

Political Science (PSC)

PSC 120/HUM 120 Latin American Civilization

3 Hours

Prerequisites: None
3 hours weekly (3-0)

Latin American Civilization is an interdisciplinary course combining the social science and humanities disciplines. The course will examine Latin American history, politics, religion, geography, languages, culture, music, and art. Students will study the diversity of the peoples of Central and South America and throughout the Caribbean. One of the central purposes is to present students with the opportunity to learn about the complexity and richness of people and nations of the Latin American region. For instance, nations such as Mexico, Brazil, Costa Rica, Colombia, Chile, and Ecuador will be featured in the course.

PSC 131 American Government

IAI – S5 900, PLS 911
3 Hours

Prerequisites: None
3 hours weekly (3-0)

A survey of American national, state, and local governments, including a study of the structure-function of the political system and the elements of constitutionalism, republicanism, and federalism. Emphasis will be given to the dynamics of the political process through the operation of public opinion, the party system, and the electoral process. Special attention will be given to an analysis of the Constitution of the United States. Students who receive credit for Political Science 131 automatically fulfill the statutory requirements of the State of Illinois.

PSC 140A Current Events International

1 Hour

Prerequisites: PSC 131
1 hour weekly (1-0)

Current Events is a political science course designed to accompany PSC 211, 131, 212, or stand alone in special circumstances. The primary purpose of the course is to give the student an opportunity to volunteer and participate in Model United Nations, Model Illinois Government, Lobbying Illinois Government, political campaigns, and other community/state activities. Students will have an opportunity to survey the literature in each substantive area and then apply theory to practice.

This course is an excellent opportunity for students to get hands-on experience in the social sciences.

PSC 140B Current Events Political Institutions and Processes

1 Hour

Prerequisites: PSC 131
1 hour weekly (1-0)

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PSC 140C Current Events National Politics

1 Hour

Prerequisites: PSC 131
1 hour weekly (1-0)

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PSC 140D Current Events State and Local

1 Hour

Prerequisites: PSC 131
1 hour weekly (1-0)

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PSC 211 State and Local Government

IAI – PLS 915, S5 902

3 Hours

Prerequisites: None

3 hours weekly (3-0)

A survey of the structure and functions of American state and local governments. Attention will be given to intergovernmental relations, and the organization, powers, functions, and finances of state and local governments. Emphasis will be placed upon the unique problems of the metropolitan areas.

PSC 212 Introduction to International Relations

IAI – S5 904N, PLS 912

3 Hours

Prerequisites: None

3 hours weekly (3-0)

An introduction to international relations emphasizing contemporary international problems and relations. The course is a foreign policy analysis of the international interactions of states and other international actors. In addition, the collapse of Soviet and Eastern European communism, the rediscovery of economics, the resurgence of nationalism, and the emergence of global problems will be examined.

PSC 213 World Affairs (Honors)

IAI – S5 906N

3 Hours

Prerequisites: HIS 201, HIS 202, or PSC 131 with "B" or higher; 15 semester hours, GPA of 4.0 or higher

3 hours weekly (3-0)

This course is taught in a seminar format involving an in-depth study by honors students of current world affairs. Students will examine current world problems in light of historical, political, economic, social, and geographic backgrounds and current policies.

This course is also offered as part of a study abroad program. Contact the Coordinator of International Education for more information.

PSC 215 Congress: The Legislative Process

3 Hours

Prerequisites: None

3 hours (3-0)

Presents an inside view of the U. S. Congress and the complex range of individuals, organizations, and processes it embodies. Programs are hosted by journalist Edwin Newman and feature Norman Ornstein, professor of political science, Catholic University. Themes addressed include congressional elections, committees, parties, leadership, lobbying, constituency relations, lawmaking, budgeting, and separation of powers.

PSC 220 The Law and Society

3 Hours

Prerequisites: None

3 hours weekly (3-0)

A course on the legal principles on which the law is based, and the legal system which administers the law. Helps students understand what their legal rights are and informs them of what legal principles are involved in a variety of daily situations.

PSC 289 Introduction to Comparative Government

IAI – S5 905, PLS 914

3 Hours

Prerequisites: None

3 hours weekly (3-0)

This course is a comparative examination of the systems, processes, and policies of selected countries. The analysis of each country includes a study of political culture, structure, function, and public policymaking of nine separate countries.