

Department of Political Science and Public Administration

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The Department of Political Science and Public Administration offers programs of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree in political science as well as the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree. Undergraduates with strong academic records can participate in our Advanced Bachelor/Masters (ABM) program, in which up to 12 hours can be used towards both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Political science is concerned with understanding the ways in which government can influence society. The curriculum in political science provides opportunities to systematically and critically study American government and politics, to compare various national political systems, to investigate conflict and cooperation among nation-states, to explore the historical development of political theory, to study human rights at the global and local levels, to analyze the organization and management of public affairs, and to master the methods of political research.

The political science major is an appropriate background for careers in law; social science teaching; state, local, and federal government; foreign diplomacy and international affairs; journalism; campaigns and electioneering; non-profit advocacy; and political research.

We offer different degree options to suit your particular interests and goals. The B.A. in Political Science allows you to take a broad variety of courses within the field of Political Science. For those of you who want to focus on a certain area within Political Science we offer three different concentrations, American Politics and Political Theory, Global Politics and Policy, and Human Rights and Social Justice.

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Political Science

A grade of C or better is required in all Political Science courses. In fulfilling the requirements below, students must have 17 hours at the 300-level or above, 9 of which must be at the 400 level.

Requirements	Hours
Political Science ²	
PSC 101 Foundations of American Government ¹	3
PSC 400 Data, Politics, and Policy	3
Capstone	
Select one course from the following:	3
PSC 498 Capstone Public Affairs Internship	
PSC 499 Capstone in Political Science and International Studies	
400 Level Elective	3
PSC 418 Politics and Race in America	
PSC 422 Gender, Politics, & Policy	
PSC 431 American Constitutional Law	
PSC 432 Law and Society	
PSC 440 American Political Thought	
PSC 443 Digital Democracy	
PSC 444 Human Rights and Technology	
PSC 456 Revolution and Political Violence	

PSC 458	Human Trafficking
PSC 459	Politics of Transitional Justice
PSC 461	International Political Economy
PSC 465	International Law
PSC 466	The United Nations
PSC 471	Political Propaganda in Film
Select 24 credit hours from additional PSC courses:	
PSC 100	Public Service
PSC 102	Foundations of Comparative Politics
PSC 103	Foundations of International Relations
PSC 104	Foundations of Political Theory
PSC 120	Urban Politics
PSC 170	Contemporary Political Issues
PSC 221	American State and Local Government
PSC 270	Law and Film
PSC 271	Contemporary Political Issues
PSC 310	American Public Policy
PSC 316	Human Rights
PSC 317	Religion and Politics
PSC 319	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
PSC 320	Political Participation
PSC 321	Public Opinion in American Politics
PSC 322	Gender, Politics, & Policy
PSC 323	Public Administration and Policy
PSC 324	American Foreign Policy
PSC 330	The American Judicial Process
PSC 331	The U.S. Congress
PSC 332	The American Presidency
PSC 333	Political Parties and Interest Groups
PSC 335	Memory Politics: Monuments, Museums and Human Rights
PSC 341	Classical Political Thought
PSC 342	Modern Political Theory
PSC 350	African Politics
PSC 351	European Political Systems
PSC 352	Latin/South American Political Systems
PSC 353	Asian Political Systems
PSC 355	Politics of Development
PSC 358	Health and Humanitarian Crisis
PSC 359	Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity
PSC 360	International Security
PSC 361	North/South International Relations
PSC 362	Diplomacy
PSC 363	Nationalism in World Politics
PSC 364	Gender in World Politics
PSC 367	Politics of the Middle East and Northern Africa
PSC 368	Women and War
PSC 370	Politics and the Media
PSC 372	Social Justice and Pop Culture
PSC 379	Supreme Court Politics
PSC 380	The Politics of Constitutional Law
PSC 381	The Bill of Rights
PSC 382	Political Networks
PSC 383	International Conflict & Conflict Management
PSC 384	Diamonds, Drugs, and Guns: The Illicit Global Economy
PSC 386	Economics of Public Policy
PSC 395	Special Topics in Political Science

PSC 418	Politics and Race in America
PSC 422	Gender, Politics, & Policy
PSC 431	American Constitutional Law
PSC 432	Law and Society
PSC 440	American Political Thought
PSC 443	Digital Democracy
PSC 444	Human Rights and Technology
PSC 456	Revolution and Political Violence
PSC 458	Human Trafficking
PSC 459	Politics of Transitional Justice
PSC 461	International Political Economy
PSC 465	International Law
PSC 466	The United Nations
PSC 471	Political Propaganda in Film
PSC 495	Directed Research in Political Science
PSC 496	Independent Studies and Special Projects
PSC 497	Honors Research in Political Science
PSC 498	Capstone Public Affairs Internship
PSC 499	Capstone in Political Science and International Studies
Total Hours	36

- ¹ Completing PSC 101, PSC 102, and PSC 103 will automatically satisfy nine hours of Core Curriculum Area IV.
- ² Students must complete 9 hours of the major classes at the 400 level.

Concentration Options:

American Politics and Political Theory

This concentration prepares students for a work in a variety of positions in the federal, state, or local governments, including careers in government agencies, non-profit organizations, interest groups, governmental relations divisions of corporations and the media. Students can also utilize this concentration to prepare for careers in law, research and teaching. This concentration is a solid foundation for public administration, nonprofit advocacy and legal studies.

Requirements	Hours
Political Science Core	
Courses may only count once	
PSC 101 Foundations of American Government	3
PSC 400 Data, Politics, and Policy	3
PSC 498 Capstone Public Affairs Internship	3
or PSC 499 Capstone in Political Science and International Studies	
PSC Major Electives	
Choose 4 PSC courses from outside of the concentration	12
American Politics and Political Theory Concentration	
Select at least one course from 400-level	3
PSC 418 Politics and Race in America	
PSC 431 American Constitutional Law	
PSC 432 Law and Society	
PSC 440 American Political Thought	
PSC 443 Digital Democracy	
PSC 494 Special Topics in Political Science	
PSC 497 Honors Research in Political Science	
Select four courses from:	12
PSC 100 Public Service	
PSC 104 Foundations of Political Theory	

