

POLITICAL SCIENCE

About Us

Loyola University Chicago's Political Science Department offers dozens of courses each semester on various aspects of politics, including the institutions of American government; constitutional law; political systems in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America; foreign policy and international relations; and political theory, past and present.

The department also sponsors extensive internship experiences, making use of the extraordinary resources available in the city of Chicago and in Washington, D.C. Every member of the political science faculty teaches undergraduate courses and engages in scholarly research.

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Political Science (PLSC)

PLSC 100 Political Theory (3 Credit Hours)

Pre-requisites: PHIL 130 or equivalent; please check requirements for declared majors/minors for exceptions

An introduction to political theory, covering the principal ideas, controversies and institutions of political society.

Knowledge Area: Tier 2 Philosophical Knowledge

Course equivalencies: ACPOL 200 / PLSC 100

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of major approaches to the normative study of politics; to identify the assumptions underlying philosophical arguments; and to critically assess different theories of political justice

PLSC 101 American Politics (3 Credit Hours)

Pre-requisites: ANTH 100, PLSC 102, PSYC 100, SOCL 101, WSGS 101, or equivalent; please check requirements for declared majors/minors for exceptions

American national government and politics, including institutions, group and electoral processes, and public policy.

Knowledge Area: Tier 2 Societal Knowledge

Course equivalencies: ACPOL 101 / PLSC 101

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the American political system, the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse individuals and groups in American society, and evaluate the roles and processes of U.S. political institutions

PLSC 102 International Relations in an Age of Globalization (3 Credit Hours)

Competing perspectives on international politics and global issues such as North-South relations, human rights, war and peace, population growth, and environmentalism.

Knowledge Area: Foundational Societal Knowledge

Interdisciplinary Option: African Studies and the African Diaspora, Global Studies, Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies

Course equivalencies: PLSC/PAX/ACPOL102/AFR110/INTS2

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the main approaches to the study of international politics and to analyze and assess such major substantive issues as interstate war, terrorism, arms control, international political economy and sustainable development

PLSC 103 Comparative Politics (3 Credit Hours)

Pre-requisites: ANTH 100, PLSC 102, PSYC 100, SOCL 101, WSGS 101, or equivalent; please check requirements for declared majors/minors for exceptions

A cross-national comparison of political institutions and political behavior.

Knowledge Area: Tier 2 Societal Knowledge

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies, Global Studies

Outcomes:

Students will learn why political systems differ and how different political systems function and change

PLSC 123 Speak Up Democracy (0-3 Credit Hours)

"Speak Up Democracy" is a course on perennial questions about the workings of democracies. Participating students will investigate the connection between speech and political power, ruminating on whose voices are heard (and silenced) in a democracy. This summer program is animated by a central question: how should we speak to one another in a democracy? The course is open to high school students participating in the summer program.

PLSC 195 Law and Civil Rights (3 Credit Hours)

The course focuses on the political processes surrounding laws and civil rights.

PLSC 202 Mock Trial (3 Credit Hours)

Students will study the trial as a process for finding truth and administering justice by learning the dynamics of the trial, by developing trial strategy, by learning how to conduct and respond to direct and cross examination and by delivering effective opening and closing arguments. Mock trial is an engaged learning course. Prior Permission is required. This course satisfies the Engaged Learning requirement.

Outcomes:

Mock trials are an activity that promotes critical thinking and reasoning; They call upon students to employ their problem-solving and public-speaking skills, and students gain knowledge of legal practices and procedures

PLSC 203 Moot Court (3 Credit Hours)

Students will study the appeal as a process for finding truth and administering justice by learning the dynamics of appellate advocacy, by developing oral argument strategies, by learning how to respond to questions posed by judges in competition, and by delivering effective summations and rebuttal arguments. Moot court is an engaged learning course.

This course satisfies the Engaged Learning requirement.

Outcomes:

Moot court competitions are an activity that promotes critical thinking and reasoning; They will enhance their ability-to-think- on-their-feet skills, their legal research skills, and their public-speaking skills; Students gain knowledge of legal argumentation and constitutional law

PLSC 204 Conflict Management (3 Credit Hours)

This course considers a variety of different approaches to international conflict management: direct bargaining, mediation, military intervention, economic sanctions, arbitration, adjudication, and peacekeeping. In addition to learning about the differences among these various conflict resolution techniques.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Outcomes:

This course will treat state conflict as a natural phenomenon that must be understood before it can be mitigated; Doing so requires scientific investigation

PLSC 208 Representation in the United States (3 Credit Hours)

Considers what "political representation" means and how scholars study how well representation works in the contemporary United States.

Outcomes:

Understanding of concept of political representation and tools scholars use to study representation

PLSC 213 International Human Rights (3 Credit Hours)

This course focuses on the theoretical foundations of such international human rights as well as their practical implications. It discusses the roles of states, intergovernmental organizations, and nongovernmental organizations in shaping human rights norms and practices. They will also understand practical causes and consequences of human rights policies.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Outcomes:

Students will be able to identify assumptions of arguments and critically assess different theories of international human rights

PLSC 215 Politics of Marginalized Groups (3 Credit Hours)

This course focuses on the role that race, ethnicity, and marginalized status plays in American politics and public policy. It will provide a general overview of several groups, including Blacks, Latinxs, Asian and Muslim Americans, Women, LGBTQ, immigrants and refugees, indigenous peoples and other groups.

