

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (PS)

## PS200 Introduction to Political Science ★

Credits 4 Summer/Fall/Winter/Spring

**Registration Requirement:** RD090 and WR090, each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

Students learn about basic political concepts and themes such as legitimacy, sovereignty, democracy, political culture and socialization, participation and rights, revolution and change as well as explore various ideas about governments and their structures and functions.

## PS201 American Government ★

Credits 4 Summer/Fall/Winter/Spring

**Registration Requirement:** RD090 and WR090, each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

Reflection exercises are used to guide students to explore academic concepts using their experiences as text. Students learn about basic political concepts and themes such as legitimacy, democracy, political structure and socialization, participation and rights, revolution and change as well as explore various ideas about governments and their structures and functions.

## PS203 State and Local Governments

Credits 4 Fall

**Registration Requirement:** RD090 and WR090, each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

This course provides students the opportunity to study state, county, city and special district government. Concepts such as states' rights, local control and direct democracy are explored. Students are encouraged to monitor the activities of state and local government and discuss the policy decisions made during the term of study. Federalism, the constitutional concept of shared powers between the state and federal government, is reviewed thoroughly.

## PS204 Introduction to Comparative Politics

Credits 4 Spring

**Registration Requirement:** RD090 and WR090, each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

The student explores the political culture, institutions and processes of a selection of different countries of the world. Case studies represent a variety of governments and political cultures.

## PS205 International Relations ★🌐

Credits 4 Summer/Spring

**Registration Requirement:** RD090 and WR090, each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

This course studies international relations and foreign affairs. Institutions and methodology of international governmental relations are studied, including current international problems. Primary emphasis is placed on distinguishing the developmental features of developed, developing and underdeveloped nations.

## PS209 Problems in American Politics

Credits 4 Fall

**Registration Requirement:** RD090 and WR090, each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

This course explores current policy issues in American politics which may range from international to national to local topics. Topics may include the politics of unemployment, military affairs, civil rights, natural resources, education and other timely issues of interest to students.

## PS215 Global Issues

Credits 4 Fall/Winter

**Registration Requirement:** RD090 and WR090, each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

Students study various global issues, which affect cross-national interactions. Examples of such issues are environmental problems, health concerns, population questions, international military actions, terrorism and human rights.

## PS217 Introduction to Public Land Management: The Politics of Recreation

Credits 3 Spring

**Registration Requirement:** RD090 and WR090, each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

The course examines the growing number of management problems associated with outdoor recreation of public lands. Emphasis is placed on legal, societal and historical explanations of management decisions and topics including agency autonomy and accountability, elements of the administrative rulemaking process, the nature and role of competing user groups and the influence such groups have over policy outcomes. Discussion is framed in the regional context of the Pacific Northwest.

## PS225 Political Ideology: Ideas About Government

Credits 4 Spring

**Registration Requirement:** RD090, WR090 and MTH020, all with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

This course examines the role of ideology, the organization of propaganda and the structure of political action in the modern state. Political ideology and theory are studied through an examination of the "isms," i.e., nationalism, communism, socialism, fascism and democracy. The relationship of the individual state through rights and responsibilities is emphasized. A principle focus is to associate political theory and political action through an understanding of political ideology.

## PS241 Introduction to Political Terrorism ★

Credits 4 Winter

**Registration Requirement:** RD090 and WR090, each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels.

This course is a review of terrorism as a political and social statement, with an attempt to understand its motives, objectives and outcomes. Particular attention is given to selected circumstances that are especially conducive to terrorists' acts. A special effort is made to distinguish which lifestyles and religions promote terrorism, and to study the history and development of terrorism as a modern mechanism for obtaining political concessions.

## PS298 Political Science Research

Credit 1 Summer/Fall/Spring

**Registration Requirement:** RD090 and WR090, each with a grade of "C" or better; or placement above stated course levels; and instructor and dean's consent. Political science majors should, and others may, register for PS298. PS298 students must be concurrently registered in any political science course. For information, call 503-491-7430.

- maximum 2 This course develops skills needed for the successful completion of a guided exploration of various themes in political science. Critical themes include freedom and oppression, peace and conflict, the status of women in the world, political literature and various other topics. Students may repeat PS298 for a maximum of 2 credits. PS298 students must be concurrently registered in any political science course.

*Course fees are subject to change. Additional section fees (web, hybrid, etc.) may apply.*

★ Course offered online

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🌐 Cultural Literacy course