

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (PSC)

## PSC 500 Selected Topics (1-6 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Exploration of a topic (to be determined) not covered by the standard curriculum but of interest to faculty and students in a particular semester.

Repeatable

## PSC 570 Experience Credit (1-6 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Participation in a discipline or subject related experience. Student must be evaluated by written or oral reports or an examination. Permission in advance with the consent of the department chairperson, instructor, and dean. Limited to those in good academic standing.

Repeatable

## PSC 590 Independent Study (1-6 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Exploration of a problem, or problems, in depth. Individual independent study upon a plan submitted by the student. Admission by consent of supervising instructor(s) and the department.

Repeatable

## PSC 600 Selected Topics (1-6 Credits)

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## PSC 602 Public Policy Analysis: Theory and Practice (3 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Cross-listed with SOS 604

Overview of policy literature, including political economy and practical politics. Formal analyses and case studies.

## PSC 611 American Parties and Elections (3 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Political parties, interest groups, and electoral behavior in American political context.

## PSC 612 Development of the American Administrative State (3 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Origins, development, and character of the American administrative state from 1877 to the present. Welfare state, regulatory state, and the civil state.

## PSC 620 The East Asian Century? Opportunities and Challenges for the Region & the US (3 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Cross-listed with HST 620

Double-numbered with PSC 420, HST 420, IRP 320

Examines the trajectories of and interactions between China, Japan, and Korea, with a focus on the implications of these developments for the region and the United States.

## PSC 621 Theories of American Politics (3 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Basic introduction to the ways in which political scientists have conceptualized and studied American politics, primarily through an examination of influential approaches and "classic" works.

## PSC 651 Theories of International Relations (3 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Contemporary theories of international relations. Approaches to understanding and explaining international behavior at single-nation, multiple-nation, and systematic levels.

## PSC 670 Experience Credit (1-6 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Cross-listed with PAI 670

Participation in a discipline- or subject-related experience. Students must be evaluated by written or oral reports or an examination. Limited to those in good academic standing.

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## PSC 671 Comparative Political Analysis (3 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Major theoretical approaches in comparative analysis: structural functionalism, systems, Marxism, dependency theory. Comparative research techniques: use of elite studies, aggregate data, theory, cross-national surveys, political sociology, diachronic analysis, and causal modeling.

## PSC 681 Comparative State, Society Relations (3 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Cross-listed with AAS 681

Conceptual, methodological, and theoretical tools in comparing state, society relations, and their political and socioeconomic outcomes in the Pan African world and the rest of the world.

## PSC 682 Social Theory and Middle East Politics (3 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Cross-listed with MES 682

Orientalist, Marxian, Weberian, and postmodern viewpoints about such issues as colonialism, Islamism, nationalism, secularism, authoritarianism, modernity, and patriarchy in the Middle East.

## PSC 684 International Relations of the Middle East (3 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Cross-listed with MES 684, PAI 684

Analysis of some of the central issues of contemporary regional and international politics of the Middle East.

## PSC 690 Independent Study (1-6 Credits)

*Maxwell*

In-depth exploration of a problem or problems. Individual independent study upon a plan submitted by the student. Admission by consent of supervising instructor or instructors and the department.

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## PSC 691 Logic of Political Inquiry (3 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Major debates in logic of political inquiry. Includes alternative approaches to explanation and theory, nature of political knowledge, place of values in political inquiry, and policy relevance of political science.

## PSC 693 Introduction to Quantitative Political Analysis (3 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Basic statistics, including measures of central tendency and dispersion, hypothesis testing, indices of association, and bivariate analysis. Application of statistics to political science data.

## PSC 694 Qualitative Political Analysis (3 Credits)

*Maxwell*

Survey of qualitative methods in political science research. Topics include elite interviewing, participant observation, content analysis, and discourse analysis. Discussions center on research practices and exemplary applications.

## PSC 700 Selected Topics (1-6 Credits)

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**PSC 703 Governance and Global Civil Society (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Cross-listed with PAI 713

Survey of perspectives and literatures on global civil society organizations and transnational NGOs. Begins the process of integrating these literatures through critical analysis.

