

**PHI-0482 Independent Study**

Arranged on an individual basis. The area of study is selected by the student in consultation with the instructor. 1, 2, or 4 credits.

**PHI-0485 Internship**

Supervised experience in an appropriate work setting. Faculty/student conferences and evaluation sessions will be held periodically. Credits to be determined based on breadth and duration of internship.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE*****Degree Offered***

B.A., Bachelor of Arts in Political Science  
Legal Studies Track

***Faculty***

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The course offerings of the Political Science Department emphasize an understanding of political thought and practice around the world and in the United States. The program enables the student to engage in independent critical and creative thought on the problems and issues of contemporary politics and to communicate those ideas effectively. The program supports and encourages student involvement in several important activities related to the law, international politics, and American politics, and prepares students for a full range of career choices from business to public service, from law school to graduate school. Students are competitively selected to participate in several major conferences, including participation in the foreign affairs conferences of the three military academies and an active Model United Nations program.

The discipline offers a special minor in Governmental Relations designed to prepare the student for work or study in government relations, public policy, or public administration. The Kane Political Science fund supports a range of activities within the discipline, including lectures, student trips, and topical conferences. The discipline sponsors the Law Society which is open to all students from all disciplines. The Law Society's primary mission is to help prepare students for application and admission to law school. In addition, it sponsors lectures and discussions on issues related to the law.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR A B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

44 credits, comprising PSC-0101 Introduction to Political Science, PSC-0103 Introduction to American Politics, PSC-0350 Social Science Methodology, and PSC-0400 Senior Seminar. One semester of Political Philosophy and one semester of Statistics may be counted for Political Science elective credit.

In addition to meeting the course requirements for each respective major, all students must also fulfill the general education requirements that are listed under the heading, Rosemont Works: General Education Requirements.

### **Prerequisites**

PSC-0101 Introduction to Political Science or PSC-0103 Introduction to American Politics or the permission of the instructor for all courses numbered from PSC-0245 to PSC-0298.

### **Suggested Course Sequence for a B.A. in Political Science**

#### **First Year**

**Fall:** PSC-0101 Introduction to Political Science

**Spring:** PSC-0103 Introduction to American Politics

#### **Sophomore Year**

**Fall:** PSC-0210 The Media and Politics  
PSC-0260 Constitutional Law

**Spring:** PSC-0290 International Relations or  
PSC-0275 The American Presidency

#### **Junior Year**

**Fall:** PSC-0295 Foreign Policy Analysis  
PSC-0280 Comparative Politics

**Spring:** PSC-0350 Social Science Methodology  
Political Science elective

#### **Senior Year**

**Fall:** PSC-0340 Conflict and Conflict Management or  
Elective

**Spring:** PSC-0400 Senior Seminar  
Political Science elective

*Other sequences may be chosen in consultation with the major advisor.*

### **Suggested Course Sequence for a B.A. in Political Science, Legal Studies Track**

The Legal Studies track within the Political Science major is designed for transfer students who have completed a paralegal concentration program accredited by the American Bar Association in the process of earning an associate's degree from a regionally accredited college. A student must complete a minimum of one course from each discipline in Rosemont's General Education

requirements, either as part of her associate degree program or as part of her curriculum at Rosemont.

44 credits are required, including PSC-0101 Introduction to Political Science; ECO-0100 Macro-Economics; PSC-0350 Social Science Methodology; PSC-0400 Senior Seminar. 24 credits in the major will be transferred from upper-level paralegal studies courses taken in the associate's degree program. An internship may also be transferred as part of the major.

### **Requirements for a Minor in Political Science**

24 credits

PSC-0101 Introduction to Political Science

PSC-0103 Introduction to American Politics

PSC-0350 Social Science Methodology

Three additional courses will be selected in consultation with the minor advisor.

### **Requirements for a Minor in Governmental Relations**

Two semesters of public policy

One semester of economics

One semester of statistics

Two electives.

This program helps students to prepare for graduate school in fields such as government relations, public administration, and public policy. Combined with courses in the student's field of interest, the quantitative emphasis in this minor will provide students with the tools necessary for work and employment in the growing field of government-private sector cooperation.

### **Course Descriptions: Political Science**

#### **PSC-0101 Introduction to Political Science**

A comparative study of major questions, concepts, and approaches employed in contemporary political science. Students must participate in the national public radio Justice Talking program conducted at the Annenberg School of Communications of the University of Pennsylvania. Each student must pass a special examination in written argument. Offered fall semester. 4 credits.

