

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

A major in political science prepares students for a rich and rewarding career. Political science graduates are well equipped for professions both at home and abroad in the fields of law, business, criminal justice, education, journalism, and government service at the local, state, and federal levels. In fact, many political science graduates have reached the pinnacle of their respective professions.

Political science is among the most popular liberal arts majors and is highly suitable for combination as a **double major** with other disciplines such as business, economics, foreign languages, history, international studies, philosophy, psychology, and sociology, among others.

The Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees may be obtained with or without a concentration. Students may pursue concentrations in government affairs and civic engagement, foreign and national security affairs, law and the courts, political theory, and race, ethnicity and gender politics.

## Public Service

The political science major provides students with the tools to become effective and politically active citizens and leaders. Students learn to process the endless flow of ideas, rhetoric and data that are an inescapable feature of the information age. By polishing valuable skills in analysis, communication, research, and writing, political science classes challenge students to think independently, with an informed awareness of current affairs and tolerance for other points of view. With these skills political science graduates are always among the leaders in community organizations and electoral politics.

## Pre-Law

Political science continues to be the single most popular major among students who apply to law school. Law schools emphasize the importance of a course of study that develops the following skills: an understanding of human nature and human institutions, clarity in written and oral communication, and creative and critical thinking. Political science offers such an education, plus a number of courses that provide undergraduates with a rigorous introduction to legal concepts and arguments, as well as to the operation of the American legal system. Students who are interested in a majoring in political science as a preparation for law school are encouraged to pursue a concentration in law and the courts and they are invited to consult with the department's pre-law advisor.

## Other Information

A political science major or minor must earn at least a "C-" in all political science and cognate courses presented in satisfaction of the major or minor. While a minimum of 36 hours of political science is required of a major (B.A. or B.S.), up to 45 hours may be applied toward either the B.A. or B.S. degree.

For the political science minor, 9 credits must be taken in residence at UNO.

For the political science major, 15 credits must be taken in residence at UNO.

The Division of Continuing Studies offers the Bachelor of General Studies degree with an area of concentration in political science. Students interested in this degree program must meet with an adviser in the Division of Continuing Studies. The major consists of a minimum of **30** credit hours in political science, details of which are here (<https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-public-affairs-and-community-service/division-of-continuing-studies/academics/areas-of-concentration/political-science.php>)

## Student Groups

Phi Alpha Delta, International Pre-law Fraternity

Pi Gamma Mu, International Social Science Honor Society

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**Website** (<http://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-arts-and-sciences/political-science>)

## Writing in the Discipline

All students are required to take a writing in the discipline course within their major. PSCI 4950 is required to satisfy the writing in the discipline course requirement for all Political Science Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science students.

## Degrees Offered

- Political Science, Bachelor of Arts (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-ba>)
- Political Science, Bachelor of Science (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-bs>)

## Minors Offered

- Political Science Minor (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-minor>)
- Leadership and Public Policy Minor (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/political-science/leadership-public-policy-minor>)

### PSCI 1000 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE (3 credits)

This course introduces students to political ideas, behaviors, processes, institutions, and issues on a national and global level.

**Distribution:** Social Science General Education course and Global Diversity General Education course

### PSCI 1100 INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT (3 credits)

This course introduces students to the foundational principles, institutions, processes, and policies of national government in the United States

**Distribution:** Social Science General Education course

### PSCI 2000 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL ANALYSIS (3 credits)

This course introduces students to how political scientists conduct research in preparation for upper division political science courses. Using experiential learning, students will be introduced to using the library, data, computers and statistics to answer research questions.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or PSCI 1000

### PSCI 2110 INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC POLICY (3 credits)

An introduction to the formation and evaluation of public policy, with particular focus on the stages of public policy development.

**Distribution:** Social Science General Education course

### PSCI 2120 INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP (3 credits)

This course introduces students to civic leadership in a public setting, including theories of leadership, models of leadership, cases of success and failure, and the inherent tensions among democracy, leadership, and administration.