PSC 120	Urban Politics
PSC 221	American State and Local Government
PSC 310	American Public Policy
PSC 317	Religion and Politics
PSC 321	Public Opinion in American Politics
PSC 323	Public Administration and Policy
PSC 319	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
PSC 320	Political Participation
PSC 322	Gender, Politics, & Policy
PSC 330	The American Judicial Process
PSC 331	The U.S. Congress
PSC 332	The American Presidency
PSC 333	Political Parties and Interest Groups
PSC 335	Memory Politics: Monuments, Museums and Human Rights
PSC 341	Classical Political Thought
PSC 342	Modern Political Theory
PSC 370	Politics and the Media
PSC 372	Social Justice and Pop Culture
PSC 379	Supreme Court Politics
PSC 380	The Politics of Constitutional Law
PSC 381	The Bill of Rights
PSC 386	Economics of Public Policy
PSC 418	Politics and Race in America
PSC 422	Gender, Politics, & Policy
PSC 431	American Constitutional Law
PSC 440	American Political Thought
PSC 443	Digital Democracy
PSC 490	Political Science Internship
PSC 494	Special Topics in Political Science
Total Hours	36

Global Politics & Policy Concentration

This concentration prepares for work in the wide variety of public and private institutions that deal with global issues, including multinational corporations, governmental and international organizations such as the State Department and United Nations, and NGOs that deal with global issues.

Requirements	Hours
Political Science Core	
Courses may only count once	
PSC 101 Foundations of American Government	3
PSC 400 Data, Politics, and Policy	3
PSC 498 Capstone Public Affairs Internship	3
or PSC 499 Capstone in Political Science and International Studies	
PSC Major Electives	
Select four PSC courses not included in the concentration ⁴	12
Concentration in Global Politics and Policy	
Select one at least one from 400-level courses	3
PSC 456 Revolution and Political Violence	
PSC 459 Politics of Transitional Justice	
PSC 461 International Political Economy	
PSC 465 International Law	
PSC 466 The United Nations	
PSC 490 Political Science Internship	
PSC 494 Special Topics in Political Science	

PSC 497	Honors Research in Political Science	
Select four from:		12
PSC 102	Foundations of Comparative Politics	
PSC 103	Foundations of International Relations	
PSC 323	Public Administration and Policy	
PSC 324	American Foreign Policy	
PSC 335	Memory Politics: Monuments, Museums and Human Rights	
PSC 350	African Politics	
PSC 351	European Political Systems	
PSC 352	Latin/South American Political Systems	
PSC 353	Asian Political Systems	
PSC 355	Politics of Development	
PSC 359	Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity	
PSC 360	International Security	
PSC 361	North/South International Relations	
PSC 362	Diplomacy	
PSC 363	Nationalism in World Politics	
PSC 364	Gender in World Politics	
PSC 365	Special Topics in Comparative Politics	
PSC 366	The United Nations	
PSC 367	Politics of the Middle East and Northern Africa	
PSC 368	Women and War	
PSC 383	International Conflict & Conflict Management	
PSC 456	Revolution and Political Violence	
PSC 461	International Political Economy	
PSC 465	International Law	
PSC 466	The United Nations	
PSC 490	Political Science Internship	
PSC 494	Special Topics in Political Science	
Total Hours		36

Concentration in Human Rights & Social Justice

This concentration prepares students to become advocates in social justice and human rights causes. It prepares students for a wide variety of positions in government agencies, nonprofit agencies and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who deal with social justice and human rights concerns.

Requirements	Hours
Political Science Core	
Courses may only count once.	
PSC 101	Foundations of American Government 3
PSC 400	Data, Politics, and Policy 3
PSC 498	Capstone Public Affairs Internship 3
	or PSC 499 Capstone in Political Science and International Studies
PSC Major Electives	
Select four PSC courses from outside of the concentration 12	
Concentration in Human Rights and Social Justice	
Select at least one course from 400-level 3	
PSC 418	Politics and Race in America
PSC 444	Human Rights and Technology
PSC 456	Revolution and Political Violence
PSC 458	Human Trafficking
PSC 459	Politics of Transitional Justice

PSC 465	International Law	
PSC 490	Political Science Internship	
PSC 494	Special Topics in Political Science	
Select remainder from:		12
PSC 103	Foundations of International Relations	
PSC 316	Human Rights	
PSC 319	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	
PSC 322	Gender, Politics, & Policy	
PSC 335	Memory Politics: Monuments, Museums and Human Rights	
PSC 358	Health and Humanitarian Crisis	
PSC 359	Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity	
PSC 364	Gender in World Politics	
PSC 368	Women and War	
PSC 372	Social Justice and Pop Culture	
PSC 384	Diamonds, Drugs, and Guns: The Illicit Global Economy	
PSC 418	Politics and Race in America	
PSC 456	Revolution and Political Violence	
PSC 458	Human Trafficking	
PSC 465	International Law	
PSC 490	Political Science Internship	
Total Hours		36

Additional Requirements

Students must take general electives to reach the 120 required for the degree.

In addition to the minor in Political Science, there are several minors that are often of interest to Political Science Majors: Human Rights, International Studies, Legal Affairs, Public Management and Policy and Women's and Gender Studies. Each of these minors builds upon courses and themes covered in political science coursework. However, the interdisciplinary nature of the minors provides provides students with a broader understanding of these issues and the multiple ways that they are approached.

Minor in Political Science

A C or better is required in all courses applied to the minor. At least six hours of the minor must be completed at UAB, including three hours at the 300-level or above.

Requirements	Hours
PSC 101	Foundations of American Government ¹ 3
Political Science Electives ² 15	
Select 15 credit hours from Political Science courses, including at least two at the 300-level or above.	
Total Hours 18	

¹ PSC 101 may also be eligible to count toward Core Curriculum Area IV; check the Core Curriculum for your particular major.

² PSC 221 will count toward this requirement and may also be eligible to count toward Core Curriculum Area IV; check the Core Curriculum for your particular major.