Outcomes:

Students will acquire an understanding of the historical exclusion of various groups from the political system and the resulting political participation and behavior patterns of minoritized groups in American society

PLSC 216 Political Numbers (3 Credit Hours)

This course will train participants to be critical consumers of political arguments that cite quantitative evidence. The course will take a hands-on approach where students learn how to conduct, interpret, and critique quantitative analysis using common statistical software packages.

Knowledge Area: Quantitative Knowledge

Outcomes:

Students will learn to critically engage with the numbers-based claims they encounter in the political arena and beyond; They will also learn how to conduct and present quantitative analysis

PLSC 218 African-American Politics (3 Credit Hours)

The political goals, behavior, voting patterns, group structures, values, and attitudes of various segments of the African-American population, and how these affect the political system.

Interdisciplinary Option: African Studies and the African Diaspora, Human Services, Race and Ethnicity

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC218/BWS 218

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the patterns of political participation and behavior of African-American individuals and groups in American society

PLSC 232 Politics of the United Kingdom (3 Credit Hours)

This course offers an introduction to politics in the United Kingdom (officially known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and unofficially referred to as Britain).

Interdisciplinary Option: European Studies, Global Studies

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the structure and operation of the United Kingdom's domestic political system, as well as its relations with the rest of the world, especially the European Union

PLSC 236 Political Communication (3 Credit Hours)

The purpose of this course is to explore and examine how elected officials and institutions communicate to the public - and the role journalists and PR professionals play in the process--through readings, seminar, and practicum. The class will challenge students to grapple with questions like - What is the meaning of the "truth" in today's media environment?

Outcomes:

Students will understand how and why journalists cover what they cover, and the roles PR professionals/spin doctors attempt to shape the media narrative

PLSC 238 Political Advocacy (3 Credit Hours)

Policy-making and implementation in the United States is a complicated process. In any given year laws are passed by elected officials, decisions that guide our implementation of the law are made by government agencies, and rulings handed down by the courts shape our interpretation of those laws.

Outcomes:

Students will understand their place in the policy-making ecosystem, and the efficacy of those efforts

PLSC 251 Women in American Politics (3 Credit Hours)

This course focuses on Women and Politics in the United States. It looks at women's movements both historical and current, how women and men in the United States act differently in politics in terms of voting behavior, as political candidates, and as elected leaders. Students will gain a better understanding of the U.S. political system and how and when women are treated equally and unequally when compared with men.

Interdisciplinary Option: Women & Gender Studies

PLSC 252 Capitalism and Its Discontents (3 Credit Hours)

This course analyzes the intersection of capitalist economics and politics from a critical perspective. Capitalism and Marxism will be reviewed, followed by a critical examination of how capitalism has played out in economic/political practice in the world today. Includes discussions of many economic topics recently in the news, and the potential for change in a variety of directions. Students will learn to critically analyze the ways in which modern economics leads to less than optimal solutions, including economic inequality. They will also learn to identify other options that may lead to greater equality and economic success.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

PLSC 300 Contemporary Political Issues (3 Credit Hours)

Variable titles. Investigation of selected topics or methods in politics. This course may apply to any of the four areas of the department, and may be repeated depending on subject matter.

Outcomes:

Students will gain an in-depth knowledge of a unique topic in contemporary politics

PLSC 300A Contemporary Political Issues: American Politics (3 Credit Hours)

Investigation of selected topics or methods in American Politics. This course may be repeated depending on subject matter.

PLSC 300B Contemporary Political Issues: Political Theory (3 Credit Hours)

Investigation of selected topics or methods in Political Theory. This course may be repeated depending on subject matter.

PLSC 300C Contemporary Political Issues: Comparative Politics (3 Credit Hours)

Investigation of selected topics or methods in Comparative Politics. This course may be repeated depending on subject matter.

PLSC 300D Contemporary Political issues in International Relations (3 Credit Hours)

Investigation of selected topics or methods in International Relations. This course may be repeated depending on subject matter.

PLSC 301 Political Justice (3 Credit Hours)

A study of alternative conceptions of political justice and the attempts to institutionalize them in various political systems.

Outcomes:

Students will be required to demonstrate a mastery of competing theories about how various goods should be distributed fairly, and apply the just-war doctrine to various real-world cases; This course will help students to analyze and appraise social practices and policies that claim to be consistent with principles of justice

PLSC 302 American Political Thought (3 Credit Hours)

Major political themes from the founding era to the present.

Outcomes:

Students will learn to interpret and evaluate the assumptions and principles guiding the writings of major American political theorists, and to reflect on their significance in the evolution of American politics and society

PLSC 303 Conservatism (3 Credit Hours)

A survey of modern conservative thought. Attention will be devoted to the theoretical and political cleavages within the Right.

Outcomes:

Students will learn to interpret and evaluate the assumptions and principles guiding the writings of influential conservative political theorists and their critics, and to reflect on the significance of conservative political theory in promoting a more just society

PLSC 304 Ancient Political Thought (3 Credit Hours)

(CLST 305) A study of major political theorists from Plato to the fall of the Roman republic.