**Distribution:** Social Science General Education course

### PSCI 2150 CAREERS IN LAW AND POLITICS (3 credits)

This course introduces students to a diversity of career paths in both the public and private sector that are available in the fields of law and politics, and the motivations, qualifications, and expertise necessary for each.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1000 or PSCI 1100 is recommended. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

**PSCI 2180 INTRODUCTION TO LAW (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the foundations, principles, functions, institutions, processes, issues, and fields of law with a special emphasis on the American political and legal systems.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Not open to non-degree graduate students.

**Distribution:** Social Science General Education course

**PSCI 2210 INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to historical and contemporary questions and major theoretical approaches to world affairs through examination of the international system in terms of the economic, military, and political forces between states, international organizations, and transnational actors.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course and Social Science General Education course

**PSCI 2310 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the nature and scope of politics, the foundations of political thought, and competing traditions of political theory through the ideas of major political philosophers, the interpretation of their ideas, and the possible application of their ideas today.

**Distribution:** Humanities and Fine Arts General Education course

**PSCI 2500 INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the fundamental concepts and theoretical approaches used to study political institutions, processes, and public policies in different country settings. This course also illustrates the rich diversity of political life and the importance of global political and economic change.

**Distribution:** Social Science General Education course and Global Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 2560 MODERN FRANCE: 1789 TO THE PRESENT (3 credits)**

A study of the role of France in the development of modern democracy, and her successes and failures in the practice of that theory. (This course fulfills the department's comparative politics requirement). (Cross-listed with HIST 2560)

**PSCI 2660 THE PEOPLES OF EAST CENTRAL EUROPE SINCE 1815 (3 credits)**

A survey of social, political and cultural developments with emphasis upon Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and the Balkan states. Principal themes include 19th century movements for national liberation and social reform, the struggle for national unity and independence during World War I, problems and achievements of the independent East European states to 1938, and Second World War and Nazi occupation, the era of Communist rule, and post-1989 efforts to establish democracy and a market economy. (This course fulfills the Political Science department's comparative politics requirement). (Cross-listed with HIST 2660)

**PSCI 3000 QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the techniques that political scientists use to answer research questions with quantitative data, as well as issues of research design, hypothesis formation, and causation. The course emphasizes the methods used to collect, analyze, and extract information from data using statistical computer software. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8005)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** MATH 1310 or MATH 1220 or permission of department.

**PSCI 3010 URBAN POLITICS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the development, powers, forms of government, and functions of cities and their suburbs as well as the problems faced by elected officials, business and community leaders, and citizens in the urban setting. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8015)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 3040 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF NEBRASKA (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the development, structures, functions and public policies of the government of the state of Nebraska. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8045)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of instructor. .

**PSCI 3050 STATE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the development, structures, functions and public policies of states. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8055)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 3100 LGBT POLITICS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the political struggle for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) equal rights in the United States using a model of political empowerment, which may be applied for all minority or identity groups and social movements, generating operationalized measures of progress toward the loci of political power. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8105, WGST 3100, WGST 8105)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 is recommended.

**Distribution:** U.S. Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 3120 THE BLACK EXPERIENCE IN AMERICAN POLITICS (3 credits)**

A survey of the African-American's quest for liberation within and outside the orthodox political system of the United States with a focus on the institutional and structural arrangements which have denied liberation and prescriptions for meaningful change. (Cross-listed with BLST 3120)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** BLST 1000 or junior.

**PSCI 3130 WOMEN AND POLITICS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to women's political participation, including holding elective office, socialization, the feminist movement and its opposition, and public policies with particular impact on women. The focus is on contemporary perspectives on women in American political ideas and behavior. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8135, WGST 3130, WGST 8135)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 is recommended.