Minor in Human Rights

Requirements	Hours
PSC 316	Human Rights 3
HRT 485	Human Rights Professional Internship 3

or HRT 482	Directed Research in Human Rights	
Electives ^{1, 2}		12
At least 9 hours at the 300-400 level		
AAS 200	Introduction to African-American Studies	
ANTH 351	Anthropology of Human Rights	
ANTH 404	Human Rights, Peace, and Justice	
ANTH 421	Technological Monitoring of Cultural Resources, Human Rights and Conflict	
ANTH 424	Transitional Justice and Human Rights	
ANTH 443	Propaganda, Fake News, and Hate Speech	
HY 239	The Holocaust in History and Literature	
or HY 339	The Holocaust in History and Literature	
HY 304	U.S. Civil Rights Movement	
HY 422	Ethnic Cleansing & Genocide 1912-2012	
CJ 390	The Death Penalty in America	
CJ 442	Race, Crime, Gender and Social Policy	
CJ 403	Restorative Justice	
EDF 362	Foundations of Education I: Social, Historical, Philosophical	
GCLH 150	Burning Issues	
PHL 318	Ethics of War	
PSC 266	The United Nations	
or PSC 366	The United Nations	
PSC 319	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	
PSC 335	Memory Politics: Monuments, Museums and Human Rights	
PSC 359	Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity	
PSC 444	Human Rights and Technology	
PSC 458	Human Trafficking	
PSC 459	Politics of Transitional Justice	
PSC 465	International Law	
PUH 202	Introduction to Global Health	
PUH 322	Environmental Justice and Ethics	
PUH 441	Public Health Law and Policy	
SOC 245	What's the Problem? Social Conditions that Disrupt	
SOC 220	Sociology of Sex and Gender	
SOC 250	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality	
SOC 278	Our Interconnected World	
SW 207	Racism, Sexism and Other Isms	
SW 478	Special Topics in Social Work	
Total Hours		18

¹ Courses from at least two different disciplines must be represented in the minor.

² Courses offered at two levels may only be used once.

Minor in International Studies

Requirements	Hours	
Required Courses		
PSC 103	Foundations of International Relations	3
WLL 120	Foreign Cultures	3
International Studies Electives	12	
Select twelve hours from the following courses, at least six hours must be taken at the 300 level or above:		
AAS 385	The History of Haiti	
ANTH 101	Introducing Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 104	Introduction to Peace Studies	

ANTH 231	Archaeology of the Origins of Civilization in Egypt, Mesopotamia, and the Mediterranean	
ANTH 245	Peoples of the World: Mediterranean	
ANTH 248	Peoples of the World: Latin America	
ANTH 318	Economic Development and Indigenous Societies	
ANTH 319	Food and Culture	
ANTH 320	World Religions	
ANTH 357	Anthropology of Gender	
ANTH 360	Ecological Anthropology	
ANTH 407	Peace Ethology	
ANTH 408	Conflict Resolution in Cross-Cultural Perspective	
ANTH 413	Peace & Environmental Sustainability	
ANTH 418	The Power of Nonviolence	
ANTH 419	Religion, Reconciliation, and Forgiveness	
ANTH 432	Villains, Victims, & Vigilantes	
ANTH 447	Advanced Peace Studies	
ANTH 450	Advanced Cultural Anthropology	
ARA 201	Intermediate Arabic I	
ARH 101	The Art Experience	
ARH 203	Ancient and Medieval Art	
ARH 204	Early Modern-Contemporary Art	
ARH 206	Survey of Asian Art	
ARH 471	Post-Partition Identity in South Asian Cinema	
ARH 478	Seminar: Buddhist Arts of East Asia	
CHI 201	Intermediate Chinese I	
CJ 115	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	
EC 405	Economic Development and Growth	
EC 407	International Economics	
EH 217	World Literature I: Before 1660	
EH 218	World Literature II: 1660-Present	
EH 422/522	African Literature	
EH 423/523	African Women's Literature	
FR 201	Intermediate French I	
GN 201	Intermediate German I	
HY 234	The World Since 1945	
HY 239	The Holocaust in History and Literature	
HY 245	Introduction to Latin American History	
HY 247	Indians, Spaniards & Creoles	
HY 248	Modern Latin America	
HY 251	Nineteenth-Century Europe	
HY 252	Twentieth Century Europe	
HY 262	Introduction to Early Modern Spanish History	
HY 263	History of the Russian Empire	
HY 264	Russian Revolution: 1917-1921	
HY 265	History of the Soviet Union 1917-1991	
HY 271	Traditional East Asian History and Culture	
HY 272	Modern East Asia	
HY 285	Mapping Our World	
HY 317	History of Ancient Greece	
HY 318	History of the Roman Empire	
HY 319	Late Antiquity and Early Middle Ages	
HY 341	The U.S. and Latin America	
HY 342	Sex & Latin American Society	
HY 343	Modern Latin America	
HY 353	The Christians in History	
HY 355	The Reformation	
HY 357	Religion in Early Modern European History	

HY 370	End of the U.S.S.R.
HY 371	Traditional East Asian History and Culture
HY 375	The Pacific War, 1931-1945
HY 419	The Second World War
HY 421	The Vietnam Wars, 1945-1975
HY 422	Ethnic Cleansing & Genocide 1912-2012
HY 446	Nations of the Andes
HY 447	Modern Mexico
HY 453	Clash of Civilizations
HY 454	Topics in Middle Eastern History
HY 455	Renaissance and Reformation
HY 456	Seventeenth-Century Europe: Absolutism, Revolution and Science
HY 457	Nineteenth-Century Europe
HY 458	Modern Europe
HY 459	Spain and the Spanish Inquisition
HY 461	English History: 1307-1660
HY 463	Victorian Britain
HY 464	Modern Great Britain
HY 465	French Enlightenment
HY 466	The French Revolution
HY 467	Modern France 1815 - Present
HY 468	Modern German History
HY 469	Stalin and Stalinism
HY 470	The Soviet Union Since 1953
HY 471	Russian Intellectual History
HY 472	Terror and Terrorism from French Revolution to Present
HY 475	Modern China
HY 476	Japan to the 19th Century
HY 477	Modern Japan
ITL 201	Intermediate Italian I
ITS 482	Internship in International Affairs
JPA 201	Intermediate Japanese I
MU 366	Music in World Cultures
MU 367	Introduction to Ethnomusicology
PHL 239	Eastern Philosophy
PSC 102	Foundations of Comparative Politics
PSC 104	Foundations of Political Theory
PSC 266/466	The United Nations
PSC 341	Classical Political Thought
PSC 342	Modern Political Theory
PSC 350	African Politics
PSC 355	Politics of Development
PSC 360	International Security
PSC 362	Diplomacy
PSC 363	Nationalism in World Politics
PSC 461	International Political Economy
PSC 465	International Law
PUH 201	Introduction to Public Health
PUH 202	Introduction to Global Health
PUH 302	Epidemiology
PY 319	Psychopathology and Culture
SOC 200	Social Change
SOC 278	Our Interconnected World
SOC 335	Human Sexuality: A Comparative Approach
SOC 370	Population Problems