**PSC 704 Comparative Political Economy (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Political economy of economic growth, redistribution and inequality. Political institutions, origins and evolution. Cross-national variations in economic institutions.

**PSC 706 United States National Security: Defense and Foreign Policy (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Cross-listed with PAI 718

Current problems in planning and administering national security policy in the United States.

**PSC 711 American Constitutional Development (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Key moments, periods, and themes in American constitutional development. The influence of constitutional ideas and institutions on political development and the influence of political ideas and institutions on the Constitution.

**PSC 712 Public Opinion and Communication (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Comparative perspective, emphasizing United States. Opinion formation, political communication systems, impact of news media, propaganda, and methods, including opinion surveys and content analysis.

**PSC 713 Congress and the Presidency (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Separate and shared powers of Congress and the Presidency. Consequences for policy making.

**PSC 715 Judicial Politics (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Judicial structure and process, emphasizing U.S. Supreme Court. Behavioral and institutional perspectives on judicial attitudes and behavior.

**PSC 716 Foundations of American Political Thought (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Cross-listed with HST 682, SOS 716

American political thought to about 1820. Puritans, American Revolution, establishment of the Constitution, and thought of Hamilton and Jefferson.

**PSC 718 Politics and the Environment (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Examines the opportunities and constraints for addressing environmental problems through the political process. Its aim is to understand how problems, political actors, and institutions come together to shape policymaking in this arena.

**PSC 719 Fundamentals of Post-Conflict Reconstruction (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Cross-listed with PAI 719

The goal of this class is to provide students with a broad overview of the field of post-conflict reconstruction (PCR) from both a theoretical and applied point of view. Over the course of the semester we will consider the various goals of PCR work, the range of actors that conduct it and the lessons learned from its application across various settings.

**PSC 722 Surveys and Experiments (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Introduces graduate students to the use and analysis of surveys and experiments in political science. Explores both technical aspects of surveys and experiments and applied substantive social science literature that uses these methods.

**PSC 749 International Security Theory (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Explores key controversies and debates in contemporary security studies.

**PSC 752 International Law and Organizations (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Foundations and application of international law. Institutional and political capability of international organizations. Recent theoretical and methodological development.

**PSC 753 International Political Economy (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Relation between international politics and economics. Neoclassical and leftist approaches to problems of expansion, North-North relations, North-South relations, and system transformation.

**PSC 754 International Conflict and Peace (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Forms of international conflict and explanations for occurrence and resolution.

**PSC 755 Politics and Governance in the Information Age (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

The impact of advanced computing and communications technologies on the structure, organization, and behaviors of contemporary systems of public governance.

**PSC 756 Politics of the European Union (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

History, institutions, policies, and political dynamics of the European Union and its relations with the rest of the world.

**PSC 757 Non-State Actors in World Affairs (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Analysis and assessment of the causes of transnational non-state activism, the means and goals chosen by activists, and the effects of non-state actors in international and domestic affairs.

**PSC 758 Global Migration (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Why do people move across international borders, and where do they go? How should local communities, national governments, and international institutions respond? What are the goals of these policies, and are they effective?

**PSC 759 Crisis Management (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Leadership, cooperation, and conflict in times of crisis. Key dynamics that influence the way decision makers perceive and respond to crisis and the processes that facilitate constructive crisis management.

**PSC 760 Foreign Policy Seminars (3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Selected aspects of foreign policy, such as American foreign policy, Soviet foreign policy, and foreign policy analysis.  
Repeatable

**PSC 767 International Human Rights (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

This graduate seminar surveys human rights issues, including the sources of violations, the role of international institutions and non-state actors, and explanations for commitment and compliance.

**PSC 768 Law, Courts and Human Rights (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Cross-listed with PAI 768

This course aims to introduce students to comparative judicial politics and human rights, and familiarize them with relevant theories and methodologies for conducting research on comparative legal systems, human rights and judicial institutions.

**PSC 769 Comparative Parties and Politics (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Political parties, interest groups, the electorate, and legislative behavior in a comparative political context.