**Distribution:** U.S. Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 3140 LATINO/-A POLITICS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the dynamism and growth of the role of Latinos, as a group of political actors, in the United States. This course provides students with an exposure to and understanding of various concepts and dimensions of this phenomenon, including historical and contemporary Latino political thought and the efforts to increase political empowerment (representation and participation) and influence through grassroots, social, and political movements. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8145, LLS 3140, LLS 8145)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 is recommended.

**Distribution:** U.S. Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 3150 ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS AND THE NEW MINORITY POLITICS (3 credits)**

This course will be devoted to a broad discussion about the emergence of Asian Pacific Americans by birth and immigration, the fastest growing minority in the U.S., as a significant factor in American politics. (This course fulfills the department's American politics requirement).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior standing or by professor's permission.

**PSCI 3160 POLITICAL PARTIES (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the origin, development, structure, and functions of political parties in the United States as political organizations, coalitions of voters, and governing coalitions that seek to hold office and influence public policy. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8165)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 3170 INTEREST GROUPS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the theories, formation, organization, and activities of interest groups and their impact on public policy, particularly through their role in campaigns and elections and lobbying. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8175)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 3180 CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the evolution and modern application of campaigns and elections in the United States through examination of campaign management and campaign strategy in congressional and presidential elections. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8185)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 3220 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the history, principles, structures, and processes developed to organize and legitimize peaceful reconciliation of the differences of nation-states and to advance their mutual interests in the contemporary global political and economic system. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8225)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2210 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 3230 GENDER AND GLOBAL POLITICS (3 credits)**

This seminar introduces students to gender politics in comparative and international politics. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8235, WGST 3230, WGST 8235)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2500 is recommended.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 3240 THE POLITICS AND PRACTICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to human rights issues across the globe and explores the theoretical foundations of human rights as well as human rights institutions and transitional justice. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8245)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2210 or junior standing or permission of the instructor.

**PSCI 3250 GLOBAL SECURITY ISSUES (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to issues of national and international security that cross boundaries and threaten all countries including issues such as climate change, environmental deterioration, population and demographics, gender issues, disease and public health, the media, asymmetrical warfare, drugs/organized crime, and cyberthreats. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8255)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2210 or junior status or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 3260 UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the analysis of foreign and defense policy processes in the United States, including the role of the President, Congress, Departments of State and Defense, the intelligence community, and other actors/factors affecting policy formulation and implementation. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8265)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2210 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 3340 AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the ideals, ideologies, identities, and institutions of American political thought from the country's origins to the present. Topics to be covered may include the political thought of the early American settlers and of the founding generation, the debates over the creation and implementation of the Constitution, the 19th century arguments over slavery, the rise of progressivism, the New Deal and its critics, and contemporary American conservatism and liberalism. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8345)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or PSCI 2310 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 3500 EUROPEAN POLITICS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the political institutions, processes, and public policies of the states of Europe, including the European Union. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8505)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2500 or junior status or permission of instructor.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 3560 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF EAST CENTRAL EUROPE (3 credits)**

A comparative analysis of the governmental and political processes operating in East Central Europe. (This course fulfills the department's comparative politics requirement).

**PSCI 3580 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF RUSSIA AND THE POST-SOVIET STATES (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the political cultures, institutions, processes, and public policies of Russia and the states of the former Soviet Union. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8585)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2500 or junior status or permission of instructor.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 3640 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF CHINA AND EAST ASIA (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the political cultures, institutions, processes, policies, and other characteristics of China and neighboring states, with reference to other major powers engaged in the region. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8645)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2500 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 3660 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF JAPAN AND EAST ASIA (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the political cultures, institutions, processes, policies and other characteristics of Japan and neighboring states, with reference to other major powers engaged in the region. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8665)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2500 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 3680 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the political institutions, processes, and public policies of the states of Latin America. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8685, LLS 3680, LLS 8685)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2500 or junior status or permission of instructor.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 3700 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to government and politics in the contemporary Middle East, including considerations of state formation, authoritarianism and democratization, state-society relations, religion, culture, gender, and economy. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8705)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2500 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 3920 SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to a specialized subject matter in the field of political science not covered in existing courses. This course may be repeated for different topics up to a maximum of six credit hours.