SOC 480	Sociology of Health and Illness	
SPA 201	Intermediate Spanish I	
WLL 121	Songs of Social Change through World Cultures	3
WLL 220	World Literatures in English Translation	3
WLL 485	World Language Capstone Seminar	3
Total Hours		27

Minor in Legal Affairs

Requirements	Hours
Required Courses ¹	
Select four of the following courses:	12
CJ 230	The Judicial Process in America: An Overview
CJ 255	Journey to Attorney
CJ 330	Criminal Law
CJ 331	Criminal Procedure
CJ 334	Justice Advocacy
PSC 270	Law and Film
PSC 380	The Politics of Constitutional Law
PSC 381	The Bill of Rights
PSC 432	Law and Society
PSC 465	International Law
Electives	
Select two of the following courses:	6
AC 473	Fraud Examination
CJ 333	Trial Advocacy
EC 302	Law and Economics
EC 450	Economics, Institutions & Law
LS 246	Legal Environment of Business
LS 471	Legal Elements of Fraud Investigation
MG 413	Employment Law
PHL 120	Practical Reasoning
PHL 135	The Rule of Law
PHL 335	Philosophy of Law
PY 376	Psychology and Law
PUH 441	Public Health Law and Policy
Total Hours	18

¹ A grade of "C" or better required for all courses

Minor in Public Management and Policy

At least six hours of the minor must be completed at UAB. A grade of 'C' or better is required for all courses in the minor.

Requirements	Hours	
PSC 101	Foundations of American Government	3
PSC 323	Public Administration and Policy	3
Select four classes from the following:	12	
GCLH 150	Burning Issues	
GCLH 350	Stoking the Fire: Leadership in Action	
PSC 100	Public Service	
PSC 120	Urban Politics	
PSC 221	American State and Local Government	
PSC 310	American Public Policy	
PSC 386	Economics of Public Policy	
PSC 395	Special Topics in Political Science	
PSC 400	Data, Politics, and Policy	

PSC 498	Capstone Public Affairs Internship
PSC 499	Capstone in Political Science and International Studies

Total Hours 18

Minor in Women's and Gender Studies

Requirements Hours

Required Women's and Gender Studies courses

WS 100	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
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Women's and Gender Studies Electives¹

Select five of the following: 15

ANTH 357	Anthropology of Gender
ANTH 458	Human Sexuality
ARH 483	Special Topics: Gender and the Visual Arts
CMST 324	Gender in Communication
EH 423	African Women's Literature
EH 444	Women's Literature and Theory
EH 467	Black Women Writers
HY 208	Women in Film
HY 274	LGBT History
HY 279	Women Rogues, Radicals and Reformers
HY 303	Women in American History
HY 342	Sex & Latin American Society
HY 374	LGBT History
HY 379	Women Rogues, Radicals and Reformers
HY 423	Southern Women: Image and Reality
CJ 442	Race, Crime, Gender and Social Policy
CJ 443	Women and the Criminal Justice System
PSC 316	Human Rights
PSC 322	Gender, Politics, & Policy
PSC 364	Gender in World Politics
PSC 368	Women and War
PSC 422	Gender, Politics, & Policy
PY 108	Human Sexuality
PY 417	Psychology of Gender and Sexuality
PY 420	Special Topics in Psychology
SOC 135	Human Sexuality
SOC 220	Sociology of Sex and Gender
SOC 335	Human Sexuality: A Comparative Approach
SOC 482	Gender and Health
SOC 490/ WS 480	Independent Study: Sociology
SOC 491	Independent Study and Special Courses in Sociology
SW 207	Racism, Sexism and Other Isms
WS 280	Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies
WS 380	Special Topics: Women's and Gender Studies
WS 400	Theory and Practice of Women's and Gender Studies: Senior Seminar
WS 480	Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies
WS 491	Directed Studies in Women's and Gender Studies
WS 495	Internship in Women's and Gender Studies

Total Hours 15

¹ Or seek approval for those not listed.

Proposed Program of Study for a Major in Political Science

Freshman

First Term	Hours	Second Term	Hours
EH 101	3	EH 102	3
MA 110	3	PSC 102	3
PSC 101	3	PSC 103	3
Core Curriculum Area IV: History ¹	3	Core Curriculum Area II: Humanities	3
Core Curriculum Area II: Fine Art ²	3	Core Curriculum Area IV: History Sequence ¹	3
15		15	

Sophomore

First Term	Hours	Second Term	Hours
PSC 104	3	Core Curriculum Area III: Natural Science with Laboratory	4
Core Curriculum Area II: Literature ³	3	Core Curriculum Area II: Humanities	3
Core Curriculum Area III: Natural Science with Laboratory	4	Political Science Elective	3
Minor	3	Minor	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
16		16	

Junior

First Term	Hours	Second Term	Hours
PSC 400	3	Political Science (300 level or above)	3
Political Science (300 level or above)	3	Political Science (400 level)	3
Minor	3	Political Science Elective	3
General Elective	3	Minor	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
15		15	

Senior

First Term	Hours	Second Term	Hours
Political Science (400 level)	3	Political Science (400 level)	3
Political Science (300 level or above)	3	Political Science Elective	3
Capstone Course	3	Minor	3
Minor	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	1-3
15		13-15	

Total credit hours: 120-122

¹ Select one course from HY 101, HY 102, HY 104, HY 105, HY 120 or HY 121.

² Select one fine art from ARH 101, ARH 203, ARH 204, ARH 206, MU 120, THR 100, THR 105 or THR 200.

³ Select one from EH 217, EH 218, EH 221, EH 222, EH 223 or EH 224.

Honors Program in Political Science

Purpose

The Political Science Honors Program is designed to provide outstanding political science majors with the opportunity for advanced study of the

political process. Honors students have the opportunity to complete an independent research project while working closely with a faculty member. The advanced study provided by the honors program accelerates a student's preparation for graduate or professional training.

Eligibility

Criteria for entering freshmen are:

- A 3.25 high school GPA and ACT composite score of 28 (or equivalent SAT score).
- Declaration of political science as the student's major.
- A letter of intent.

