

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLISCI)

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## **POLISCI 1130 Introduction to Politics 3 Credits**

A survey of the principles of political analysis, covering topics such as the nature of politics, the political experience, decision-making, traditions of politics and comparative political systems.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Social Sciences

## **POLISCI 1230 Introduction to American Government 3 Credits**

Origin and nature of American federal system, federal and state constitutions, electoral process, structure and functions of federal, state and local government, and individual rights and civil liberties.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Social Sciences

## **POLISCI 1430 Current Issues and Democracy 3 Credits**

Discussion of the issues of major conflict, the essence of democracy, the nature of technological democracy and its future.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Social Sciences

## **POLISCI 2360 International Relations 3 Credits**

The foundations of national power, the causes of conflict in world politics, and the efforts to deal with such conflicts particularly through international organizations.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Global Studies (former Int Ed), International Education, Social Sciences

## **POLISCI 2430 Comparative Politics 3 Credits**

An examination of non-American political systems and the experiences of countries coping with political change. An investigation of models of values, stereotypes, incentives and sanctions within the network of interdependent elements that create a sense of publicness and authority.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Global Studies (former Int Ed), International Education, Social Sciences

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. POLISCI 1130 or POLISCI 1230

## **POLISCI 2540 Introduction to Public Policy 3 Credits**

A survey and review of government public policy and public policy making. The investigation, differing explanations and alternative arguments about what government should and should not do including consideration of various public policies.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Social Sciences

## **POLISCI 2940 The Political Economy of Race, Gender and Ethnicity 3 Credits**

This course uses economic principles to analyze salient issues involving people of color, women, and ethnic minorities. The focus is interdisciplinary, drawing from the fields of business, political science, and others. Pertinent principles and concepts are used to analyze causes and effects of the changing composition of U.S. families, to examine the nature and extent of discrimination within the U.S. economy, and to understand why issues involving race, ethnicity, and gender are of concern to us both individually and collectively.

**Components:** Class

**Cross Offering:** ECONOMIC 2940, ETHNSTDY 2940

**GE:** Ethnic Studies, Gender Studies

## **POLISCI 3240 Political Psychology 3 Credits**

This course will serve as an introduction to perspectives in political psychology. It will span the field of political psychology, which addresses issues including mass political behavior, attitudes, and ideology, to name a few.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Social Sciences

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. POLISCI 1130 or POLISCI 1230 or PSYCHLGY 1130

**POLISCI 3250 Women, Gender, and Politics 3 Credits**

This course will provide students with a foundational overview of the gender and politics subfields of international and American politics. We will take an intersectional look at women candidates, women as representatives, and women as voters. This course will cover not only women, but other genders as well. We will address the differences between men, women, and trans folks in terms of public opinion, voting behavior, candidate evaluation, and political engagement.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Gender Studies, Social Sciences

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. POLISCI 1230 and POLISCI 3440 or instructor consent

**POLISCI 3330 American Political Parties and Interest Groups 3 Credits**

Interest groups and political parties as forces that mold public policy are examined.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Social Sciences

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. POLISCI 1230

**POLISCI 3340 Modern Japan 3 Credits**

Social, cultural, and political history of Modern Japan from the 17th century to the present.

**Components:** Class

**Cross Offering:** HISTORY 3950

**GE:** Global Studies (former Int Ed), Historical Perspective, International Education

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. HISTORY 2020 or consent of instructor

**POLISCI 3350 Modern China 3 Credits**

Social, cultural, and political history of Modern China from the 19th century to the present.

**Components:** Class

**Cross Offering:** HISTORY 3970

**GE:** Global Studies (former Int Ed), Historical Perspective, International Education

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. HISTORY 2020 or consent of instructor

**POLISCI 3440 Social Research Methods 3 Credits**

An introduction to social research methods. The course provides a conceptual framework for understanding and interpreting social research as well as designing, conducting, and evaluating research projects.

**Components:** Class

**Cross Offering:** SOCIOLOGY 3440

**GE:** Social Sciences

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. MATH 1830 and (CRIMLJUS 1130 or SOCIOLOGY 1030 or POLISCI 1130)

**POLISCI 3520 The Judicial Process 3 Credits**

The American judicial process, trial and appellate courts as well as the role of the U.S. Supreme Court are examined. The Anglo-American judicial system is compared with the judicial system of continental Europe.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Social Sciences

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. POLISCI 1130 or POLISCI 1230 or CRIMLJUS 1130

**POLISCI 3530 State and Local Government 3 Credits**

The structure and functions of state and local government, implementation of public policy, governmental agencies and administrative services, and city-suburban and metropolitan issues are examined. Special attention is given to the political and policy effects of the dynamic changes taking place in the urban centers in Wisconsin as well as in neighboring states.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Social Sciences

**POLISCI 3610 British Isles to 1714 3 Credits**

The political evolution of the English state and the national development and interactions of the English, Irish, Scottish, and Welsh peoples from their origins to 1714.

**Components:** Class

**Cross Offering:** HISTORY 3610

**GE:** Historical Perspective

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. HISTORY 2010 or HISTORY 2020 or consent of instructor

**POLISCI 3620 British Isles since 1714 3 Credits**

The political evolution of the British state and the national development and interactions of the English, Irish, Scottish, and Welsh peoples from 1714 until the present.