Outcomes:

Students will learn to interpret and evaluate the assumptions and principles guiding the writings of major Ancient Greek and early Roman political theorists

PLSC 306 Modern Political Thought (3 Credit Hours)

A study of major political theorists from Machiavelli to the French Revolution.

Interdisciplinary Option: European Studies

Outcomes:

Students will learn to interpret and evaluate the assumptions and principles guiding the writings of the major political theorists from Machiavelli to Rousseau

PLSC 307 Democratic Theory (3 Credit Hours)

This course examines normative arguments for and against popular rule.

Outcomes:

Students will be able to explain and assess critically arguments for and against democratic government

PLSC 308 Contemporary Political Thought (3 Credit Hours)

A study of major political theorists from the nineteenth century to the present.

Interdisciplinary Option: German Studies

Outcomes:

Students will learn to interpret and evaluate the assumptions and guiding principles of the writings of major political theorists from the nineteenth century to the present

PLSC 309 Socialism (3 Credit Hours)

A survey of Marxist and post-Marxist socialist thought.

Interdisciplinary Option: Polish Studies

Outcomes:

Students will learn to interpret and evaluate the assumptions and principles guiding the writings of major socialist political theorists and their critics, and to reflect on the significance of socialist political theory in promoting a more just society

PLSC 310B Catholic Political Thought (3 Credit Hours)

A survey of classic and contemporary political thinkers in the Roman Catholic tradition. The problems examined include religious pluralism, moral decay, natural law, distributive justice, political obligation, war, and peace.

PLSC 311 Social Science Research Practicum: Cook County Community Survey (3 Credit Hours)

Pre-requisites: PLSC 216 or equivalent

Familiarity with R, Stata, SAS, or SPSS necessary. Students will analyze this year's iteration of the annual Cook County Community Survey. They will draw on the data to prepare written, public-facing reports, public presentations, and scholarly research.

This course satisfies the Engaged Learning requirement.

Course equivalencies: PLSC 311/SOCL 311

Outcomes:

Describe the strengths and limitations of modern polling techniques; Use statistical software to analyze survey data; Communicate findings from surveys to a broad audience orally and in written form

PLSC 312 Feminist Theory (3 Credit Hours)

(WOST 318) A survey of classical and contemporary feminist political theory.

Interdisciplinary Option: Women & Gender Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC312/WOST318/WSGS318

Outcomes:

Students will learn to interpret and evaluate the assumptions and principles guiding the writings of influential feminist political theorists and their critics, and to reflect on the significance of feminist political theory in promoting a more just society

PLSC 313 Resistance and Obligation (3 Credit Hours)

This course examines normative arguments about the source of political obligation and the right to resist government through various means, both violent and nonviolent.

Outcomes:

Students will be able to explain and assess critically various arguments about the duty to obey and the right to disobey government

PLSC 314 Liberalism (3 Credit Hours)

A survey of classical and contemporary political theorists in the liberal tradition.

Outcomes:

Students will learn to interpret and evaluate the assumptions and principles guiding the writings of major liberal political theorists and their critics, and to reflect on the significance of liberal political theory in promoting a more just society

PLSC 316 Politics of Genocide (3 Credit Hours)

This course analyzes the politics surrounding genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity in contemporary times. The primary focus is on occurrences since the end of the Cold War, including the former Yugoslavia, Rwanda, Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
Interdisciplinary Option: African Studies and the African Diaspora, Global Studies, Race and Ethnicity

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of genocide and other massive human rights violations, along with the role of the international community in preventing future atrocities

PLSC 317 Politics of International Health (3 Credit Hours)

This course discusses political issues in the field of international health, including comparing health care systems in the industrialized world, and treatment of diseases in the developing world, particularly Africa (HIV/AIDs, TB, Malaria, etc). Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of international health and comparative health systems.
Interdisciplinary Option: African Studies and the African Diaspora, Global Studies

PLSC 318 Politics & the Economy (3 Credit Hours)

This course examines how and why the U.S. government influences the economy. The government is the single most important actor in the economy, both as a consumer and as an entity seeking to manage important aspects of the economy.

Outcomes:

At the end of the course, students should be able to demonstrate knowledge about the key public and private institutions involved in economic policy and politics; Provide explanations of the development of both historical and contemporary economic policies; Explain the underlying bases of contemporary economic issues and competing views on appropriate policy actions to address them; Be able to access available public sources to conduct research on economic problems and policies

PLSC 319 Women, Law & Public Policy (3 Credit Hours)

The legal arrangements and public policies that structure the relationships of women and men in American society.

Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services, Women & Gender Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC319/WOST319/WSGS319

Outcomes:

Students will be able to analyze and appraise the impact of judicial decisions and public policies on women in the United States

PLSC 320 Constitutional Law-Due Process (3 Credit Hours)

The Supreme Court's role in defining substantive and procedural due process issues such as criminal procedure, individual autonomy, and economic regulation.

Interdisciplinary Option: Sociolegal Studies

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the meaning and application of due process in American law and its impact in safeguarding individual freedoms and civil rights

PLSC 321 Constitutional Law-Powers of Government (3 Credit Hours)

The Supreme Court's role in allocating power among the three branches of the national government and between the state and federal governments.

Interdisciplinary Option: Sociolegal Studies

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of alternative judicial approaches to the separation of governmental powers

PLSC 322 Constitutional Law-Rights and Liberties (3 Credit Hours)

The Supreme Court's role in defining constitutional guarantees of equal protection and individual freedom.

