

POLITICAL SCIENCE (PS)

PS 110, *GOVERNING AFTER THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE, 3 Credits

Constitution-writing in a post-apocalyptic world. Students write a constitution that addresses issues of difference, power, and discrimination. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPDP – Core, Perspective, Difference/Power/Discrimination

Equivalent to: PS 110H

Available via Ecampus

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Equivalent to: PS 110

PS 201, *INTRODUCTION TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS, 4 Credits

Description and analysis of American politics and government, including such topics as interest groups, parties, elections, media, the presidency, Congress, the Constitution, and the courts. (SS) (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPSI – Core, Pers, Soc Proc & Inst; LACS – Liberal Arts Social Core

Equivalent to: PS 101, PS 102, PS 102H

Available via Ecampus

PS 204, *INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS, 4 Credits

Major concepts of comparative politics applied to various political settings; the United States, Western Europe, Communist regimes, and developing countries. (SS) (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPSI – Core, Pers, Soc Proc & Inst; LACS – Liberal Arts Social Core

Available via Ecampus

PS 205, *INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, 4 Credits

Analysis of the international system and factors affecting world politics. (SS) (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPSI – Core, Pers, Soc Proc & Inst; LACS – Liberal Arts Social Core

Equivalent to: PS 205H

Available via Ecampus

PS 206, *INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THOUGHT, 4 Credits

Introduction to political philosophy. Major ideas and issues of selected political thinkers. (H) (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPWC – Core, Pers, West Culture; LACH – Liberal Arts Humanities Core

Equivalent to: PS 206H

Available via Ecampus

PS 221, INTRODUCTION TO LAW, 4 Credits

Overview of American law and the U.S. legal system. Topics include legal concepts from selected substantive areas of law, structures and processes of law, and development of basic legal analytical skills.

PS 299, SPECIAL STUDIES, 1-4 Credits

PREREQ: Departmental approval required.

This course is repeatable for 4 credits.

PS 300, ^RESEARCH METHODS, 4 Credits

Qualitative and quantitative approaches to the study of political phenomena. The role of values, theory, hypothesis, data collection, and analysis in evaluating and conducting political science research. (Writing Intensive Course)

Attributes: CWIC – Core, Skills, WIC

Equivalent to: PS 400

Available via Ecampus

PS 311, CONGRESSIONAL POLITICS, 4 Credits

Congressional politics, both on Capitol Hill and in the district, including campaigns, constituent relations, lobbying, legislating, and the legislature in democratic theory.

Equivalent to: PS 411

PS 312, PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS, 4 Credits

Office, powers, and politics of the American presidency, with reference to other executive offices in American government; emphasis on the importance and effect of the presidency in American politics.

Available via Ecampus

PS 313, CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS, 4 Credits

Political parties and elections, the conduct of electoral campaigns, the electorate and voting behavior, electoral system, exercise of the suffrage, extent and consequences of voter participation.

Equivalent to: PS 413

PS 314, INTEREST GROUP POLITICS, 4 Credits

Interest group formation, resources, strategies, and internal struggles, as well as group influence on elections and politics, in government and policy making, and in relation to democratic theory.

PS 315, *THE POLITICS OF MEDIA, 4 Credits

Examination of the methods of operation, content and effects of the media in relation to politics and government. Includes analysis of newspaper, radio and television, political advertising, and other forms of political communication. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPSI – Core, Pers, Soc Proc & Inst

Available via Ecampus

PS 317, GENDER AND POLITICS, 4 Credits

Analyzes the role that gender plays in shaping politics and other aspects of society. The course will cover theories of gender difference, gender-based movements, gender and political office, and gender and public policy. (SS)

Attributes: LACS – Liberal Arts Social Core

PS 321, CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: GOVERNMENT POWERS AND CONSTRAINTS, 4 Credits

The role of the U.S. Supreme Court in shaping the powers and limitations of the U.S. government. The powers of the three main branches of our government, and cases where the powers of these branches clash with one another or with the powers of the states or rights of the individual.

