

- b. aptitude for academic work (those with scores of less than 475 on either part of the GRE or on the GMAT must have compensating strength in other areas)
- c. professional goals of the applicant
- d. successful performance in public or nonprofit agency employment as demonstrated by the character of work accomplished, distinctions achieved, and letters of recommendation from persons who can knowingly and comparatively evaluate the on-the-job performance of the candidate over a period of time (this basis for evaluation may be waived for candidates showing great strength in [a] or [b]). Applicants whose native language is not English must also achieve a minimum score of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language.

## COURSES

### **Political Science (PLSI)**

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#### **PLSI 1. Modern Politics (3)**

Prerequisite: G.E. Foundation A2. Introduction to the study of democratic and authoritarian political systems; evaluation of the historical, cultural, and economic contexts of modern politics around the world; institutional structures and functions; political ideologies; individual and group participation in the political process; current issues. G.E. Breadth D3. FS

#### **PLSI 2. American Government and Institutions (3)**

Prerequisite: G.E. Foundation A2. Meets the United States Constitution requirement and the federal, California state, and local government requirement. Not open to students with credit in PLSI 101. The development and operation of government in the United States; study of how ideas, institutions, laws, and people have constructed and maintained a political order in America. Not available for CR/NC grading. G.E. Breadth D2. FS

#### **PLSI 10T. Contemporary Issues in Politics (1-3; max total 9 if no topic repeated)**

Significant contemporary issues in political theory, world politics, comparative government, American government, local government, public administration, or public opinion.

#### **PLSI 90. Methods of Analysis of Quantitative Political Data (3)**

An introduction to hypothesis testing in political science, with applications to the analysis of quantitative political data; the formulation of research problems and hypotheses; accuracy and precision in measurements; problems of evidence and inference; basic techniques of statistical analysis. (2 lecture, 2 lab hours) FS

#### **PLSI 101. American Constitution, Institutions, and Ideals (3)**

Meets the United States Constitution requirement and the federal, California state, and local government requirement. Not open to students below second semester sophomore or with credit in PLSI 2. Executive, legislative, and judicial functions of our government under the constitution; federal, California state, and local governmental relationships. Not available for CR/NC grading.

#### **PLSI 102. California Government and Institutions (1)**

Not open to students with credit in PLSI 2, 101. Open only to students who have satisfied United States Constitution requirement but have not satisfied California state and local government requirement. Examination of legislative, executive, judicial, and local government problems in California. Not available for CR/NC grading. FS

#### **PLSI 103. California Politics (3)**

Satisfies California state and local government requirement, if not used for political science major. Emphasis on the historical development of politics in California and the factors and institutions important to contemporary politics: characteristics of the electorate, voter registration, primaries and general elections, candidates and campaigning, party organizations and leaders, interest groups, and current issues.

#### **Political Theory (PLSI)**

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#### **PLSI 110. Seminar in History of Political Thought to Machiavelli (3)**

Development of political thought from Plato to Machiavelli: law, justice, the state, authority, forms of government, and church-state relations in light of the philosophy of history. FS

#### **PLSI 111. Seminar in History of Political Thought Since Machiavelli (3)**

Freedom and individual rights, democracy, majority rule, equality, law and authority, power, constitutionalism, property, social class and structure, and revolution traced through the writings of Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Hume, Burke, Bentham, Hegel, Tocqueville, and Mill. S

#### **PLSI 114. Seminar in American Political Thought (3)**

Analysis of democracy, majority rule and minority rights, constitutionalism, federalism, representation, pluralism, property, separation of powers, and judicial review based on the perspectives of representative early and contemporary American thinkers. S

#### **PLSI 119T. Topics in Political Theory (1-4; max total 8)**

Possible topics include theories of democracy; the Marxian tradition; political thought of specific authors, historical periods and countries; peace and war; church-state relations; the nature of politics and of political science.

#### **International Relations (PLSI)**

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#### **PLSI 120. International Politics (3)**

Prerequisites: G.E. Foundation and Breadth Area D. Dynamics of political interactions of nations; nationalism, imperialism and interdependence; national power and diplomacy; types of conflict, including war; peaceful settlement of disputes; current issues involving competing foreign policies, national development, energy, and national liberation movements. G.E. Multicultural/ International MI. FS

#### **PLSI 121. American Foreign Affairs (3)**

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

#### **PLSI 125. Russian Foreign Policy (3)**

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.