Interdisciplinary Option: Sociolegal Studies

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the meaning, protection and boundaries of civil rights and individual liberties in American law

PLSC 323 Children, Law & Public Policy (3 Credit Hours)

The constitutional rights of children in the home, the classroom, and the courtroom, and such policy areas as public welfare assistance, child abuse and neglect, and child support enforcement.

Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services

Outcomes:

Students will be able to analyze and assess the impact of judicial decisions and public policies on children and families in the United States

PLSC 324 Civil-Military Relations (3 Credit Hours)

An exploration of the nature of military professionalism and the relationship between the military and the civil society whose task it is to defend.

Outcomes:

Students will understand the role of the military in a free society, and the complex interactions between democratic norms and military organization

PLSC 325 American Foreign Policy (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 375) Origins and development of American foreign policies; the method of their formulation and conduct.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC325/INTS375

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the formulation, adoption and implementation of American foreign policy and its impact on domestic and international affairs

PLSC 326 American National Security (3 Credit Hours)

American national security policy, including the role of major political actors, the defense budgetary process, and the capability and effectiveness of the military.

Interdisciplinary Option: Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC326/PAX 327

Outcomes:

Students will be able to analyze and assess the formation, adoption and implementation of national security policies in the United States and their impact on domestic and international affairs

PLSC 327 Political Psychology (3 Credit Hours)

Political attitudes from a social psychological perspective with emphasis on cognitive development models.

Outcomes:

Students will be able to understand the psychological sources of political decision making

PLSC 328 Political Behavior (3 Credit Hours)

This course covers a range of topics pertaining to political behavior in the United States. Topics will include research on the factors that shape public attitudes about political matters, and work that examines who participates in politics and why.

PLSC 329 Interest Group Politics (3 Credit Hours)

A study of the role of interest groups in American politics and policy.

Outcomes:

Students will be able to analyze and assess the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse interest groups and their impact on the American political system

PLSC 330 Global Justice (3 Credit Hours)

This course explores debates about global justice such as immigration, climate change, free trade, and humanitarian interventions. Rooted in political theory, the course also includes readings from sociology, philosophy, and economics.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies, Peace Studies, Global Studies, Peace Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC330/PAX 330

Outcomes:

Students will learn to critically assess different theories of political justice and learn how to evaluate the moral and political justifications of international practices and policies

PLSC 331 Islamic Political Thought (3 Credit Hours)

An introduction to Islamic political thought, covering main ideas, questions, debates of the Islamic religio-political society, from the Qur'an to the present. Among the authors studied include al-Farabi, al-Mawardi, Ibn Khaldun, Islamic feminists, Islamic modernists, and Islamists.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies, Islamic World Studies, Global Studies, Islamic World Studies

Outcomes:

Students will be able to identify assumptions of arguments, critically assess different theories, and, having been familiarized with the inherent entanglement of religion and politics, will be able to identify what is specific to Islamic governance and what may be universalized

PLSC 332 Politics of American Bureaucracies (3 Credit Hours)

The political and social aspects of American bureaucracies at the local, state and national levels with emphasis on the roles of administrators and administrative institutions in the political system and policy process.

Outcomes:

Students will be able understand the role of the federal bureaucracy in the formulation, adoption and implementation of public policies, and their impact on the everyday lives of citizens

PLSC 333 Crossing Borders: The Politics of Immigration (3 Credit Hours)

This course explores immigration policies and practices around the world. The primary goal is to gain a better understanding of the choices both countries and would-be immigrants face, as well as the consequences of the laws and policies enacted to regulate the movement of people across borders.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies, Human Services, Global Studies, Human Services

Outcomes:

Understand the range of motivations that cause people to migrate, the laws and policies to regulate this movement, the consequences of migration, and contribute to societal debates about migration

PLSC 334 Urban Policies and Problems (3 Credit Hours)

An analysis of selected problems confronting governments in urban America as well as the range of public policies that address urban problems. (May be repeated with different issues.)

Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services, Race and Ethnicity, Urban Studies

Outcomes:

Students will obtain in-depth knowledge of a unique topic in the area of urban policy-making

PLSC 335 Urban Semester Seminar (3 Credit Hours)

See course description for SOCL 335.

Interdisciplinary Option: Urban Studies

This course satisfies the Engaged Learning requirement.

Course equivalencies: X-SOCL335/PLSC335

Outcomes:

See outcome for SOCL 335

PLSC 336 Politics in Contemporary China (3 Credit Hours)

This course primarily focuses on domestic politics in post-1978 China. It introduces and examines China's key political institutions and players, various forms of political participation by political elites and ordinary citizens, and issues on governance and political reforms.

Interdisciplinary Option: Asian Studies, Global & International Studies, Global Studies, Peace Studies, Asian Studies, Global & International Studies, Global Studies, Peace Studies

Course equivalencies: X-COMM304/PLSC/PAX336/INTS310

Outcomes:

Students will be able to make informed use of China as a case in more general arguments and have a solid footing from which to pursue more in-depth study of particular topics in China

PLSC 337 Terrorism (3 Credit Hours)

An analysis of different types of terrorist insurgencies across the globe and of the efforts by governments to combat terrorism

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC337/INTS337/CJC337

Outcomes:

Students will be able to explain what motives the turn to terror as a method of struggle and to assess the morality and effectiveness of the counterterrorism tactics adopted by various governments

PLSC 339 Political Ideologies (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 369) A comparative analysis of important modern political ideologies and the functions they serve in the political system.