Available via Ecampus

PS 322, *CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES, 4 Credits

Doctrines pertaining to the First, Second and Fourteenth Amendments, such as freedom of speech, of expression, of the press and of the exercise, the right to bear arms and the prohibition against governmental establishment of religion. Issues of discrimination and the reach of the 14th amendment's equal protection clause, and the right to privacy. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPDP – Core, Perspective, Difference/Power/Discrimination

Available via Ecampus

PS 323, CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED, 4 Credits

The role of the U.S. Supreme Court in shaping the powers and limitations of the U.S. government. The powers of the three main branches of our government, and cases where the powers of these branches clash with one another or with the powers of states or rights of the individual.

PS 325, *GENDER AND THE LAW, 4 Credits

Legal status of American women, with emphasis on constitutional law, the 1964 Civil Rights Act and its amendments, and various state laws as they relate to the legal rights of women. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPDP – Core, Perspective, Difference/Power/Discrimination

PS 326, JUDICIAL PROCESS AND POLITICS, 4 Credits

Study of the operation, processes, behavior and influence of the state and federal judiciaries, as well as current research in the judiciary as it relates to politics.

PS 328, SPORTS AND POLITICS, 4 Credits

Topics include: Sport's interactions with formal political institutions, sports law, sports in the international community, sports at the university, sports and gender, sports and labor politics, and sports and race.

PS 331, *STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS, 4 Credits

Role, organization, and functions of government at the state and local level. Satisfies teaching certification requirement for course work in state and local government. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPSI – Core, Pers, Soc Proc & Inst

Equivalent to: PS 203

Available via Ecampus

PS 341, *EUROPEAN AND EU POLITICS, 4 Credits

Describes and analyzes the political situation in Europe and the European Union. Special focus is given to issues concerning European security and the European Union, its institutions, politics, and the challenges it faces since the opening of Europe to the East. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CSGI – Core, Synth, Global Issues

Available via Ecampus

PS 342, THE POLITICS OF CORRUPTION, 4 Credits

Surveys corruption and how it manifests itself in democracies and centralized states. Topics include theoretical accounts for why corruption occurs, what factors are conducive toward producing corruption, the consequences of corruption, and anti-corruption efforts that have succeeded and failed to rectify corruption.

PS 343, *RUSSIAN POLITICS, 4 Credits

Brief survey of Russian politics in Tsarist and Soviet periods followed by extensive analysis of Russian politics in the late Soviet period under Gorbachev (1985-91), the collapse of the USSR in 1991, and post-Soviet Russian politics (1992-present). (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPCD – Core, Pers, Cult Diversity

PS 344, *LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS, 4 Credits

The key political, social and economic issues in Latin America. Surveys topics of interest in the region such as economic development, democratization, revolution and political leadership from both an historical and contemporary perspective. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPCD – Core, Pers, Cult Diversity

PS 345, *POLITICS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS, 4 Credits

Analyzes the concepts of development and modernization. Also focuses on the economic, political, and cultural problems faced by developing nations. (NC) (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CSGI – Core, Synth, Global Issues; LACN – Liberal Arts Non-Western Core

Equivalent to: PS 345H

Available via Ecampus

PS 346, *MIDDLE EAST POLITICS, 4 Credits

The comparative study of the Middle East and North Africa focusing on the internal political dynamics of countries in the region and the international relations among them. Examines issues of political and economic development in their post-colonial context and analyzes impact of nationalism, political Islam, ethnicity, and globalization. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPCD – Core, Pers, Cult Diversity

Equivalent to: PS 446

Available via Ecampus

PS 348, *CHINESE POLITICS, 4 Credits

Examines China's post-1949 political and economic development. Special attention is given to the reform era from the late 1970s to the present.

The course also addresses the impact of the reforms on society and on the country's relationship with the world. (NC) (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPCD – Core, Pers, Cult Diversity; LACN – Liberal Arts Non-Western Core

PS 349, *BRITISH POLITICS, 4 Credits

The structure and operation of the British political system, the nature of the political parties and how the governing institutions of the British state have changed over time. The course will also consider how British politics impact upon the culture, politics and institutions of the United States.

(Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPWC – Core, Pers, West Culture

PS 350, *JAPANESE POLITICS, 4 Credits

Examination of the Japanese political system during the postwar period.

Topics include prewar historical influences, political parties, bureaucracy, interest groups, policy processes and issues, political economy, foreign policy, and United States-Japan relations. Attention will also be given to recent dramatic changes in Japan's political system. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPCD – Core, Pers, Cult Diversity

PS 351, AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, 4 Credits

Overview of the role of the United States in the world since World War II and of the factors influencing the formation of American foreign policy.

Equivalent to: PS 456

Available via Ecampus

PS 354, *INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND GLOBAL POLITICS, 4 Credits

The role of international law and organizations in global politics. How sovereign states interact, and what motivates them to commit to supranational laws and intergovernmental organizations. How international law has evolved since the early 1900s. Intergovernmental organizations and treaties, with emphasis on the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, the World Trade Organization, the European Union, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CSGI – Core, Synth, Global Issues

Available via Ecampus

PS 356, INTERNATIONAL POLITICS OF ASIA PACIFIC, 4 Credits

Examines the most pressing issues facing the region: security and regional economic integration. The major players, their interests, and their differing perspectives on regional issues will be analyzed.

PS 361, CLASSICAL POLITICAL THOUGHT, 4 Credits

Major political theorists from the pre-Socratics through the Scholastics. (H)

Attributes: LACH – Liberal Arts Humanities Core

Available via Ecampus

PS 362, MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT, 4 Credits

Major political theorists from the Renaissance to the mid-nineteenth century. (H)

Attributes: LACH – Liberal Arts Humanities Core

Available via Ecampus

PS 363, *GENDER AND RACE IN AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT, 4 Credits

Traditional canon of American political thought scrutinized from vantage point of feminist and critical race theory scholarship. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPDP – Core, Perspective, Difference/Power/Discrimination

Equivalent to: PS 363H

Available via Ecampus

PS 364, CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY, 4 Credits

Major issues in contemporary political theory. The specific emphasis of the course may vary from term to term, focusing on questions related to theories of justice, theories of democracy, global political theory, or the work of a single important thinker.

PS 365, AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT, 4 Credits

Political values and theoretical systems in the American tradition, from the Puritans to the present.

PS 366, *FROM ATLANTIS TO UTOPIA: THE POLITICS OF THE IDEAL STATE, 4 Credits

The search for the ideal state has occupied political philosophy since antiquity. From Plato's Atlantis story through More's utopia and beyond, philosophers, writers and filmmakers have pondered how to create a perfect state with perfect citizens which will stand the test of time. Each week will combine theoretical reflections from antiquity through post-modernity with a selection of examples from more or less contemporary fiction that will ideally already be known to the audience. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPSI – Core, Pers, Soc Proc & Inst

Equivalent to: PS 366H

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Attributes: CPSI – Core, Pers, Soc Proc & Inst; HNRS – Honors Course Designator

Equivalent to: PS 366

PS 370, *SCIENCE, RELIGION, AND POLITICS, 4 Credits

Addresses historical interplay between religion and science in Western culture, then focuses on the perceived conflicts between science and religion within American socio-political context; illustrates role of politics as the 'playing field' on which social differences contend; requires students to grapple with viewpoints that differ from their own. Team taught. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CSST – Core, Synthesis, Science/Technology/Society

PS 371, PUBLIC POLICY PROBLEMS, 4 Credits

The content and the politics of adoption and application of such policy areas as defense, poverty and welfare, macroeconomics, and regulation.

Available via Ecampus

PS 372, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, 4 Credits

The workings of the modern administrative state, processes and procedures through which government acts, and the balance between powerful government, democratic and accountable government, and efficient government.