Criteria for students already enrolled at UAB or transfer students are:

- Completion of nine semester hours of political science.
 - A 3.0 cumulative GPA and a 3.25 GPA in political science (and maintenance of these minima).
 - Declaration of political science as the student's major.
 - A letter of intent.
- OR
- Junior standing.
 - Completion of nine semester hours of political science.
 - A 3.0 cumulative GPA and a 3.25 GPA in political science courses in the last 30 percent of coursework attempted (and maintenance of these minima).
 - Declaration of political science as the student's major.
 - Letter of intent.
 - Faculty approval.

Requirements

Students in the Political Science Honors Program are required to do the following:

- Enroll in the Honors Program.
- Complete PSC 499 (Capstone on PSC and ITS)
- Enroll in three semester hours of PSC 497, preferably after completion of the Capstone seminar, which will lead to the development of a substantial research paper.
- Present research project findings to a colloquium of other PSC 497 students and department faculty.
- Participate in Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society.

Benefits

Honors students will benefit from one-on-one mentoring with faculty in the department, which will lead to a more thorough understanding of the field and practice of political science. This is particularly useful as students choose career goals, such as graduate school, law school, public service, the foreign service, or other opportunities. Additionally, students who complete the program will receive a certificate at the annual UAB Honors Convocation and will graduate "With Honors in Political Science."

Contact

For more information and/or admission to the Political Science Honors Program, contact the Political Science and Public Administration

Department Chair, 414 Heritage Hall, Birmingham, AL 35294-1152; Telephone (205) 934-2339.

Courses

PSC 100. Public Service. 3 Hours.

This course provides an introduction to public service values and career paths in political science and public policy. Students will learn of various career paths relevant to political science and international studies in public management and nonprofit organizations. A component of the course focuses on career preparation, resume building, professional networking, and interview strategies. This course meets Blazer Core Curriculum Communicating in the Modern World with a flag in Civic Engagement.

PSC 101. Foundations of American Government. 3 Hours.

This course provides an overview of the American political system. The course covers the constitutional foundations of the American political system. It explains how the institutions of American Government - Congress, the presidency, and the courts operate and how they interact with one another. Each section provides a foundation for future study. Ethics and Civic Responsibility are significant components of this course. This course meets Blazer Core Humans and their Societies with Flags in Justice and Civic Engagement.

PSC 102. Foundations of Comparative Politics. 3 Hours.

Compares the political cultures and institutions of various political systems around the world. Special emphasis upon the Communist and post-Communist states, religiously-based states, and countries in transition to democracy. (CP) This course meets Blazer Core Reasoning with a Flag in Global/Multicultural Perspectives.

PSC 103. Foundations of International Relations. 3 Hours.

The introductory course in international relations is designed to be a survey of the problems and practice of global cooperation and conflict. Quantitative Literacy and Ethics and Civic Responsibility are significant components of this course. This course meets Blazer Core Humans and their Societies with a Flag in Global Multicultural Perspectives.

PSC 104. Foundations of Political Theory. 3 Hours.

This course surveys the intellectual origins and historical development of political theory from the ancient Athenian experiment in direct democracy to the contemporary American challenge of diversity in a representative government. We explore citizenship as a philosophical conversation about rights and duties, equality and liberty, and the ethical responsibility of the individual to the community. This course meets Blazer Core Reasoning with Flags in Justice and Civic Engagement.

PSC 120. Urban Politics. 3 Hours.

This course is a critical examination of the institutions of urban government, focusing on intergovernmental relations, official decision makers, and the role of group and electoral politics in metropolitan environments. (AG/PT). This course meets Blazer Core History and Meaning with Flags in Justice and Civic Engagement.

PSC 170. Contemporary Political Issues. 1-3 Hour.

Selected topics of current political importance and interest. Interests identified in current schedule of classes. May be repeated with permission of department chair.

PSC 221. American State and Local Government. 3 Hours.

This course is a critical study of the institutions, functions, and processes of the state and local levels of American government. (AG/PT) This course meets the Core Curriculum requirements for Area IV: Social and Behavioral Sciences. This course meets Blazer Core Communicating in the Modern World with a Flag in Civic Engagement.

PSC 225. Contemporary Issues in Science Policy. 3 Hours.

Our rapidly changing world faces significant, multi-faceted problems at the nexus of technology and society. The response to these socio-scientific issues will impact the future of the human condition. The scientific process has a role to play in finding timely, effective, and evidence-based solutions. This course is an introduction to cutting-edge science, medicine, and technology as well as the difficult political and ethical concerns they raise. This course provides students practical training in cross-disciplinary learning while engaging in discourse about difficult, controversial, and critical questions related to science and policy. It emphasizes the role of dialogue and communication in shaping responses to socio-scientific issues. This course meets Blazer Core Curriculum Communicating in the Modern World with a flag in Civic Engagement.

PSC 266. The United Nations. 3 Hours.

Organization framework, evolving experiences and continuing problems of United Nations system for maintenance of international peace and security and for international economic and social cooperation. (IR/CP).

PSC 267. Political Science City as Classroom. 3 Hours.

The heart of the political process is often rooted in neighborhoods, communities, and local governments. Cities evolve along with social norms, cultural and demographic changes, and as issues of local and global importance create critical needs. Issues range from lack of infrastructure to address emerging issues of health, education, welfare, and transportation to understanding and addressing human rights of vulnerable populations such as homeless, formerly incarcerated, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ groups. Responses to these ever evolving and changing issues require critical reflection and creativity with thinking outside of the traditional box. Complex social issues are often rooted in histories of oppression, marginalization, economic disadvantage, educational neglect, and generalized structural disadvantage driven by lack of access to or participation in the political process. This course will encourage students to investigate and respond to complex social issues by providing high impact learning methods that assist them in creative solutions. Particular attention will be directed toward team-based learning leading to cutting-edge solutions for complex problems. Topics in this course will change relative to current events and faculty areas of expertise. Specific topics will be identified in the course title. This course meets Blazer Core Curriculum City as a Classroom with a flag in Service Learning.

PSC 270. Law and Film. 3 Hours.

This course focuses on the portrayal of courts, cases, lawyers, and law in major motion pictures. The course examines the extent to which films that focus on law are affected by the legal, political, and pop culture at the time of their production as well as the extent to which films shape society's perceptions, whether correctly or incorrectly, of law and the legal profession. (AG/PT).

PSC 271. Contemporary Political Issues. 3 Hours.

Issues of current interest in political science.

PSC 272. Model Arab League. 1 Hour.

