

Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

PLSI 159T. Seminar in American Government and Politics

Congressional committee operations, policy making by the courts, political implications of civil service, executive initiation of legislation, minority groups and politics, political implications of news reporting; jurisprudence and legal philosophy; legal institutions; conflict resolution.

Units: 1-4

PLSI 159T. Capstone: Topics in International Politics

Students will work on one or more writing projects that will enable them to explore a specific topic(s) of interest in political science in depth. Specific assignments will be individually tailored to students' personal, academic, and career goals. Time will be allotted for individual peer and faculty feedback, and students will have the opportunity to share their final work with the class.

Units: 3, Repeatable up to 9 units

PLSI 160. State and Local Governments

The organization, structure, powers, and functions of state and local governments.

Units: 3

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PLSI 161. Social Movement Politics

Students will learn how and why social movements form, including what kinds of grievances lead to political organization. They will also study the tactics movements use, and why some movements are successful in their political advocacy while others are not.

Units: 3

PLSI 163. Municipal Government

Organization, powers, and functions of city government; types of city charters, relationship between city and state government; police and fire protection, education, water supply, health and sanitation, city planning, debts and taxation, public utilities.

Units: 3

PLSI 169T. Seminar in Metropolitan Government and Politics

Regional and area intergovernmental relations, urban renewal, human relations agencies, and taxation methodologies.

Units: 1-4

PLSI 169T. Political Economics

The course will review US political economic history beginning with Alexander Hamilton and the first national bank system. The course will also focus on the current recession, financial regulation, the effect of the economy on voting, the role of the Federal Reserve Bank, and the use of government

policy by the national government and local governments to advance economic growth.

Units: 3, Repeatable up to 8 units

PLSI 170. Constitutional Law, the Federal Structure

Judicial Review, powers of the president, powers of Congress, federalism, and the contract clause and due process -- economic rights through case studies of leading Supreme Court decisions.

Units: 3

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PLSI 171. Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties, and Civil Rights

Free speech and association, freedom of press, commercial free speech, obscenity, religion guarantees, fourth, fifth, sixth, and eighth amendment issues, and social and political equality through case studies of leading Supreme Court decisions.

Units: 3

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PLSI 174. Politics and the Court

An introduction to the judicial process: jurisprudence, courts and social policy, instruments and limitations of judicial power, fact finding, precedents and legal reasoning, statutory and constitutional interpretation, and the search for standards.

Units: 3

PLSI 175. Water Politics and Policy

This course focuses on the development of policy regarding the ownership and use of surface and ground water in the American West, California, and the Central Valley. It also examines the political clash between economic and environmental demands for water.

Units: 3

PLSI 179T. Moot Court

The purpose of this course is to educate undergraduate students about the American Legal system jurisprudence, and appellate advocacy. Students receive training in oral advocacy and deliver arguments before a panel of judges.

Units: 3, Repeatable up to 12 units

PLSI 181. Public Administration

General analysis of the field of public administration; administrative theories; policy and administration; behavioralism; budgeting, planning, and legal framework.

Units: 3