**Components:** Class

**Cross Offering:** HISTORY 3620

**GE:** Historical Perspective

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. HISTORY 2010 or HISTORY 2020 or consent of instructor

**POLISCI 3650 Political Theory 3 Credits**

The course examines the major contributions of Western normative political theory that underlie contemporary notions of power and political relationships.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Social Sciences

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. POLISCI 1130

**POLISCI 3710 Democracy and Democratization 3 Credits**

A survey of the major debates on democracy and democratization from a Comparative Politics perspective.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Global Studies (former Int Ed), International Education, Social Sciences

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. POLISCI 2360 or POLISCI 2430 or instructor consent

**POLISCI 3720 Politics of the Global Economy 3 Credits**

An analysis of the operation and powers of multinational corporations, their methods of influencing the electoral process, and the legislative and executive branches in the United States and abroad, as well as their future role in world economy and politics and development of Third World countries.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Global Studies (former Int Ed), International Education, Social Sciences

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. POLISCI 2360

**POLISCI 3750 International Human Rights 3 Credits**

This course examines the subject of international human rights primarily in the post-1945 era. The course involves the examination, analysis and discussion of major theories, legal norms, criminal procedures and state and international diplomacy in the human rights field. The course integrates theory and praxis with the case study method.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Global Studies (former Int Ed), International Education, Social Sciences

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. POLISCI 2360

**POLISCI 3760 International Security 3 Credits**

This course will examine the nature of and response to international security threats during and after the Cold War. These threats will be examined from both a theoretical perspective and a policy perspective. Topics include war, nuclear weapons, democratization, terrorism, economic sanctions, environmental degradation, ethnic conflict, and more.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Global Studies (former Int Ed), International Education, Social Sciences

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. POLISCI 2360

**POLISCI 3770 Politics of Sports 3 Credits**

This course will explore the intersection of sports and politics. We will use sports to better understand political protest, conflict initiation, gender norms, public policy, global governance, and more. The course will take a broad definition of both "sports" and "politics" and will expose students to several methods of Political Science research.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Social Sciences

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. Sophomore standing

**POLISCI 3780 Constitutional Law 3 Credits**

This course examines constitutional law and the political process, judicial review, civil liberties, rights and responsibilities, the role of the Supreme Court in the educational environment and student rights.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Social Sciences

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. POLISCI 1130 or POLISCI 1230 or CRIMLJUS 1130

**POLISCI 3830 Civil Liberties 3 Credits**

The focuses of this course are: law and power and their abuses; law and power in relation to, deviance, freedom of religion, freedom of expression, civil disobedience, and the war on crime; criminal and civil cases, group action.

**Components:** Class

**GE:** Social Sciences

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. POLISCI 1230

**POLISCI 3950 Political Science Field Trip 1 Credit**

In this course, students will spend four days exploring the politics and culture of a major American city. They will meet with policymakers, visit historic landmarks, participate in a service project, discuss issues of local and national significance, and experience life in a large urban environment. Students are also required to attend two pre-departure meetings and one post-program meeting during which travel and academic material will be discussed.

**Components:** Field Studies

**POLISCI 4120 Modern Russia 3 Credits**

Political, social, economic, and cultural history of North Central Asia from the middle of the 19th century until the present time, with particular attention to Russian civilization, and the political evolution from Russian empire, to Soviet partocracy, to presidential republic.

**Components:** Class

**Cross Offering:** HISTORY 4120

**GE:** Global Studies (former Int Ed), Historical Perspective, International Education

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. HISTORY 2020 or consent of instructor

**POLISCI 4460 Modern Africa 3 Credits**

Examines the trajectory of African history from the early 19th century to contemporary times. Focuses on three defining moments: the "Scramble" and partition of Africa, the institutionalization of the colonial project, and the struggles and challenges of independence. Emphasis is on African agency and the African voice.

**Components:** Class

**Cross Offering:** HISTORY 4460

**GE:** Global Studies (former Int Ed), Historical Perspective, International Education

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. HISTORY 2430 or HISTORY 2020 or POLISCI 1130 or consent of instructor

**POLISCI 4660 Internship in Political Science 1-8 Credits**

Enhancement of the educational experience through placement of a student with a cooperating agency, business, industry or institution. The nature of the assignment, type of experience, number of credits and evaluation procedure will be stipulated in a statement of agreement (learning contract) between the student and the department.

**Components:** Field Studies

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** sophomore standing to enroll in this class

**POLISCI 4720 Independent Study and Research in Political Science 1-3 Credits**

Supervised individual or team study and investigation of a selected topic.

**Components:** Independent Study

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** sophomore standing to enroll in this class

**POLISCI 4730 Trial Advocacy 1-3 Credits**

Students prepare both sides of a civil or criminal case for trial playing attorney and witness roles. Knowledge of courtroom procedure and rules of evidence along with skills of teamwork, critical and analytical thinking, and persuasive public speaking are applied.

**Components:** Seminar

**POLISCI 4760 Seminar in Selected Topics in Political Science 1-3 Credits**

Presentation of a selected topic normally not of a permanent nature or suitable for a regular course. Besides regular class presentations by students and examinations, a term paper is required.

**Components:** Seminar

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** P. junior standing