Preparation for participation in Model Arab League simulations around the country. Individual research on the Arab League and cooperative efforts to represent an assigned country and its foreign policy on committees, such as political affairs, economics, social affairs, and others.

PSC 310. American Public Policy. 3 Hours.

This course covers the policy process at local, state, and federal levels of government, as well as the specific facets of the public policy process, including problem identification and definition, policy formulation and enactment, policy implementation and evaluation, and policy termination.

PSC 316. Human Rights. 3 Hours.

This course examines the definition and major facets of human rights, key issues and controversies related to human rights, as well as groups and institutions related to the promotion of human rights. Specific issues include state repression and torture, genocide, the rights of women and children, and economic rights.

PSC 317. Religion and Politics. 3 Hours.

This course investigates the relationship between religion and the American political community. Topics examined will include: the influence of religion on Early Settlement thought; the role of religion in shaping the 1st Amendment; the political evolution of Christian, Jewish and Islamic sects in the US; the court and the issue of "church and state"; religion and political activism; faith-based organizations and the implementation of public policy. (AG/PT).

PSC 319. Civil Liberties and Civil Rights. 3 Hours.

This course examines the role of the Supreme Court in defining the fundamental rights and liberties of citizens in the United States. We analyze the inherent tension in supporting individual rights when they conflict with the will of the democratic majority.

PSC 320. Political Participation. 3 Hours.

This course focuses on forms of political participation in American national politics, including individual level public opinion, voting behavior, and the role of groups in public life. It explores the causes and consequences of individual participation in campaigns and elections, parties and interest groups, and protest movements. Ethics and Civic Responsibility are significant components of this course. (AG/PT).

Prerequisites: PSC 101 [Min Grade: D]

PSC 321. Public Opinion in American Politics. 3 Hours.

This course is an in-depth study of public opinion and the factors that shape it, including media effects, socialization, and group formation and advocacy. Students will examine the effects of public opinion on elections and policy, and explore the methods of public opinion measurement. (AG/PT).

PSC 322. Gender, Politics, & Policy. 3 Hours.

This course analyzes the history, theory and public policy of women as U.S. citizens from the colonial era through suffrage toward a woman in the White House. We examine the struggle for political rights, educational opportunity and economic equality, and gender roles in the family. We evaluate poll data, public policy debates, electoral strategies and leadership styles for women candidates for local, state, and federal office. (AG/PT).

PSC 323. Public Administration and Policy. 3 Hours.

This course surveys the principles and practices of governmental management and administration, including organization, procedures, personnel management, budgeting, and control.

PSC 324. American Foreign Policy. 3 Hours.

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the analytical tools necessary to analyze and evaluate how foreign policy decisions in the U.S. are formulated and implemented.

PSC 330. The American Judicial Process. 3 Hours.

This course examines the purpose and structure of American courts; the selection of judges; the role of jurors; how federal courts set agendas, decide cases, and impact legal policy; the role of interest groups and public opinion on judicial behavior. This course is writing-intensive; students will produce a central research project that asks and answers an empirical question about the judicial system, broadly described. Writing is a significant component of this course. (AG/PT).

PSC 331. The U.S. Congress. 3 Hours.

This course is an in-depth analysis of the U.S. Congress. Students will explore the internal organization of Congress and the rules and norms that govern the legislative process. Students will also examine the roles of the president, the court, interest groups, and political parties in the legislative process. (AG/PT).

Prerequisites: PSC 101 [Min Grade: D]

PSC 332. The American Presidency. 3 Hours.

This course is a critical exploration of American presidential leadership. Students examine the legal foundations of presidential authority, popular influences on presidential politics, the role of the presidency in the broader context of American democratic government. (AG/PT).

PSC 333. Political Parties and Interest Groups. 3 Hours.

This course covers engagement and governing in American politics through the institutions of participation - political parties and interest groups. Topics include parties and political organizations in their varied forms - trade associations, membership groups, social movements and others, and the role of these organizations shaping outcomes. (AG/PT).

PSC 335. Memory Politics: Monuments, Museums and Human Rights. 3 Hours.

This course introduces students to the field of memory politics and focuses on the memorials, monuments, museums, and sites of historical significance. We will examine the politics of how governments and different segments of society decide to memorialize historical human rights abuses, the perpetrators of those abuses, and the individuals who were directly affected by those abuses.

PSC 341. Classical Political Thought. 3 Hours.

This course analyzes the development of Western political thought in classical period from Plato to Augustine. We trace the emergence of democratic government and the political culture of the polis as represented by the philosophers and playwrights of the ancient world from Athens to Rome. (AG/PT).

PSC 342. Modern Political Theory. 3 Hours.

This course surveys the development of Western political thought from early modern era to contemporary debates from Machiavelli to King. We examine the innovation of social contract theories and the revolutionary origins of modern democracies as we analyze philosophical arguments for individual consent, political authority, personal liberty, and legitimate government. (AP/PT).

PSC 350. African Politics. 3 Hours.

Following the African tradition of communication of political philosophies through narrative, our study of African politics will incorporate storytelling (in film, fiction, and poetry) as well as more standard methods of political analysis. The course addresses social, economic, and political dimensions of Africa - Northern, Southern, and Sub-Saharan - from pre-colonial era to the present. We will also examine Africa's regional and international relations today. (CP/IR).

PSC 351. European Political Systems. 3 Hours.

Comparative analysis of politics in European nations. (CP/IR).

PSC 352. Latin/South American Political Systems. 3 Hours.

Comparative analysis of politics in Latin and South American Societies. (CP/IR).

PSC 353. Asian Political Systems. 3 Hours.

This course provides an overview of the relationships between state and society in contemporary Asia, with particular emphasis on India, Pakistan, China and Japan. Also included are a presentation of Pan-Asian relation, environmental problems, current armed conflicts and political culture. (CP/IR).

PSC 355. Politics of Development. 3 Hours.

Analysis of social, economic and political problems confronting the world's poor countries. Topics examined include national responses to the following problems: child soldiers and child labor; government corruption and transparency; ethnic conflict; environment destruction; social inequality; globalization; and cultural preservation. (CP/IR).

PSC 358. Health and Humanitarian Crisis. 3 Hours.

This course examines the concepts, actors, analytic frameworks and dilemmas related to humanitarian action. Specific issues include the changing nature of conflict, coordination difficulties among humanitarian actors, evidence shortcomings, food security, public health crises, and efforts made to reform and professionalize the humanitarian sector.