**PSC 780 Seminar on Political Systems (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Political systems and political system change in selected nations and regions. Seminars may focus on one nation/region or they may analyze a substantive topic comparatively.

Repeatable

**PSC 781 Politics of the Developing World (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

The socio-economic, political, and cultural issues shaping people's lives in the more than 140 state-societies that constitute the "Third World."

**PSC 782 Politics of China (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Political development, political institutions, and political economy of China and Chinese foreign relations, emphasizing the reform era.

**PSC 783 Comparative Foreign Policy (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Systematic development of theories of foreign policy not limited to a single nation, decision, situation, or time. Definitions of foreign policy and logic of comparative analysis; historical roots of study of foreign policy; theories of war proneness, change and cooperation; examination of how foreign policy is made.

**PSC 785 Comparative Civil-Military Relations (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Theory and practice of civil-military relations. The military's role in the modern state and in modern society. Broad geographic coverage, including the United States, Europe, Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

**PSC 786 Russian and Post-Soviet Politics (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Political institutions and political development of Russia and other post-Soviet and post-communist states, particularly since 1991.

**PSC 787 Democracy and Democratization (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Nature of modern democracy, contemporary transitions to democracy in countries around the world, problems of democratic consolidation and democratic theory, and the effects of democracy on the economy and world politics.

**PSC 788 Political Leadership (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

The relationship between what political leaders are like, the behavior of the institutions or governments they lead, and the effects of leaders and leadership on politics.

**PSC 792 Research Design (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Logic of designing research in political science. Conceptual, theoretical, and empirical analysis. Focus on developing dissertation proposals.

**PSC 793 Constructing the World Polity (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Survey of constructivist research. Comparisons of constructivist theories, comparisons to other theories of world politics, and reviews of exemplary empirical applications.

**PSC 794 Advanced Quantitative Political Analysis (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Multivariate data analysis, including regression, causal analysis, time series, and factor analysis. Theoretical uses, implications, and meanings of techniques. Techniques applied through computer analyses using statistical software.

**PSC 796 Formal Theories of Choice (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Production of collective states from individual choice. Role of evaluative concepts like equality, liberty, and rights in such efforts. Design theory, game theory, impossibility theorems, voting rules, distributive justice, market models.

**PSC 797 Contemporary Normative Theory (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Major debates in contemporary democratic theory: extent of and rationale for political participation; relation of material and political equality; tension between liberty and equality. Theories of justice: Rawls, utilitarianism, Nozick.

**PSC 800 Selected Topics (1-6 Credits)***Maxwell*

Seminar  
Repeatable

**PSC 804 Advanced Topics in Qualitative Methods (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Advanced survey of selected qualitative research methods, for students who have completed PSC 694. Specific topics covered will vary by semester.

Advisory recommendation Prereq: PSC 694

**PSC 810 Selected Topics in Public Administration (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Seminar  
Repeatable

**PSC 820 Selected Topics in American Politics (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Seminar  
Repeatable

**PSC 860 Selected Topics in International Relations (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Seminar  
Repeatable

**PSC 880 Selected Topics in Comparative Politics (3 Credits)***Maxwell*

Seminar  
Repeatable

**PSC 890 Independent Study (1-6 Credits)**

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Repeatable

**PSC 901 Readings and Research on Political Theory and Methodology (1-3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Repeatable

**PSC 911 Readings and Research on Public Administration and Policy (1-3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Cross-listed with PAI 930

Repeatable 3 times for 9 credits maximum

**PSC 920 Readings and Research on American Politics (1-3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Repeatable

**PSC 960 Readings and Research on International Relations (1-3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Repeatable

**PSC 970 Experience Credit (1-6 Credits)**

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**PSC 980 Readings and Research on Comparative Politics (1-3 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Repeatable

**PSC 990 Independent Study (1-6 Credits)**

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Repeatable

**PSC 997 Masters Thesis (0-6 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

**PSC 999 Dissertation (1-15 Credits)**

*Maxwell*

Repeatable