Available via Ecampus

PS 374, *SUSTAINABLE LIVING: PRACTICES AND POLICIES, 4 Credits

Exploration of the role individuals in sustainability practices and policies. Special focus is given to an examination of how individuals can make sustainable lifestyle choices in light of policy regulations, technologies, socio-economic conditions, and cultural values. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPSI – Core, Pers, Soc Proc & Inst

Available via Ecampus

PS 375, *THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND POLICIES, 4 Credits

Political and social evolution of the civil rights movement, emphasizing events 1954-1965, and major contemporary civil rights politics and policies in the South and the nation. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CPDP – Core, Perspective, Difference/Power/Discrimination

Equivalent to: PS 375H

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Attributes: CPDP – Core, Perspective, Difference/Power/Discrimination; HNRS – Honors Course Designator

Equivalent to: PS 375

PS 399, CURRENT PROBLEMS IN POLITICS, 1-4 Credits

Selected issues of recent American and international concern such as Vietnam, Central America, or similar topical issues. May be repeated for credit when topic varies.

Equivalent to: PS 399H

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 399H, CURRENT PROBLEMS IN POLITICS, 1-4 Credits

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Attributes: HNRS – Honors Course Designator

Equivalent to: PS 399

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 401, RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 402, INDEPENDENT STUDY, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

Available via Ecampus

PS 403, THESIS, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 405, READING AND CONFERENCE, 1-16 Credits

Equivalent to: PS 405H

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 405H, READING AND CONFERENCE, 1-16 Credits

Attributes: HNRS – Honors Course Designator

Equivalent to: PS 405

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 406, PROJECTS, 1-16 Credits

Section 1-5: Reading. Associated with the internship for which credit is given in PS 410.

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

Available via Ecampus

PS 407, SEMINAR, 1-16 Credits

Equivalent to: PS 407H

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 407H, SEMINAR, 1-16 Credits

Attributes: HNRS – Honors Course Designator

Equivalent to: PS 407

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 408, WORKSHOP, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 409, PRACTICUM, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 410, POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP, 1-12 Credits

Supervised work experience in government- or law-related programs or other public affairs organizations. Reports and appraisals required. Only 4 credits may be applied to the major.

This course is repeatable for 12 credits.

Available via Ecampus

PS 413, ETHICS IN PUBLIC POLICY, 4 Credits

Examines ethical dilemmas in public policy, and provides the opportunity to study the ethical theories of Hobbes, Kant, Mill, and Rawls.

CROSSLISTED as PPOL 413/PS 413.

Equivalent to: PPOL 413

Available via Ecampus

PS 427, NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION AND ARMS CONTROL, 4 Credits

Examines the history, politics and current challenges involving nuclear weapons proliferation and arms control.

PS 428, TERRORISM AND GLOBAL SECURITY, 4 Credits

Examines US and global security in light of the challenges posed by terrorist organizations.

PS 441, DEMOCRATIZATION, 4 Credits

Democratization and the factors that encourage and/or erode democratic stability. Political developments in a wide array of countries, with a particular focus on the unfolding events in the Middle East. Theories of what causes authoritarian regimes to collapse and what helps initially fragile democracies endure or collapse.

PS 446, EAST ASIAN POLITICAL ECONOMY, 4 Credits

Surveys and analyzes the economic and political development of China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Japan is examined as a developmental model for the East Asian Newly Industrializing Countries (NICs) and as a major player in the regional economy. China is examined as a contrasting model in terms of its changing pattern of economic development and its importance for the region.

Equivalent to: PS 346

PS 449, ^TOPICS IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS, 4 Credits

Topics in comparative politics not covered in other courses. May be repeated for credit when topic varies. (Writing Intensive Course)

Attributes: CWIC – Core, Skills, WIC

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 454, INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATIONS, 4 Credits

Theories and historical development of international law and organizations; the United Nations system.

Recommended: PS 204 or PS 205

PS 455, *THE POLITICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, 4 Credits

Covers domestic and international political aspects of global climate change. Topics include local, state, and national activity as well as roles played by presidents, Congress, the Supreme Court, corporations and media. International focus on conventions and treaties, tensions between developed and developing nations and possible national security impacts. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CSGI – Core, Synth, Global Issues

Available via Ecampus

PS 457, US-CHINA RELATIONS, 4 Credits

Historical evolution of US-China relationship. Emphasis on economic ties, tensions, and conflicts surrounding trade, investment, security, human rights, political reform, Tibet, and Taiwan.

