant current issues in political science not covered in regular departmental offerings.

Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; summer 2023; fall 2023; fall 2024; spring 2025

PS 301 Using Statistics in Political Science 3 Hours

Understanding and application of statistics for the analysis of political phenomena and behavior. Uses statistical software to conduct statistical analysis of quantitative data.

Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; spring 2024; spring 2025

PS 302 Research Design in Political Science 3 Hours

Use of the scientific method as applied to political and social issues. Development of appropriate strategy and design to test research questions. Explores development of research questions, research ethics, research design, and collection of data.

Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2023; fall 2024; fall 2025

PS 303 Politics and Film 3 Hours

Explores the relationship between politics and film. Demonstrates how film serves as a political archive and agent of social change and how film affects political views and representations of reality.

Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2024

PS 304 State Government 3 Hours

Political features of the American states and their governments. Explores similarities and differences among the states' constitutions and key governmental institutions. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-SY**

Prerequisite(s): 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status

Recent Term(s) Offered: summer 2023; fall 2023; summer 2024; fall 2024; summer 2025; fall 2025

PS 310 The American Presidency 3 Hours

An examination of the American presidency as a political institution; and the development of the presidential office, its powers and functions.

Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; spring 2024; fall 2025

PS 311 Public Policy 3 Hours

Examines how issues get on the government agenda; how policy decisions are made; who implements policy and how well. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-SY**

Prerequisite(s): 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status

Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; spring 2024

PS 316 The Legislative Process 3 Hours

A study of legislatures and their role in the American government system. The emphasis is on the U.S. Congress but other legislative bodies are also studied.

Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2024

PS 320 American Studies I 3 Hours

This course is designed to examine the diverse origins and the decisive elements in the development of American culture. It should also provide a wide appreciation and a greater understanding of the mainstream of American thought. These goals are accomplished through the coordinated application of numerous viewpoints drawn from the contributing disciplines of English, Political Science and History. Note: Permission of instructor. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-SC**

Prerequisite(s): 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status

Equivalent(s): HIST 320

Recent Term(s) Offered: None

PS 321 American Studies II 3 Hours

This course is designed to examine the diverse origins and the decisive elements in the development of American culture. It should also provide a wide appreciation and a greater understanding of the mainstream of American thought. These goals are accomplished through the coordinated application of numerous viewpoints drawn from the contributing disciplines of English, Political Science and History. Note: Permission of instructor may be required.

Restriction(s): Students with a semester level of Academy Junior, Academy Senior, Freshman or Sophomore may **not** enroll.

Recent Term(s) Offered: None

PS 324 Mock Trial I 1.5-3 Hours (repeatable max of 3 hrs)
Introductory study of trial techniques used by lawyers in the courtroom. Students gain an appreciation for courtroom procedure, legal issues and public speaking by taking on the roles of attorneys and witnesses in a fictitious courtroom trial. Note: Permission of instructor.
Prerequisite(s): PS 110
Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2024; fall 2025

PS 325 Mock Trial II 1.5-3 Hours (repeatable max of 3 hrs)
Continuation of study of trial techniques used by lawyers in the courtroom. Students will concentrate on trial strategy, examination of witnesses and the presentation of arguments by taking on the roles of attorneys in a fictitious courtroom trial. Note: Permission of instructor.
Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; spring 2025; fall 2025

PS 326 Constitutional Law 3 Hours
Study and analysis of leading constitutional decisions dealing with judicial review, government powers over domestic and foreign affairs, federalism and the relationships between the functional branches of government.
Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2023; fall 2024; fall 2025

PS 327 Civil Liberties 3 Hours
Study and analysis of leading constitutional decisions and other materials concerning individual liberties in the U.S.
Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2024

PS 328 Criminal Justice Procedures 3 Hours
A study of constitutional criminal procedure, principally under the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.
Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; spring 2025

PS 330 Introduction to Political Theory 3 Hours
A survey of the great thinkers and issues of politics which have shaped western civilization. Note: Three hours of Political Science courses or permission of instructor.
Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2023; spring 2025

PS 331 Politics Outside the Box 3 Hours
Provides insight in the social construction of power by investigating political symbols, characters and argument in popular culture and public policy.
Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2025