**PSCI 4030 THE PRESIDENCY (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the development and modern application of presidential leadership through examination of presidential selection, presidential decision-making, the relationship of the presidency with other governmental and non-governmental actors, and the role of the presidency in making public policy. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8036)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4040 CONGRESS AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the development of the Congress and modern application of the legislative process through examination of congressional elections, congressional leadership, congressional decision-making, legislative rules and procedures, the relationship of the Congress with other governmental and non-governmental actors, and the role of the Congress in making public policy. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8046)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4050 THE JUDICIAL PROCESS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the administration of law in federal and state courts with respect to the organization of the courts, judicial selection, judicial powers, judicial decision-making, judicial policy-making, the bar, and reform movements in the pursuit of justice. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8056)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4110 POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the role of human thought, emotion, and behavior in politics through examination of the psychological factors that motivate political elites and the mass public. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8116, PSYC 4110, PSYC 8116)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4120 PUBLIC OPINION AND POLLING (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the origins, nature, measurement, and consequences of public opinion on policymaking. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8126)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of the instructor.

**PSCI 4140 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL RIGHTS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the history, principles, and judicial interpretation of key constitutional provisions and federal statutes regarding civil rights in the United States. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8146)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4150 LAW AND THE COURTS: MOCK TRIAL (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the American legal system, including its courtroom aspects, through preparation of and participation in a mock trial case.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of instructor. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

**PSCI 4160 LAW AND THE COURTS: MOCK TRIAL PRACTICUM (1-3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the American legal system through participation in mock trial competition.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 4150 or junior standing or permission of instructor. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

**PSCI 4170 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: FOUNDATIONS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the principles, design and operation of the American constitutional system with emphasis on analysis of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention, and the Federalist Papers. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8176)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of instructor

**PSCI 4180 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: THE FEDERAL SYSTEM (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to American constitutional law as it relates to issues of federalism, the relation of the nation and the states, and separation of powers, the relation of the three branches of the national government. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8186)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4190 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL LIBERTIES (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the philosophy, history, and development of the personal liberties guaranteed by the Constitution including freedom of speech, religion, assembly, petition, and the right of privacy, primarily through examination of Supreme Court decisions. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8196)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4200 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF EAST ASIA (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the international politics of East Asia with an emphasis on the contemporary relations among major East Asian states (China, Japan, the Korean peninsula) and the United States. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8206)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2210 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 4210 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST (3 credits)**

This course focuses on the international politics of the Middle East region, specifically looking at conditions for peace and causes of war. It examines how the international system, domestic politics, ideologies, and leaders influence international politics in the Middle East. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8216)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2210 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 4240 INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to different approaches to peace, their basic assumptions, and their application to current conflicts. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8246)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2210 or junior status or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4250 INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the United States intelligence services, and their relation to broader U.S. national security policy. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8256)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2210 or junior standing or permission of instructor

**PSCI 4260 INTERNATIONAL LAW (3 credits)**

The course introduces students to the general principles of international law, including the key actors, the creation and sources of international law, the interpretation of international law by courts and tribunals, and its enforcement. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8266)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2210 or junior status or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4270 GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to issues of global environmental politics and policy, including the science behind issues such as climate change, how environmental policy is made at the national and international levels, and what role politics plays in determining environmental resource use. (Cross-listed with ENVN 4270, PSCI 8276)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2210 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4280 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA (3 credits)**