#### **PSC-0103 Introduction to American Politics**

Analysis of how the American Government works and why it works the way it does. We will consider what problems we think our government should solve and how it should solve those problems. We will examine the principal institutions of American Government: The Presidency, Congress, the Court system, the media, political parties, interest groups and elections. Each student will pick a current issue of special interest and follow it for the semester. Prerequisites: None. Offered spring semester. 4 credits.

#### **PSC-0105 Contemporary Questions of War, Peace, and Justice**

An inter-disciplinary, team-taught examination of the obvious benefits and hidden costs of peace, both at home and abroad; the North-South conflict; and the continuing problem of nuclear

proliferation in the post-Cold War era. Ethical and religious as well as political questions are considered. 2 or 4 credits, depending on the nature of the final assignment completed.

### **PSC-0200 Ideas in Politics**

An in-depth analysis of selected and related ideas central to political life; philosophical and social scientific perspectives using classical as well as contemporary sources are employed. The particular ideas investigated – community and authority, for example – will vary from year to year. Permission of the instructor (POI) is required. Offered as needed. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0210 The Media and Politics**

The role and impact of the media, especially electronic media, on the political system is examined. How the media covers and influences elections, public discussions of issues, and the treatment of major media events are considered. Offered every other year. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0220 Statistics I**

An introduction to the concepts of descriptive statistics in the social sciences. Students learn to compute basic statistical analysis and discuss the application of the analysis to research in the social sciences. This course provides practical application of statistical principles and introduces the use of the computer for statistical analysis. Strongly recommended for Political Science students. This course is cross-listed with PSY-0210 Descriptive Statistics. Offered fall semester. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0221 Statistics II**

A study of sensory, perceptual, intellectual, and linguistic processes that regulate how individuals experience, think about, and understand the world. This course is cross-listed with PSY-0241 Cognition and Perception. Prerequisite: PSY-0100. Strongly recommended for Political Science students. Offered fall semester. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0235 Knowledge, Power and Representation: An Introduction to Global Studies**

There are many who know, argue, or acknowledge, depending on their perspective, that we have entered a new era of so-called globalization. The term is much used, much abused, and often little understood. For many, this change is a paradigmatic change, i.e., it is a new reality demanding new concepts and new theories. In short, we have only just begun. The texts we will read challenge the ways the world is represented and how we in turn represent it. This approach is similar to what was, and still is in some circles, referred to as International Studies (as opposed to International Politics). Indeed, what Global Studies approaches do is to extend the environment of inquiry and the methods by which the inquiry is done. The course does not replace International Politics and related courses, but it does cast them in a different light, as part of a much broader approach to relations between various actors on the world stage. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0245 The Politics of Disorder: The 1960s Revisited**

Focuses on the question of political change by examining the political movements of the 1960s, their sources, and their consequence in the United States and abroad. In the United States, special attention is given to the time covering the Kennedy and Johnson administrations; abroad, we will look at the cases of the ‘Velvet Spring’ in the former Czechoslovakia and the ‘Cultural Revolution’ in China. Special attention is given to the pro-democracy, civil rights, anti-Vietnam

war, feminist and gay rights movements. Prerequisite: PSC-0101 or PSC-0103 or permission of instructor (POI). Offered every other year. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0250 American Political Parties**

A consideration of the structure and function of parties in a democratic system. Topics covered include political change and party realignment, the nature of voting behavior, and the role of interest groups in the policy-making process. Prerequisite: PSC-0101 or PSC-0103 or permission of instructor (POI). Offered as needed. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0255 Women in Politics**

In 2006, women hold 81, or 15.1%, of the 535 seats in the 109th US Congress and 22.8%, of the 7,382 state legislators' seats in the United States. Why don't more women run? Why don't more women win? Does it matter? Topics will include the fight to get the vote, the gender gap in voting and what it means; the leadership styles of women. Students are expected to engage in off-campus activities that connect them to women who work in the political sphere, broadly defined. Prerequisites: PSC-0101 or PSC-0103 or permission of instructor (POI). Offered every other year. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0260 Constitutional Law**

Should local governments be able to take one's property, using eminent domain and turn it over to a private developer? Can the federal government pass laws punishing violence against women? Can states legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes? Using legal opinions and political science analysis, we will answer these and other questions about the fundamental principles of the American political structure, including the relationship among the three branches of government. Students will choose cases and topics to research and make presentations to the class. Prerequisites: PSC-0101 or PSC-0103 or permission of instructor (POI). Offered every other year. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0261 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties**