Equivalent to: PS 557

PS 458, *INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY, 4 Credits

Examines topics in which politics and economics meet in the international arena, such as trade, debt, finance, development, multinational corporations, and globalization. Does not require a background in economics. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CSGI – Core, Synth, Global Issues

PS 461, ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICAL THEORY, 4 Credits

Examines the ways in which political theory enhances our understanding of environmental issues. Focuses on the political and philosophical premises of various environmental perspectives, and how different theories of justice and democracy address issues such as environmental racism, ecological justice, and global climate change.

PS 462, THEORIES OF LAW, 4 Credits

Covers some of the main theories and approaches to the nature of law. What is law? What is its relation, if any, to morality? What is it that judges do? Questions such as these are explored through reading some of the classic works on the topic.

PS 470, GLOBAL FOOD POLITICS AND POLICY, 4 Credits

Examines the politics and policy of global food systems as they relate to food distribution, production, and consumption. The cultivation and consumption of food is highly political, and at times, contentious. Specific focus is given to issues like social justice, GMOs, human health, environment and agribusiness.

Available via Ecampus

PS 471, NUCLEAR POLITICS AND POLICY, 4 Credits

Covers the political and policy implications of nuclear technology, including both nuclear weapons and civilian applications such as nuclear energy.

PS 473, US ENERGY POLICY, 4 Credits

Addresses US energy policy with respect to how the U.S. governs the production and use of different energy sources, along with the management of its energy infrastructure. Examines policies currently in place, as well as proposals for alternatives, while examining the economic, environmental, national security and energy security implications of different policy approaches.

Available via Ecampus

PS 474, INTERNATIONAL ENERGY POLITICS AND POLICY, 4 Credits

Addresses international energy policies and politics, including trends and socio-political challenges impacting the diversity of global energy sources. CROSSLISTED as PPOL 474/PS 474 and PPOL 574/PS 574.

Equivalent to: PPOL 474

PS 475, ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY, 4 Credits

Environmental and natural resource issues and policies in national and regional context, emphasizing public attitudes, elections, Congress, public policy, and relevant national and state agencies.

Available via Ecampus

PS 476, *SCIENCE AND POLITICS, 4 Credits

Relationship between science and the political system in political ideas and history, in bureaucratic politics of science policy, and in contemporary scientific disputes. (Bacc Core Course)

Attributes: CSST – Core, Synthesis, Science/Technology/Society

Available via Ecampus

PS 477, INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY, 4 Credits

Analysis of international environmental theory and politics, the development of international environmental regimes, agreements and treaties, and the process of globalization and the quality of the environment.

Available via Ecampus

PS 478, RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY, 4 Credits

Renewable energy policy with respect to how the U.S. governs the market development, production and use of different renewable energy sources are addressed.

Available via Ecampus

PS 483, CUBAN CULTURE, POLITICS AND SOCIETY, 4 Credits

One of two courses that comprise the Cuba Study Abroad Program. It introduces students to Cuban culture, politics (and particularly Cuba-U.S. relations during and after the Revolution) and arts via a combination of lectures/lessons led by invited specialists in their fields, readings, films and student activities. Students will learn about a variety of topics including migration, agriculture, health care, education, economics, religion/spirituality, gender, race, and the arts (literature, music and other performance). Given the interdisciplinary approach to this course, students will also be able to focus on other topics of interest to them/their program of study. CROSSLISTED as ES 483/PS 483/WLC 483 and ES 583/PS 583/WLC 583.

Equivalent to: ENG 483, ES 483, WLC 483

PS 499, SPECIAL TOPICS, 1-16 Credits

Selected topics in political science of special or current interest not covered in other courses. May be repeated for credit when topic varies.

This course is repeatable for 99 credits.

PS 501, RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP, 1-16 Credits

Independent research project under supervision of graduate faculty.

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 502, INDEPENDENT STUDY, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

Available via Ecampus

PS 503, THESIS, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 999 credits.