Analysis of the role of Latin American states in the international political arena. Emphasis upon developing, applying and testing an explanatory theory of international politics through the study of the inter-American system: the regional, institutional and ideological environment, power relations, policies and contemporary problems. (This course fulfills the department's international politics requirement). (Cross-listed with PSCI 8286, LLS 4280, LLS 8286)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2500 or junior standing or permission of the instructor.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 4290 INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SUSTAINABILITY (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to different concepts of international development through the lens of sustainability. The course explores a broad range of activities related to international development, including international aid, trade, philanthropy, interventions in conflict, peacebuilding, public health, human rights, social justice, and the environment. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8296, CACT 8306)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2210 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4310 CLASSICAL POLITICAL THEORY (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to key works representative of premodern political philosophy. Authors examined may include Plato, Aristotle, Xenophon, Cicero, Augustine, and Aquinas. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8316)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2310 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4320 EARLY MODERN POLITICAL THEORY (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to key works of the 16th through mid-18th centuries. Authors examined may include Machiavelli, Hobbes, Hume, Smith and Montesquieu. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8326)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2310 or junior standing or permission of instructor

**PSCI 4330 LATE MODERN POLITICAL THEORY (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to key texts of the mid-18th through 19th centuries. Authors to be examined may include Rousseau, Burke, Mill, Tocqueville, Marx, and Nietzsche. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8336)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2310 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4340 CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to leading works of contemporary political philosophy including Marx, Spencer, Dahl, Rawls, feminism, and rational choice. The theories, their interrelationships, the theorists, and the manifestations of these works will be discussed and analyzed. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8346)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2310 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4350 DEMOCRACY (3 credits)**

A basic study of theory, practice and practitioners of political democracy, its roots, development, present application and problems and future. (This course fulfills the department's comparative politics requirement). (Cross-listed with PSCI 8356)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior

**PSCI 4380 TOPICS IN POLITICAL THEORY (3 credits)**

This course will conduct an in-depth exploration of an important issue, movement, thinker, or work in political theory. The particular subject matter will vary and will be chosen by the instructor.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior, or permission of instructor. Junior, or permission of instructor. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

**PSCI 4500 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF GREAT BRITAIN (3 credits)**

A comprehensive study of British politics and government. Emphasis will be focused on the formal institutions and informal customs and practices of the British political system. (This course satisfies the department's comparative politics requirement). (Cross-listed with PSCI 8506)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior

**PSCI 4520 POLITICS OF FRANCE (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the political heritage of France, contemporary political institutions and problems, and political and policy responses to these problems. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8526)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2500 or junior standing or permission of instructor.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 4620 ISLAM AND POLITICS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the interaction between religion and politics in the Muslim world, covering various political ideologies in the Muslim world and different experiences of Muslim-majority countries such as Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Indonesia, and Egypt. It will also analyze mainstream and radical transnational Islamic movements. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8626)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2210 or 2500 is recommended.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course

**PSCI 4820 POLITICS AND FILM (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the analysis of politics and film, focusing on how politics is portrayed in film and the politics of film making. (Cross-listed with JMC 4820, JMC 8826, PSCI 8826)

**PSCI 4900 READINGS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (1-3 credits)**

This course provides students an opportunity to study an advanced and specialized subject matter in the field of political science not covered in existing courses. The student must be capable of pursuing a highly independent course of study, which must be approved in consultation with the instructor in advance. This course may be repeated for different topics up to a maximum of six credit hours.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4910 POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP (1-6 credits)**

This course offers students an opportunity to experience the resolution of public issues through direct involvement in career-oriented policy organizations. The host organization must be approved in advance in consultation with the internship coordinator. This course may be repeated for a maximum of six credit hours.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4920 ADVANCED SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (1-3 credits)**

This course introduces students to an advanced and specialized subject matter in the field of political science not covered in existing courses. This course may be repeated for different topics up to a maximum of six credit hours. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8926)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior standing or permission of instructor.

**PSCI 4950 SENIOR CAPSTONE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (3 credits)**

This course offers political science majors in their senior year a capstone experience. The primary purpose of the course is for students to refine their research, writing, and oral communications skills by writing and presenting a major research paper in the discipline. This course satisfies the advanced writing requirement of the general education curriculum.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100, PSCI 2000, PSCI 2210, PSCI 2310, PSCI 2500, and senior standing or permission of instructor.

**Distribution:** Writing in the Discipline Single Course