

Political Science (PSC)

PSC 131 American Government

IAI – S5 900

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 211 State and Local Government

IAI – 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 904

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 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

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.