How have Supreme Court decisions concerning freedoms of speech, press and religion; the rights of the accused; civil rights for women and minority groups, and the right of privacy changed our lives and the political system? We will use legal opinions and political science analysis to answer this question. Students will research cases and topics and make presentations to the class. Prerequisites: PSC-0101 or PSC-0103 or permission of instructor (POI). Offered every other year. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0267 Public Policy Analysis**

A consideration of the process of policy-making from the formulation of a policy through its success or failure in becoming part of the public agenda and official policy. Students will learn to analyze and write case studies on pressing contemporary political and social issues, e.g. cloning, third world indebtedness, poverty, health care, crime, and education. Prerequisite: PSC-0101 or PSC-0103 or permission of instructor (POI). Offered every other year. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0270 Politics and the City**

Love Philadelphia? Hate it? Want it to be better? Most people in the U.S. now live in metropolitan areas which include cities and their suburban rings. This course analyzes issues

raised by suburbanization, the urbanization of poverty, housing, welfare, and schools with a focus on the Philadelphia metro area. Students research a recent conflict in their own communities, interview the principal agents involved, make a presentation to the class, and write a paper based on their research. Prerequisites: PSC-0101 or PSC-0103 or permission of instructor (POI). Offered every other year. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0274 Congressional Politics**

An examination of the legislative process that considers the nature of representation, the conduct of elections, the involvement of the executive branch, the role of the two major political parties, and the power of constituencies, bureaucracies, and special interest groups. Prerequisite: PSC-0101 or PSC-0103 or permission of instructor (POI). Offered as needed. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0275 The American Presidency**

*"The buck stops here!"* read the sign that sat on the desk of President Harry S. Truman. This course studies the evolution of the fundamental powers of the Presidency, the tension among the President, Congress, the Courts, interest groups, and the dynamics of presidential decisions. Prerequisites: PSC-0101 or PSC-0103 or permission of instructor (POI). Offered every other year. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0276 Elections**

*"Being a politician is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game, but dumb enough to think it matters."* Eugene McCarthy  
This course is about understanding the election game. Why do people vote, run for office, work in politics? What are the functions of political parties, of polling, the media, interest groups? How has technology changed politics? How do local elections differ from national elections? And most importantly, why does it matter? Students will help to organize a campus registration drive and work for a candidate of their choosing. Prerequisites: PSC-0101 or PSC-0103 or permission of instructor (POI). Offered every other year. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0280 Comparative Politics**

A comparative analysis of political behavior and processes. Cases will be drawn from cultures and societies across the world and at various stages of development. Case material will be drawn both from developed and developing political systems. Using certain Internet techniques, students will be required to conduct interviews with at least five residents of two of the countries studied. The interviews will be reported on and interpreted in a separate course paper. Prerequisite: PSC-0101 or PSC-0103 or permission of instructor (POI). Offered as needed. 4 credits.

### **PSC-0285 Environmental Law**

An analysis of ways in which our society protects or fails to protect the environment through laws and regulations. Comparative models of government regulation are examined and critiqued. Prerequisite: PSC-0101 or PSC-0103 or permission of instructor (POI). Offered as needed. 4 credits.

**PSC-0287 The United Nations and International Security**

An introduction to the United Nations—its founding, history, and current structure. Particularly emphasized are UN peace, economic development, and human rights programs; the work of the UN's various agencies; UN treaty structures and peacemaking operations; and recent UN reforms. Prerequisite: PSC-0101 or PSC-0103 or permission of instructor (POI). Offered every other year. 2 credits.

**PSC-0288 Model UN**

This course focuses on the yearly agenda of the United Nations General Assembly. Special attention is given to the requirements of participating in Model UN deliberations: argument, resolution formation, amendment, parliamentary procedure, and public speaking. Required for participation in Model UN conferences. Prerequisite: PSC-0101 or PSC-0103 or permission of instructor (POI). Offered every other year. 2 credits.

**PSC-0290 International Relations**

A critical analysis of contemporary international political problems from various perspectives and more particularly, a study of the dilemmas of cooperation and conflict, the causes of war, and the possibilities of peace. In addition to the regular requirements of the course, exams and case study analyses, students are required to use the procedures of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University and the Cascon Conflict Management Program to create their own case study of a contemporary conflict, foreign or international. Offered every other year. 4 credits.

