

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLISCI)

## Courses

### **POLISCI 501 POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS 3 Units**

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.

### **POLISCI 544 STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT 3 Units**

A study of modern American state and local governments, their evolution from colonial beginnings, their problems, and their potential. Topics include constitutional revision, the role of governors, legislatures, and courts, forms of urban and rural government and state-local relations.

### **POLISCI 550 INTERNATIONAL LAW 3 Units**

A study of international law, its sources, development and content. Selected readings on theory, and form decisions and opinions of the Permanent Court of International Justice and the International Court of Justice.

### **POLISCI 619 THE JUDICIAL PROCESS 3 Units**

A study of the American judicial system as a part of the larger framework of the political, social and economic systems of the nation. Emphasis will be on topics such as the judicial role, judicial organization and jurisdiction, judicial power and the decisional process rather than legal cases.

### **POLISCI 620 AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT 3 Units**

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

### **POLISCI 630 FORMATION OF PUBLIC POLICY 3 Units**

This course will examine the major public policy problems facing the United States today and the political processes seeking to resolve these problems. Special emphasis to be given to governmental cooperation in seeking to resolve these problems.

### **POLISCI 690 WORKSHOP *Repeatable* 1-6 Units**

Variable topics. Group activity oriented presentations emphasizing "hands on" and participatory instructional techniques.  
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### **POLISCI 691 TRAVEL STUDY *Repeatable* 1-3 Units**

Variable topics. Group activity oriented presentations emphasizing "hands on" and participatory instructional techniques.

### **POLISCI 696 SPECIAL STUDIES *Repeatable* 1-3 Units**

Variable topics. Group activity. Not offered regularly in the curriculum but offered on topics selected on the basis of timeliness, need, and interest, and generally in the format of regularly scheduled Catalog offerings.  
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### **POLISCI 793 INTERNSHIP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE *Repeatable* 1-12 Units**

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.

### **POLISCI 794 SEMINAR 1-3 Units**

Variable topics. Group activity. An advanced course of study in a defined subject matter area emphasizing a small group in intense study with a faculty member.

### **POLISCI 798 INDIVIDUAL STUDIES *Repeatable* 1-3 Units**

Study of a selected topic or topics under the direction of a faculty member.