PS 505, READING AND CONFERENCE, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

Available via Ecampus

PS 506, PROJECTS, 1-16 Credits

Section 1-5: Reading. Associated with the internship for which credit is given in PS 410. Completion of this course is required to receive credit for PS 410. Section 11: MU Field Training, 3 credits. Section 12: ASOSU Field Training, 3 credits, each graded P/N.

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 507, SEMINAR, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 508, WORKSHOP, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 509, PRACTICUM, 1-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 510, POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP, 1-12 Credits

Supervised work experience in government- or law-related programs or other public affairs organizations. Reports and appraisals required.

This course is repeatable for 12 credits.

PS 527, NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION AND ARMS CONTROL, 4 Credits

Examines the history, politics and current challenges involving nuclear weapons proliferation and arms control.

PS 528, TERRORISM AND GLOBAL SECURITY, 4 Credits

Examines US and global security in light of the challenges posed by terrorist organizations.

PS 541, DEMOCRATIZATION, 4 Credits

Democratization and the factors that encourage and/or erode democratic stability. Political developments in a wide array of countries, with a particular focus on the unfolding events in the Middle East. Theories of what causes authoritarian regimes to collapse and what helps initially fragile democracies endure or collapse.

PS 554, INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATIONS, 4 Credits

Theories and historical development of international law and organizations; the United Nations system.

Recommended: PS 204 or PS 205

PS 555, THE POLITICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, 4 Credits

Covers domestic and international political aspects of global climate change. Topics include local, state, and national activity as well as roles played by presidents, Congress, the Supreme Court, corporations and media. International focus on conventions and treaties, tensions between developed and developing nations and possible national security impacts.

PS 557, US-CHINA RELATIONS, 4 Credits

Historical evolution of US-China relationship. Emphasis on economic ties, tensions, and conflicts surrounding trade, investment, security, human rights, political reform, Tibet, and Taiwan.

PS 558, INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY, 4 Credits

Examines topics in which politics and economics meet in the international arena, such as trade, debt, finance, development, multinational corporations, and globalization. Does not require a background in economics.

PS 561, ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICAL THEORY, 4 Credits

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PS 570, GLOBAL FOOD POLITICS AND POLICY, 4 Credits

Examines the politics and policy of global food systems as they relate to food distribution, production, and consumption. The cultivation and consumption of food is highly political, and at times, contentious. Specific focus is given to issues like social justice, GMOs, human health, environment and agribusiness.

PS 573, US ENERGY POLICY, 4 Credits

Addresses US energy policy with respect to how the U.S. governs the production and use of different energy sources, along with the management of its energy infrastructure. Examines policies currently in place, as well as proposals for alternatives, while examining the economic, environmental, national security and energy security implications of different policy approaches.

Available via Ecampus

PS 574, INTERNATIONAL ENERGY POLITICS AND POLICY, 4 Credits

Addresses international energy policies and politics, including trends and socio-political challenges impacting the diversity of global energy sources. CROSSLISTED as PPOL 474/PS 474 and PPOL 574/PS 574.

Equivalent to: PPOL 574

PS 575, ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY, 4 Credits

Environmental and natural resource issues and policies in national and regional context, emphasizing public attitudes, elections, Congress, public policy, and relevant national and state agencies.

Available via Ecampus

PS 576, SCIENCE AND POLITICS, 4 Credits

Relationship between science and the political system in political ideas and history, in bureaucratic politics of science policy, and in contemporary scientific disputes.

PS 577, INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY, 4 Credits

Analysis of international environmental theory and politics, the development of international environmental regimes, agreements and treaties, and the process of globalization and the quality of the environment.

Available via Ecampus

PS 578, RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY, 4 Credits

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Equivalent to: ENG 583, ES 583, WLC 583

PS 599, SPECIAL TOPICS, 0-16 Credits

This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PS 808, WORKSHOP, 4 Credits

Principles of public administration, administrative organization and procedures, public relations. It will include collaborative governance, leadership, and other issues.