PSC 359. Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity. 3 Hours.

In this course, we examine the political, legal, psychological, cultural, and societal roots of genocide and assess the ways in which global and national institutions have responded to it.

PSC 360. International Security. 3 Hours.

Analysis of arms race, process of arms control negotiations, and diffusion of nuclear weapons. (IR/CP).

Prerequisites: PSC 103 [Min Grade: D]

PSC 361. North/South International Relations. 3 Hours.

Relations between advanced industrial countries and underdeveloped countries, focusing on changing dynamics of these relations. (IR/CP).

Prerequisites: PSC 103 [Min Grade: D]

PSC 362. Diplomacy. 3 Hours.

Origins, institutions, functions and rules of modern diplomatic and consular practice and roles of diplomacy as instrument of national policy. (IR/CP).

PSC 363. Nationalism in World Politics. 3 Hours.

The primary objective of this course is to examine the political basis and implications of nationalism, as an idea and a political movement, in world politics. (IR/CP).

Prerequisites: PSC 103 [Min Grade: D]

PSC 364. Gender in World Politics. 3 Hours.

This course is an investigation of contemporary women's and LGBT issues in world politics, with particular emphasis on cultural politics and women and development. There is also an investigation of masculinities and conflict.

PSC 365. Special Topics in Comparative Politics. 3 Hours.

Selected topics in Comparative Politics.

PSC 366. The United Nations. 3 Hours.

Organization framework, evolving experiences and continuing problems of United Nations system for maintenance of international peace and security and for international economic and social cooperation. (IR/CP).

PSC 367. Politics of the Middle East and Northern Africa. 3 Hours.

The course will examine relevant theories of comparative and international politics and apply them to the Middle-East and North Africa (MENA) region. Concepts and issues examined include authoritarian rule, uprisings, religious extremism, violence and war. The course will also discuss the calls for change to the political, economic and social environment in the region.

PSC 368. Women and War. 3 Hours.

This course provides an overview of gender and armed conflict from a global perspective. In the first third of the class, we will learn about theories of gender and war. In the second third, we will apply these theories to case studies of women and war. We will also examine the roles of women in terrorism. The last third of the course concerns women and peacemaking.

PSC 370. Politics and the Media. 3 Hours.

This course covers how significant changes in communications media have affected our ability to address our political problems and make public policy. It covers the interactive relationship between real world politics and communications media, where and how we learn about candidates, elected and appointed officials, and policy issues.

Prerequisites: [PSC 101](#) [Min Grade: D]

PSC 372. Social Justice and Pop Culture. 3 Hours.

This course uses popular culture to introduce students to ideas and concepts related to social justice in the context of race, class, gender identity and other forms of difference and exclusion. Using various types of media (e.g. social media, music, television shows, movies etc.), this course will illuminate the ways in which decision-making, policies, practices, and behaviors are used to maintain inequity and inequality for underrepresented groups and communities through interlocking systems of oppression, privilege and power.

PSC 375. Special Topics in Political Theory. 3 Hours.

Special Topics in Political Theory: selected topics in Political Theory.

PSC 379. Supreme Court Politics. 3 Hours.

In this course, you will learn how the United States Supreme Court was established and how it subsequently helped to define the other branches of the U.S. Government (Legislative and Executive). The course will focus not only on the external politics of the Court but the inner political workings of the Court as well. After covering the mechanics of the Court and how it interacts with other sovereigns (both domestically and abroad), students will have the opportunity to examine the political drama that results when the Court exercises its authority over various pieces of American life.

PSC 380. The Politics of Constitutional Law. 3 Hours.

Decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court as related to the development of important doctrines of constitutional law. Role of judiciary; extent of federal executive and legislative power; federal taxing and commerce powers. (AG/PT).

Prerequisites: [PSC 101](#) [Min Grade: C]

PSC 381. The Bill of Rights. 3 Hours.

Decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court as related to the development of important doctrines of constitutional law. Guarantees of Bill of Rights regarding both national and state governments; 14th Amendment. (AG/PT).

Prerequisites: [PSC 101](#) [Min Grade: C]

PSC 382. Political Networks. 3 Hours.

The way we connect to others affects how we behave and think, even politically. The course explores how traditional and new (through social digital media) connections between individuals, groups, and institutions affect political behavior and policy outcomes both in domestic and international politics. The course also covers computational tools used to study social networks.

PSC 383. International Conflict & Conflict Management. 3 Hours.

Who fights whom, where, when, and how? And what can be done to resolve conflicts? This course investigates the causes of conflict between states, groups, and individuals. It reviews and evaluates the effectiveness of the political and legal tools at our disposal to manage conflict, including negotiation, various forms of mediation, peacekeeping and peace enforcement.

PSC 384. Diamonds, Drugs, and Guns: The Illicit Global Economy. 3 Hours.

Systematic analysis of the illicit global economy, including the causes of the leading illegal markets, the various organizations involved and key concepts used to analyze illicit markets. Particular attention is paid to the role of the state, as well as international organizations, in responding to these markets.

PSC 385. Special Topics in International Relations. 3 Hours.

Selected topics in International Relations.

PSC 386. Economics of Public Policy. 3 Hours.

The primary focus of this course is the role of government in the economy, specifically when and why the government intervenes, how it does so, and the effect of these interventions. Key economic concepts are brought to bear on leading public issues including safety and environmental policy, health policy, and social insurance.

PSC 395. Special Topics in Political Science. 3 Hours.

Special topics in political Science. The specific content can vary with individual courses.

PSC 400. Data, Politics, and Policy. 3 Hours.

From big data to focus groups and "small world networks," this course explores the use and misuse of data in the policy process and in political analysis. It emphasizes strategies for using data to test hypotheses about domestic and international politics.

Prerequisites: [PSC 101](#) [Min Grade: C]

PSC 401. Seminar in American Government. 3 Hours.

There are multiple theoretical approaches employed in the study of American political culture, behavior, institutions, and policy making. This course covers those approaches and the significant literature on the central topics in American government and politics (AG/PT).

Prerequisites: [PSC 101](#) [Min Grade: D]

PSC 402. Seminar in Comparative Politics. 3 Hours.

This seminar is an exploration of core themes, debates, and concepts of world politics. (CP/IR).

Prerequisites: [PSC 102](#) [Min Grade: D]

PSC 403. Seminar in International Relations. 3 Hours.