Attention will be devoted to the ideologies of non-Western regimes and movements.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC339/INTS339

Outcomes:

Students will be able to analyze and assess the role and impact of political ideologies in the foundation, development, and justification of various political regimes

PLSC 340 International Relations of Africa (3 Credit Hours)

(BWS 340) (INTS 340) An introduction to the international relations of the countries that comprise the African continent. The primary focus is the evolution of African international relations during the post-colonial period (c. 1960-present).

Interdisciplinary Option: African Studies and the African Diaspora, Global Studies, Islamic World Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC340/BWS 340/INTS340

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the nature and evolution of African international relations with the major northern industrialized democracies and various regions of the developing world

PLSC 342 African Politics (3 Credit Hours)

(BWS 342) (INTS 342) Forces shaping political societies south of the Sahara: the heritage of colonialism, the sociology of modernization, race related stresses, economic factors, and political movements.

Interdisciplinary Option: African Studies and the African Diaspora, Global Studies, Islamic World Studies

Course equivalencies: PLSC342/BWS 342/INTS342/IWS342

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the formation and structure of African political systems, the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse individuals, groups, and governments in African societies, and evaluate the roles and processes of African political institutions

PLSC 343 Latin American Politics (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 343) (LASP 343) Historical, cultural, economic and political forces in the governments of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies, Latin American Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC343/INTS343/LASP343

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the formation and structure of Latin American and Caribbean political systems, the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse individuals, groups, and governments in Latin American and Caribbean societies, and evaluate the roles and processes of Latin American and Caribbean political institutions

PLSC 344 Contemporary Issues in Latin America (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 344) (LASP 344) A study of political forces and processes relating to population movement, land use, and urbanization in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies, Latin American Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC344/INTS344/LASP344

Outcomes:

Students will obtain in-depth knowledge of a unique topic in Latin American and Caribbean politics

PLSC 345 South & Southeast Asian Politics (3 Credit Hours)

(ASIA 343) (INTS 345) Political forces and developments of the Asian cultures.

Interdisciplinary Option: Asian Studies, Global Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC345/ASIA343/INTS345

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the formation and structure of South and Southeast Asian political systems, the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse individuals and groups in South and Southeast Asian societies, and evaluate the roles and processes of South and Southeast Asian political institutions

PLSC 346 East Asian Politics (3 Credit Hours)

(ASIA 342) (INTS 346) The social forces and structure of politics and government of East Asia.

Interdisciplinary Option: Asian Studies, Global Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC346/ASIA342/INTS346

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the formation and structure of East Asian political systems, the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse individuals and groups in East Asian societies, and evaluate the roles and processes of East Asian political institutions

PLSC 347 The European Union (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 381) An introduction to the European Union, a regional organization linking the nations of Europe.

Interdisciplinary Option: European Studies, Global Studies, Polish Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC347/INTS381

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the formation and structure of the European Union, the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse individuals, groups, and governments in the European Union, and evaluate the roles and processes of the European Union's political institutions

PLSC 348 Soviet & Post-Soviet Politics (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 382) An examination of the institutions, processes, and policies of the former Soviet Union and its successor states.

Interdisciplinary Option: European Studies, Global Studies, Polish Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC348/INTS382

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the formation and structure of the former Soviet Union, the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse individuals and groups in the former Soviet Union, and evaluate the roles and processes of the former Soviet Union's political institutions; Students will also be able to understand the collapse of the former Soviet Union and the formation and structure of its successor states

PLSC 349 Eastern European Politics (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 382) An examination of the institutions, processes, and policies of the former Soviet Union and its successor states.

Interdisciplinary Option: European Studies, Global Studies, Polish Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC349/INTS349

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the formation and structure of the former Soviet Union, the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse individuals and groups in the former Soviet Union, and evaluate the roles and processes of the former Soviet Union's political institutions; Students will also be able to understand the collapse of the former Soviet Union and the formation and structure of its successor states

PLSC 350 Politics of International Economic Relations (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 350) An examination of international political-economic relations with an emphasis on the post-World War II period.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC350/INTS350

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the interrelationship between the international economic and political systems

PLSC 351 Latin American International System (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 395) (LASP 341) An introduction to the international relations of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. The primary focus is the evolution of Latin American and Caribbean international relations during the Cold War period. Students will gain an in-depth knowledge of how U.S. influence, revolutionary insurgencies, trade, the illicit narcotics traffic, human rights concerns, and international organizations have positively and negatively affected the region.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies, Latin American Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC351/INTS395/LASP341

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the interrelationship between the international system and the foreign policies of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean

PLSC 352 Canadian Politics (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 320) The Canadian system of government, focusing on the Parliament, the Prime Minister and permanent government, the judiciary, political actors such as organized interests, political parties, mass media, and public opinion.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC352/INTS320

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the Canadian political system, the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse individuals and groups in Canadian society, and evaluate the roles and processes of Canadian political institutions

PLSC 353 International Law (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 353) (PAX 353) Introduction to legal principles and procedures of recognized international law.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies, Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies, Sociolegal Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC353/INTS353/PAX 353

