

GE Area: M/I

PLSI 121. American Foreign Affairs

Prerequisite: PLSI 2. Formulation and execution of American foreign policy; constitutional frame work; role of the president and the executive branch, Congress, pressure groups and public opinion; contemporary problems and policies.

Units: 3

PLSI 122. Politics of Foreign Aid

Theory and practice of foreign aid, including U.S. policy, current debates, continuing challenges, approaches, issue-areas, and key actors (governmental and non-governmental, domestic and international organizations). (Formerly PLSI 128T)

Units: 3

PLSI 125. Russian Foreign Policy

Historical and ideological sources of foreign policy of Russia and other former Soviet republics; continuity and change in methods, strategy, and tactics; policy formulation and application in specific geographic and subject matter areas.

Units: 3

PLSI 126. International Law and Organization

The sources and subjects of international law; state jurisdiction and responsibility; international agreements; the regulation of force and the peaceful settlement of disputes through international law and organization, including the League of Nations, the United Nations, and regional organizations.

Units: 3

Course Typically Offered: Fall

PLSI 128T. Topics in International Relations

Politics of military power; arms limitation and control; peace theory; ecopolitics; regionalism and cooperation; shifts in balance of power; nationalism; imperialism; neutralism and nonalignment; foreign policies of specific nations.

Units: 1-4

PLSI 128T. Capstone: Topics in Political Science

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 128T. Global Governance & Human Rights

This course examines the issue of international human rights as a core component of global governance. Exploring the evolution of international human rights from WWII to today,

students will learn about the key players, issues, and obstacles in the protection of human rights around the world. Different rights and violations will be examined in different parts of the world, and the role and approaches available to states, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and individuals for improving human rights will be studied.

Units: 3

PLSI 140. Approaches to Comparative Politics

Prerequisite: PLSI 1. Exploration of theories, models, and conceptual frameworks for the comparative study of political systems and subsystems; methodological rather than an area emphasis.

Units: 3

Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

PLSI 141. Russian Politics

A study of the political systems of Russia and other former Soviet republics. Changes in relations between state and society; change and continuity in political culture; trends in policy making; issues of relations between nationality groups.

Units: 3

PLSI 142T. Area Studies in Western Europe

Government and politics of Western Europe (Britain, France, Germany, and Italy), Northern European Countries (Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden); or government and politics, of selected countries.

Units: 1-4

PLSI 143T. Area Studies in Eastern Europe

Government and politics of Eastern Europe; or government, politics, and institutions of selected countries.

Units: 1-4

PLSI 144T. Area Studies in Africa and Middle East

Government and politics of Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East; or government, politics, and institutions of selected countries.

Units: 1-4

PLSI 144T. Middle East Politics

This course is designed to present a comparative introduction to the political history, processes, issues and international relations of the Middle East. The course will focus on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, U.S. involvement in the Middle East, Petroleum politics, and the domestic political systems of Egypt, Israel, Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Units: 3, Repeatable up to 8 units

PLSI 145T. Area Studies in Asia

Government and politics of selected countries in East and Southeast Asia.

Units: 1-4