From civil war and terrorism to human rights and climate change, this capstone seminars deals with how important issues in world politics can be understood and analyzed from a multitude of theoretical perspectives. The seminar has significant writing, quantitative, and civic engagement components.

Prerequisites: [PSC 103](#) [Min Grade: D]

PSC 404. Seminar in Political Theory. 3 Hours.

Multiple approaches employed in study of political theory and their usefulness in forming normative judgements. (PT/AG).

Prerequisites: PSC 104 [Min Grade: D]

PSC 418. Politics and Race in America. 3 Hours.

Politics and Race in America is an advanced level course about racial politics in the United States. This course focuses on tensions between separatism and assimilation, electoral politics and protest politics, and cooperation and competition among underrepresented groups in America. The goals of the course are for you to (a) grasp the complex dynamics of racial stratification in America and the role of politics in contributing to these dynamics and (b) pinpoint the similarities and differences of the agendas and strategies adopted by underrepresented groups, but to indicate the interaction between "racial" politics and American politics as a whole. The study of race in America provides a window into the soul of America; by learning about race in America, we learn enduring lessons about the foundations, institutions, participation, and policy in American government. After completing this course, you will be able to understand the race in America and be able to develop your own analyses about race in America.

PSC 422. Gender, Politics, & Policy. 3 Hours.

This course analyzes the history, theory and public policy of women as U.S. citizens from the colonial era through suffrage toward a woman in the White House. We examine the struggle for political rights, educational opportunity and economic equality, and gender roles in the family. Students will design and research a paper on the impact of women elected and appointed leaders on law and public policy. (AG/PT).

PSC 431. American Constitutional Law. 3 Hours.

This is a course on constitutional interpretation. Although the focus is on the Constitution of the United States, comparisons with the texts and experiences of other nations and of the several states of the United States will be used to define and illustrate frames of interpretation.

Prerequisites: PSC 101 [Min Grade: C] or PSC 380 [Min Grade: C]

PSC 432. Law and Society. 3 Hours.

This course examines law as a social institution, and assesses its relationship to other institutions in society, including the federal government, law enforcement, and the media.

PSC 440. American Political Thought. 3 Hours.

This course focuses on the origins and evolution of American political theory from the colonial period to post-modernity. Investigates the philosophical legacy of the American founding and the civic republican tradition on contemporary theories of liberty, equality, and civic engagement in public life. Ethics and Civic Responsibility are significant components of this course).

PSC 443. Digital Democracy. 3 Hours.

The advent of the internet and digital media has fundamentally transformed the way humans connect, communicate, and share information. This class will look at the democratization of information as a result of the "information revolution" - i.e the internet and digital medium as a game changer in communications, politics, health, education, citizenship, and many other sectors. Additional topics will include net neutrality, protection of consumer rights, and a touch of behavioral economics in digital commerce.

PSC 444. Human Rights and Technology. 3 Hours.

The goal of this course is to provide students with a broad understanding of the impact of technology on human rights and how human rights law and policy have been shaped by these developments.

PSC 456. Revolution and Political Violence. 3 Hours.

This course examines political violence within states, ranging from protests to civil wars. We will focus particularly closely on post-WWII resistance and revolutions in North Africa.

PSC 458. Human Trafficking. 3 Hours.

The goal of this course is to address issues regarding modern slavery and human trafficking. Specifically, we will investigate the types of slavery, such as bonded labor and forced prostitution, the political, legal, economic and social dimensions of global slavery and human trafficking, and ways in which a broad variety of international and nongovernmental organizations respond to this crisis.

PSC 459. Politics of Transitional Justice. 3 Hours.

This course introduces students to the field of transitional justice and focuses on the political aspects of how governments, citizens, and the international community respond to human rights abuses, especially those committed during conflicts and dictatorships.

PSC 461. International Political Economy. 3 Hours.

The course examines global economic processes, such as trade and finance, as well as the key actors involved, including states, societal actors, multinational corporations, and international organizations. Key issues of contention, including trade disputes, financial crises, and problems associated with globalization, are also assessed (IR/CP).

Prerequisites: PSC 103 [Min Grade: D]

PSC 465. International Law. 3 Hours.

The course covers the sources, foundational principles, and main institutions of public international law. It explores international law concerning boundaries and territory (including the high seas and outer space), diplomatic relations, the use of force, conflict resolution, human rights, and the environment. (IR/CP).

PSC 466. The United Nations. 3 Hours.

Organizational framework, evolving experiences and continuing problems of United Nations system for maintenance of international peace and security and for international economic and social cooperation. (IR/CP).

PSC 471. Political Propaganda in Film. 3 Hours.

This course analyzes the ethics and rationale for using and abusing the film medium to relate to, undermine, or support political authority. The class employs a critical analysis of the explicit or implicit forms of political propaganda messages transmitted to popular culture in order to manipulate policy and public opinion. The films are drawn from four nations: United States, United Kingdom, Germany, and Russia.

PSC 490. Political Science Internship. 1-3 Hour.

Individually arranged assignment in public or non-profit agencies or organizations, monitored and evaluated by member of department.

PSC 494. Special Topics in Political Science. 3 Hours.

Special topics in Political Science.

PSC 495. Directed Research in Political Science. 1-6 Hour.

Directed research in political science with department faculty. Open to Political Science majors only. Requires instructor approval.

PSC 496. Independent Studies and Special Projects. 1-3 Hour.

Directed reading under supervision of member of PSC faculty.

PSC 497. Honors Research in Political Science. 3-6 Hours.

Directed research by Political Science Honors student.

Prerequisites: PSC 499 [Min Grade: C]

PSC 498. Capstone Public Affairs Internship. 3 Hours.

Individually arranged assignment in public or non-profit agencies or organizations monitored and evaluated by a member of the department. Placement provides significant opportunity to synthesize, practice, apply skills in political science through substantial, sustained work in real settings, planned and guided cooperatively by the institution and internship organization for credit. Minimum 150 hours at the internship organization.

PSC 499. Capstone in Political Science and International Studies. 3 Hours.

This is the capstone course for all majors in political science and international studies. The course is designed to provide students with a culminating capstone experience. In this course, we will discuss a diverse set of readings that provide a comprehensive overview of the major theories and methods in Political Science or International Studies. This is a writing intensive course in which a discipline-based research paper or research project is developed and presented.

Prerequisites: PSC 400 [Min Grade: D]