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the role and impact of law and legal principles and institutions in international relations

PLSC 354 Global Environmental Politics (3 Credit Hours)

(ESP 354) (INTS 354) (PAX 354) Examines the linkages between the world's natural environment and the global political system.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies, Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC/ESP/INTS/PAX 354

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the role of various private, national and international actors in the formulation, adoption and implementation of environmental public policies

PLSC 355C Women and Politics: A Cross-National Perspective (3 Credit Hours)

This course offers a cross-national perspective of women's status in the political world, as voters, activists, and officeholders. It examines women's participation in the developed and developing world. Students will acquire knowledge of the role of women as political actors in a multitude of nations in the world.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies, Women & Gender Studies

Course equivalencies: PLSC355C/WSGS355C/INTS361C

PLSC 356 Intervent in World Politics (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 356) (PAX 356) Examines the purposeful use of political, economic, and military instruments by one country to influence the domestic or the foreign policies of another country.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies, Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC356/INTS356/PAX 356

Outcomes:

Students will obtain an in-depth knowledge of the historical evolution, potential constraints, and case studies of U.S. intervention in the post World-War II era

PLSC 357 Hollywood and Law (3 Credit Hours)

This course analyzes films that focus on justice, the law, and the legal system, to see what they tell us about political and legal culture, and what messages (if any) they have for contemporary politics.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global & International Studies, Global & International Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC357/INTS357

Outcomes:

Student will analyze how Hollywood portrays law, policy, and major trials and court decisions as well as be able to locate and ask questions about how the depiction of law, politics, and civic responsibility have changed across time

PLSC 358 War, Peace and Politics (3 Credit Hours)

(PAX 358) The historical evolution of war, the nature of wars in the 20th century and into the 21st century, the nature of threats, sources of conflict, and procedures for peaceful resolution of disputes.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC358/INTS358/PAX 358

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the principal causes of wars, the means and ends of warfare, and the process and prospects of reestablishing peace

PLSC 358D The Scientific Study of War (3 Credit Hours)

This course provides an introduction to & overview of the concepts & approaches related to the causes of war, conflict, and peace in the international system. The main topics of the course are: (1) an introduction to understanding war as a social science topic, (2) the origins of the demands and disputes that can lead to war, (3) the escalation of these, (4) the expansion of war, (5) the consequences of war, and (6) the possibility of peace.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

PLSC 359 Revolutions (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 368) A critical examination of different empirical theories of revolution. Case studies will be drawn from Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC359/INTS384

Outcomes:

Students will be able to analyze and assess the causes, development, and consequences of modern revolutionary movements and revolutions

PLSC 360 Western European Politics (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 360) Comparative study of the structures, processes, and functions of the parties and governments of the western powers with emphasis on the United Kingdom, France and the German Federal Republic.

Interdisciplinary Option: European Studies, Global Studies

Course equivalencies: PLSC360/INTS360

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the formation and structure of West European political systems, the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse individuals and groups in West European societies, and evaluate the roles and processes of West European political institutions

PLSC 362 Politics Developing Societies (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 362) Social, economic, and ideological factors influencing political developments in emerging nations.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC362/INTS362

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the foundation and structure of emerging nations, the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse individuals, groups, and governments in developing societies, and evaluate the roles and processes of political institutions in developing societies

PLSC 363 International Politics (3 Credit Hours)

This course is intended to serve as an advanced exploration of the field of international politics. Students will explore the most recent developments in international relations theory and select political developments within the international system, including the evolution of these developments in various regions of the world.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Outcomes:

Students will hone their ability to assess/critique cutting edge theories and developments within the field of international politics

PLSC 364 UN & International Organization (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 364) (PAX 364) An examination of the purposes, organization, background, and operations of existing international organizations.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies, Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC364/INTS364/PAX 364

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the formation and structure of various International Organizations, especially the United Nations, the patterns of political participation and behavior of individuals, private and public groups, and governments in International Organizations, and evaluate the roles and processes of International Organizations

PLSC 365 Italian Politics & Government (3 Credit Hours)

(INTS 365) (ROST 365) An examination of the institutions, processes, and practices of Italian political life. Major concern is with post-1945 Italian politics.

Interdisciplinary Option: European Studies, Global Studies, Italian Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC365/INTS365/ROST365

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the formation and structure of Italy's contemporary political system, the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse individuals and groups in Italian society, and evaluate the roles and processes of Italian political institutions

PLSC 366 Dictatorship (3 Credit Hours)

This comparative politics course examines the origins, dynamics, and contradictions of various nondemocratic forms of government, including military and party dictatorships.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC366/INTS366

Outcomes:

Students will be able to explain why authoritarian systems rise and fall and how politics in these systems compares to the political process in democratic states

PLSC 367 Model United Nations (3 Credit Hours)

Introduction to the operations and practices of United Nations, including training for student participation in the Model U.N. program. Students taking PLSC 367 Model UN class and act as leaders of the team that represents Loyola at the New York conference. Prior permission required to enroll.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies, Global Studies, Peace Studies, Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies, Global Studies, Global Studies, Peace Studies, Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC367/INTS367/PAX 367

Outcomes:

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the formation and structure of the United Nations; Understanding is enhanced by the practical experience gained by participating in Loyola's Model UN program

PLSC 368 Politics of the Middle East (3 Credit Hours)

This course will draw upon the theoretical insights of comparative politics to examine politics in the Middle East and North Africa. The seminar focuses on issues that are important for understanding the contemporary politics of the region, from the persistence of authoritarianism, petropolitics, political Islam, Arab-Israeli conflict, and the rise of ISIS to ethnic divisions, gender relations, and social movements.

