

**PLSI 126. International Law and Organization (3)**

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. F

**PLSI 128T. Topics in International Relations**

(1-4; max total 8 if no topic repeated)  
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.

**Comparative Government (PLSI)**

**PLSI 140. Approaches to Comparative Politics (3)**

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. FS

**PLSI 141. Russian Politics (3)**

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.

**PLSI 142T. Area Studies in Western Europe (1-4; max total 8 if no topic repeated)**

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.

**PLSI 143T. Area Studies in Eastern Europe (1-4; max total 8 if no topic repeated)**

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

**PLSI 144T. Area Studies in Africa and Middle East**

(1-4; max total 8 if no topic is repeated)  
Government and politics of Sub-Sahara Africa, Middle East; or government, politics, and institutions of selected countries.

**PLSI 145T. Area Studies in Asia (1-4; max total 8 if no topic repeated)**

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

**PLSI 146T. Area Studies in Latin America (1-4; max total 8 if no topic repeated)**

Possible topics include politics of South America; politics of Central America and Caribbean countries; roles of selected groups in Latin American politics.

**PLSI 147. East Asian Politics (3)**

Examines the governments, institutions, politics, and policy of China, Japan, North and South Korea, and selected Southeast Asian Nations.

**PLSI 148. Latin American Politics (3)**

Discusses the role of the military and violence in Latin American politics, the role of civilian groups with emphasis on democratization, and the influence of other nations — especially the United States — on Latin American politics.

**PLSI 149T. Seminar in Comparative Government**

(1-4; max total 8 if no topic repeated)  
Parliamentary systems, problems and goals of developing nations, federal systems, comparative local government, parties and pressure groups, and multi-party systems.

**American Government (PLSI)**

**PLSI 71. Introduction to Environmental Politics (3)**

Prerequisite: G.E. Foundation A2. Introduction to study of environmental politics and policy making in the United States; a brief history of environmentalism; basic principles in environmental policy making, including policy making for interest groups, legislatures, and levels of government; and selection of current topics in environmental issues. G.E. Breadth D3.

**PLSI 150. Public Policy Making (3)**

Examines the institutional and political processes by which public policy is formulated, adopted, and implemented. Individual instruction on student papers (students with fundamental writing deficiencies will be required to enroll in ENGL 1L, 1 unit, concurrently). FS

**PLSI 151. Political Participation and Political Parties (3)**

Political parties; nature and extent of citizen political activity; election of public officials; political organization of government.

**PLSI 152. Public Opinion and Political Behavior (3)**

Examines the origins and expression of political attitudes and beliefs, including voting and other political participation, and how public opinion influences public policy. Special attention is given to partisanship, elections, and voting.

**PLSI 153. Presidential Politics (3)**

Examines the history, development, and operation of the U.S. Presidency. Special attention is given to the rise of the modern presidency, presidential power (constitutional and extra-constitutional), presidential speech, presidential elections, and the importance of public opinion for presidential power. F

**PLSI 154. Congressional Politics (3)**

Examines the history, development, and operation of the U.S. Congress. Special attention is given to congressional elections, congressional-presidential relations, and the policy-making process. S

**PLSI 156T. Topics in Political Behavior (1-4; max total 8 if no topic repeated)**

Voting behavior, political alienation, leadership, political perceptions and knowledge, environmental effects on political participation, group processes, and political socialization.

**PLSI 157. Environmental Politics (3)**

Examines theory, concepts, and practices in U.S. environmental politics and policy. Topics include ecological principles, the history and philosophy of environmentalism, the contemporary political conflict over environmental policy, and environmental policy analysis.

**PLSI 158. Internship in Political Science (2-6; max total 6)**

Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Maximum credit toward the political science major, 3 units. Supervised work experience in legislative offices and/or political campaigns to provide student with an opportunity to fuse theory and practice. CR/NC grading only. FS

**PLSI 159T. Seminar in American Government and Politics**

(1-4; max total 8 if no topic repeated)  
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;