**PSC-0295 Foreign Policy Analysis**

A comparative study of the sources (both internal and external) and substance of foreign policies (particularly those of the major powers) in general and of specific foreign policy issues such as ethnic conflicts, regional economic and political unions, nuclear arms and proliferation policies, and various North-South issues. Offered as needed. 4 credits

**PSC-0297 Political Conflict in Northern Ireland**

An analysis of the origins and dynamics of the political conflict in Northern Ireland and the various attempts to build a sustainable peace. Issues related to ethnic-religious division, constitution building, and political violence are considered. This class requires a study trip to Northern Ireland. Prerequisite: permission of instructor (POI). Offered as needed. 4 credits

**PSC-0298 Cuba in American Politics**

This class requires a study trip to Cuba. Prerequisite: permission of instructor (POI). Offered as needed. 4 credits.

**PSC-0300 The Politics of Identity**

A study of theories of identity formation and the relationship between identity and politics through an examination of a variety of historical and present-day case studies drawn from Africa, India, the United States, the former Republic of Yugoslavia, and particularly Afghanistan. Prerequisite: a social science major or the permission of the instructor. Offered as needed. 4 credits.

**PSC-0310 Leadership: A Comparative Analysis**

Competing political and psychological theories of leadership are studied in relation to various case studies of political leaders at different levels and in different societies. Students are required to 'adopt' a political leader for detailed study. Offered every other year. 4 credits.

**PSC-0320 Field work in Political Science**

Off-campus projects chosen from among legal aid organizations, government agencies, community self-help organizations, and other nonprofit institutions. Participants will be expected to devote eight to ten hours a week to their project, keep a journal, and write a paper which relates their field work experience to the literature of the social sciences. Offered yearly. 4 credits.

**PSC-0330 Representations of September 11, 2001**

In this course, we will investigate significant representations, political and visual, of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Our chief concern is to learn how the varied political and artistic representations of September 11, 2001 come together to influence our understanding of the post-September 11, 2001 world. The course is deliberately comparative in nature and will require that students spend three days in New York City to examine the consequences for the city of these tragic events and to critically evaluate the memorial proposal. 4 credits.

**PSC-0340 Conflict and Conflict Management**

A study of conflict and dispute settlement processes in small-scale, traditional societies as a means of understanding such processes in modern societies. Students are required to work in teams to prepare a full analysis of a conflict – campus, local, national or international. This analysis includes a full history of the conflict, an analysis of the dynamics of the conflict in its present stage and the methods used by the respective parties to pursue the conflict. A final component will assess the possibilities for conflict management or conflict resolution. A weekly journal commenting on the readings is required. Occasionally, this class will involve a study tour in Northern Ireland. Prerequisite: the permission of the instructor, a minimum G.P.A. of 3.5, and either junior or senior standing. Offered every other year. 4 credits.

**PSC-0350 Social Science Methodology**

An examination of the concepts and methods used in social science research with emphasis on attitude and survey research techniques. Required for the political science major and the B.S. degree in sociology. This class will conduct surveys and report analyses and interpretations of the results to the entire Rosemont community. Required for every political science major and the Bachelor of Science degree in sociology. Offered spring semester. 4 credits.

**PSC-0400 Senior Seminar**

A student-run and organized examination of currently significant political ideas. All students are required to participate in the work of their colleagues. Offered every spring and required of every Political Science major. Critical reading of major works in social science combined with study of the political implications of those works. Offered every year. 4 credits.

**PSC-0410 American Citizenship**

A study of the evolution of conceptions of American citizenship from the perspectives of various disciplines. The course is taught by a team of faculty from different disciplines. Prerequisites: junior or senior year. Status of this course pending due to the World Citizenship course. Offered as needed. 4 credits.

**PSC-0455 Internship**

Supervised experience in a legal or governmental agency or organization concerned with political issues. Students may intern in the Rosemont-American University collaborative or a number of other internship possibilities in Washington and other locations across the country. Available during the school year or during the summer. Credit depends on particular internship and school year or summer options. Open to junior and senior Political Science majors by permission of the instructor.

**PSC-0460 Independent Study**

Study in an area selected by the student and the faculty member. Open to junior and senior majors. Prerequisite: permission of instructor (POI). 1, 2 or 4 credits.