Interdisciplinary Option: Arabic Language and Culture, Global Studies, Islamic World Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC368/INTS391/IWS368

PLSC 369 Politics of Energy (3 Credit Hours)

The course will discuss how the challenges of climate change, energy security, and poverty alleviation are being tackled by politicians and the public. It will also assess the degree to which changes in energy resources bring changes in economic, political, and social power.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global & International Studies, Global Studies, Islamic World Studies, Peace Studies, Global & International Studies, Global Studies, Islamic World Studies, Peace Studies

Course equivalencies: PLSC369/INTS386/PAX386/IWS369

Outcomes:

Students will gain a firm understanding of the various global and regional trends that are shaping 21st Century foreign policy behavior generally, and energy diplomacy specifically

PLSC 370 Fieldwork in Political Science-Internship (1-6 Credit Hours)

Practical experience in political and governmental agencies and organizations in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services

This course satisfies the Engaged Learning requirement.

Outcomes:

Students learn about different forms of public service and the ethical responsibilities of civic engagement; Working in a professional office for fifteen weeks allows students to experience the world of public service first-hand; Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of models of leadership and public service by working with supervisors who are normally leaders in their fields

PLSC 371 Roman Law (3 Credit Hours)

(CLST 362) An introduction to the general principles and basic concepts of Roman civil law with emphasis upon the Late Republican-Early Imperial period.

Interdisciplinary Option: European Studies

Course equivalencies: X-CLST362/PLSC371/ROST362

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the assumptions and principles guiding the formulation and implementation of Roman civil law

PLSC 372 Crime, Race & Violence (3 Credit Hours)

This course discusses the political aspects that affect crime and violence in the United States, with a special focus on questions of race.

Interdisciplinary Option: African Studies and the African Diaspora, Human Services, Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies, Psychology of Crime and Justice, Sociolegal Studies, Urban Studies

Course equivalencies: X-CJC/BWS/AFR/PLSC372/PAX373

PLSC 373 Politics and Literature (3 Credit Hours)

Literature as a medium of political analysis and political criticism. The literary tradition examined may vary, and the course may be repeated for credit, depending on the subject matter.

Outcomes:

Students will learn to interpret and evaluate the political assumptions and principles underlying the writings of major literary figures, and to reflect on the role and significance of literature in promoting a more just society

PLSC 374 Democracy (3 Credit Hours)

A critical examination of the theory and practice of democratic government. The subfield to which this course belongs varies depending on its content.

Outcomes:

Students will be able to analyze and assess the theoretical arguments for and against democracy, and to demonstrate an understanding of the various institutional arrangements of democratic government

PLSC 376 Political Behavior and Public Opinion (3 Credit Hours)

This course will cover a range of topics pertaining to public opinion and political behavior in the United States. Topics will include how public opinion is measured, research on the factors that shape public attitudes about political matters, and work that examines who participates in politics and why.

Outcomes:

Students will learn about substantive scholarly findings on these topics, as well as the methodologies researchers use to answer questions about public opinion and political participation

PLSC 377 American Public Policies (3 Credit Hours)

Public policy-making at the national and state government levels; includes social, economic, fiscal, judicial, and moral policies.

Course equivalencies: PLSC377 / PLSC205

Outcomes:

Students will obtain in-depth knowledge of a unique topic in the area of American public policy adoption and implementation

PLSC 378 Intro to Political Economy (3 Credit Hours)

The relationships between political and economic systems with an emphasis on revenues and expenditures, and the consequences of fiscal and monetary policies on economic activity.

Course equivalencies: PLSC378 / PLSC207

Outcomes:

Students will be able to analyze the role of the economy and economic actors in the adoption of public policies, especially in the formulation and implementation of the budget, and their impact on the economic lives of citizens

PLSC 379 The Legislative Process (3 Credit Hours)

Legislative campaigns and elections, the formal procedures of law making, the influence of political parties and interest groups, and the interaction with the president, the judiciary, and the bureaucracy.

Course equivalencies: PLSC379 / PLSC210

Outcomes:

Students will be able to analyze and assess the role and processes of the US Congress in the deliberation and formulation of domestic policies and their impact on the everyday lives of citizens

PLSC 380 Public Policy Analysis (3 Credit Hours)

The course offers a broad approach to the study of public policy.

PLSC 381 The American Presidency (3 Credit Hours)

The powers, roles, and responsibilities of the presidential office with special attention to political leadership, the bureaucracy, and political parties.

Course equivalencies: PLSC381 / PLSC211

Outcomes:

Students will be able to analyze and assess the role and impact of the U.S. presidency on domestic policy and foreign affairs

PLSC 384 The Judicial Process (3 Credit Hours)

The judicial process in the American court system from the Supreme Court to local trial courts, civil and criminal procedure, appellate court decision-making, and the impact of judicial policies on American politics and society.