PS 338 Government and Ethics 3 Hours
Course examines ethical issues and controversies emerging from the behavior and decisions of public officials within the American political system. A variety of pedagogical techniques are employed to stimulate and develop ethical thinking, moral reasoning and written and oral communication skills. Note: Permission of instructor.
Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2025

PS 340 Principles of Public Administration 3 Hours (repeatable max of 9 hrs)
An exploration of theoretical and practical issues related to the administration of public programs, policies and organizations.
Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-SY
Prerequisite(s): 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status
Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2023; winter 2024; spring 2025

PS 355 International Organization and Law 3 Hours
Explores how the behavior of nominally sovereign countries is constrained or otherwise influenced by international law and other efforts to "organize" international relations. International institutions such as the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe are examined. Note: Permission of instructor.
Prerequisite(s): PS 250
Equivalent(s): IA 355
Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; summer 2024

PS 359 Politics of North Korea 3 Hours
Explores the politics and society of North Korea through a blend of scholarly work, news reports, art, propaganda, first-hand accounts, and documentaries.
Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2025

PS 366 Government and Politics in East Asia 3 Hours
An analysis of political development in selected east Asian nations, including Japan, Korea, China, Singapore and Thailand. Includes study of the interrelationship between politics, economics and culture primarily in the post-World War II period. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-LG**
Prerequisite(s): 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status
Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2023; fall 2024; fall 2025

PS 370 American Political Parties and Interest Groups 3 Hours
Explores the role that political parties and interest groups play in American politics. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-SY**
Prerequisite(s): 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status
Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; spring 2025

PS 371 Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior 3 Hours
A study of the formation and expression of public opinion, of the attitudes and experiences which influence voting, and of the manner in which public policy is related to opinion and elections.
Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2024

PS 372 Politics and the Mass Media 3 Hours
A study of the impact of television, newspapers, news magazines, and radio on national political institutions and political processes.
Recent Term(s) Offered: None

PS 373 Minority Politics 3 Hours
A study of the contemporary status and efforts made by African Americans, Hispanics and other minority groups to organize for political action; discusses political and socioeconomic constraints on the development of that power. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-SC**
Prerequisite(s): 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status
Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2024; fall 2025

PS 374 Women and Politics 3 Hours
An examination of the political, economic and social status of American women from an historical and contemporary perspective; explores issues of concern to women in a political context. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-SC**
Prerequisite(s): 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status
Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; fall 2023; fall 2025

PS 375 Fundamentals of Political Campaign Management 3 Hours
Provides students with an orientation to the basic systems and interrelated roles, which must be managed in order to produce electoral victory.

Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2024

PS 376 Political Management 3 Hours

Applied course with focus on developing skills related to political management including fundraising, issue advocacy and media strategy.

Recent Term(s) Offered: None

PS 377 Politics of the American South 3 Hours

Examination of politics in the American South from the pre-Civil War era to the present. **Colonnade/Statewide General Education Code K-SC**

Prerequisite(s): 21 hours of Foundations and Explorations Courses, or junior status

Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2024

PS 400 Selected Topics in American Government 3 Hours (repeatable max of 6 hrs)

Course provides advanced students with an opportunity to analyze important substantive problems and current issues not presently covered by departmental offerings. Note: Permission of instructor may be required.

Restriction(s): Students with a semester level of Academy Junior, Academy Senior, Freshman or Sophomore may **not** enroll.

Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; fall 2023; fall 2025

PS 403 Field Studies in Politics 3 Hours

Course is designed to involve students in practical problems of political research. Students are directed through the design and execution of a major field study.

Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; fall 2023; spring 2024; fall 2024; spring 2025; fall 2025

PS 405 Washington Internship and Academic Seminars 3-6 Hours (repeatable max of 6 hrs)

An individualized internship and/or seminar experience in Washington, D.C. tailored to the student's area of interest. Placement is determined by the department academic advisor in collaboration with Washington professionals. May not be repeated toward major or minor credit.

Recent Term(s) Offered: fall 2023; fall 2024; fall 2025

PS 407 Directed Studies in Government 3 Hours

Allows students to work independently with a specific instructor on an approved topic, issue or political concept/theme. Note: 3.0 grade point average required.

Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; summer 2023; fall 2023; spring 2024; summer 2024; fall 2024; spring 2025; fall 2025

PS 412 Kentucky Government and Politics 3 Hours

A general survey course tracing the government and political development of the state from its constitutional beginning to the present. Primary focus will be on the major factors and issues in the state's political development within the context of the national governmental setting. The course will trace the role and influence of various political and social institutions in the state's political development and their implications for the current political and governmental situation. Note: Permission of instructor.

Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2025

PS 420 Selected Topics in Public Law 3 Hours (repeatable max of 6 hrs)

Course provides students with the opportunity to analyze important legal questions and current issues related to the field of public law. Note: Permission of instructor.

Recent Term(s) Offered: winter 2025; summer 2025

PS 424 Administrative Law 3 Hours

A study of the development of and trends in administrative law with emphasis on the problems caused by the exercise of quasi legislative and quasi judicial powers by administrative agencies, including the rights, duties and liabilities of public officials, relief against administrative action, jurisdiction, conclusiveness and judicial control. Note: Permission of instructor may be required.

Restriction(s): Students with a semester level of Academy Junior, Academy Senior, Freshman or Sophomore may **not** enroll.

Recent Term(s) Offered: None

PS 430 Selected Topics in Political Theory 3 Hours (repeatable max of 6 hrs)

Examination of specialized topics in political theory not covered in regular departmental offerings.

Recent Term(s) Offered: winter 2023

PS 435 American Political Thought 3 Hours

A study of American political theory from the American Revolution to the present, including issues such as slavery, civil rights, and the meaning of political and economic freedom. Note: Three hours of Political Science courses or Permission of Instructor is required.

Restriction(s): Students with a semester level of Academy Junior, Academy Senior, Freshman or Sophomore may **not** enroll.

Recent Term(s) Offered: None

PS 480 Selected Topics in Public Policy 3 Hours (repeatable max of 6 hrs)

Seminar on special topics in public policy and public administration.

Note: Permission of Instructor required.

Recent Term(s) Offered: summer 2024

PS 488 Seminar in Political Communication 3 Hours

The role, processes, and effects of communication within the context of politics. This course is required of all Political Communication Certificate students. Note: Permission of instructor may be required.

Restriction(s): Students with a semester level of Academy Junior, Academy Senior, Freshman, Junior or Sophomore may **not** enroll.

Recent Term(s) Offered: None

PS 490 Internship in State Government 6 Hours

Evaluation by the academic coordinator and agency supervisors of the intern's performance of assigned agency functions. Interns are full-time employees (40 hr/wk) for the duration of their internship program. Job assignments are made with the mutual consultation and consent of the intern, the agency and the academic coordinator.

Recent Term(s) Offered: None

PS 491 Research in State Government 3 Hours

Submission of a major research paper by the intern to an academic coordinator. Research is supervised by the academic coordinator in conjunction with the agency supervisor. May deal with assigned agency research function or may be independent of intern's role, but related to the agency need.

Recent Term(s) Offered: None

PS 492 Kentucky Legislative Processes 3 Hours

Focuses on contemporary problems and processes of the state legislative process. Discusses and analyzes state legislative affairs through discussion of issues by key state government personnel as well as through textbook materials. Note: Acceptance into the Kentucky Legislative Intern Program is required.

Recent Term(s) Offered: None

PS 493 Issues in Human Resource Management 3 Hours

Focuses on Kentucky public personnel practices; examines the Kentucky merit system in theoretical and applied context; extensive emphasis on practical knowledge and use of State personnel for class lectures and projects.

Recent Term(s) Offered: None

PS 498 Internship in Public Administration 3 Hours

Designed to provide the student with work experience in a public sector or non-profit agency combined with faculty direction. Note: Permission of the instructor is required.

Recent Term(s) Offered: None

PS 499 Senior Seminar in Government 3 Hours

Integrates concepts and approaches learned during study of government. Engages students and faculty in sustained consideration of significant political issues/questions. Note: Permission of instructor is required.

Restriction(s): Students with a semester level of Academy Junior, Academy Senior, Freshman, Junior or Sophomore may **not** enroll.

Recent Term(s) Offered: spring 2023; fall 2023; spring 2024; fall 2024; spring 2025; fall 2025