Interdisciplinary Option: Sociolegal Studies

Course equivalencies: PLSC384 / PLSC212

Outcomes:

Students will be able to analyze and assess the role and impact of the U.S. court system on the protection of individual freedoms and civil rights

PLSC 385 Introduction to Law (3 Credit Hours)

The nature of law in society, including the constitutional origins and institutional structure of legal systems, the practices of the legal profession, and the substance of selected areas of case law.

Interdisciplinary Option: Sociolegal Studies

Course equivalencies: CRMJ375/PLSC385/PLSC214

Outcomes:

Students will be able to understand the role of law and the legal system in American politics and its impact on the everyday lives of citizens

PLSC 386 Campaigns and Elections (3 Credit Hours)

The organization, functions, and behavior of political parties and elections in the United States.

Course equivalencies: PLSC386 / PLSC217

Outcomes:

Students will be able to analyze and evaluate the role and impact of political parties and elections on the American political system

PLSC 387 Politics and the Press (3 Credit Hours)

A study of the dynamics between politics and the press, including its impact on campaigns, elections, and public policy.

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC387/CMUN340

Outcomes:

Students will be able to analyze and assess the role and impact of the press on the American politics

PLSC 388 The Morality and Legality of War (3 Credit Hours)

Competing perspectives on the moral, legal, and practical challenges of military force as a tool of foreign policy, especially focused on the complexity of using force to pursue humanitarian goals.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies, Global Studies

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of just war theory, international humanitarian law, and major theories of humanitarianism, to analyze the stakes and trade-offs involved in decisions about war and peace, and to critically engage with contemporary foreign policy events

PLSC 389 State Politics (3 Credit Hours)

A comparative study of the composition and powers of state governments.

Course equivalencies: PLSC389 / PLSC221

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of state governments, the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse individuals and groups in state politics, and evaluate the roles and processes of state political institutions

PLSC 390 Urban Politics (3 Credit Hours)

Political processes in cities and other local governments, Examination of mayors, city councils, bureaucrats, and their interaction with local citizens and interest groups.

Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services, Race and Ethnicity, Urban Studies

Course equivalencies: PLSC390 / PLSC222

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of urban governments, the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse individuals and groups in urban politics, and evaluate the roles and processes of urban political institutions

PLSC 391 Chicago Politics (3 Credit Hours)

The political groups in Chicago, their political power and impact on city politics and policy. Attention will be given to the powers and roles of city council and the mayor's office.

Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services, Italian American Studies

Course equivalencies: PLSC391 / PLSC224

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of Chicago government, the patterns of political participation and behavior of diverse individuals and groups in Chicago politics, and evaluate the roles and processes of Chicago's political institutions

PLSC 392 Environmental Politics (3 Credit Hours)

The issues, significant actors, and public policies relating to the environment. (ESP 235) (PAX 235)

Interdisciplinary Option: Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies, Urban Studies

Course equivalencies: PLSC392/PLSC/ESP/PAX235

Outcomes:

Students will be able to analyze and assess the role of various actors in the formulation, adoption and implementation of environmental public policies, and their impact on the everyday lives of citizens

PLSC 393 Black Politics (3 Credit Hours)

This course will present a general overview of black politics in America, including the major black political ideologies and their theoretical underpinnings and the role of race in urban politics in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries.

Interdisciplinary Option: African Studies and the African Diaspora

Course equivalencies: X-HIST374/PLSC393/BWS374

Outcomes:

Students will gain an understanding of how the circumstances of Reconstruction shaped black political ideologies; how blacks came into political power in major urban centers; and what the contours of debate are in the black community over provocative issues such as the criminal justice system, affirmative action, reparations, and education

PLSC 395 Political Science Honors Seminar (3 Credit Hours)

Variable titles. Investigation of selected topics or methods in Political Science.

Outcomes:

Students will gain an in-depth knowledge of a unique topic or method in Political Science

PLSC 396 Directed Readings (1-3 Credit Hours)

Opportunity for an unusually accomplished student to pursue a discrete area of knowledge in political studies in a format designed to stimulate highly productive effort.

Outcomes:

Students will hone research and writing skills in close collaboration with a faculty sponsor

PLSC 397 Urban Studies Research (3 Credit Hours)

The course allows students to engage in research-related projects related to urban studies.

Interdisciplinary Option: Urban Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC397/URB397

PLSC 398 Washington DC Internship Seminar (3 Credit Hours)

This course requires you to combine your academic interests and your internship, allowing you to reflect on and think deeply about the relationship between your internship, experience and academic learning. This course will also explore political Washington.

Outcomes:

This course will clarify students' career goals, and demonstrate how these goals can be enhanced by their academic work

PLSC 399 Tunisia On-Site: Arab Spring, Democratic Change, Islam (3 Credit Hours)

A combination of site visits, lectures, and group discussions throughout Tunisia provides a unique experiential understanding of the relationship between the Arab spring, democratic change, Islam, gender relations, and U.S. foreign policy amidst the historical inheritances of the Carthaginian, Roman, Islamic, and French empires in North Africa.

Interdisciplinary Option: African Studies and the African Diaspora, Arabic Language and Culture, Global Studies, Islamic World Studies, Women & Gender Studies

Course equivalencies: X-PLSC 399/HIST 313T

Outcomes:

Experientially based knowledge of the politics, society, culture, history, and international relations of a country (Tunisia) in a region (North Africa) at the intersection of Africa and the Middle East