

Political Science

Courses and Activities Mapped to BA/BS in Political Science Outcome Set

1. Oral Communication		2. Effective Written Communication				3. Critical Thinking and Analysis					4. Qualitative and Quantitative Research Skills					5. Political Science Content Knowledge			
Effective oral communication of ideas and views on political issues.		Effective written communication of ideas and views on political issues, both in shorter essays and longer research or policy analysis papers.				Students will demonstrate the ability to not only articulate political theories and concepts, but to apply these ideas to "real world" scenarios for evaluative purposes. This will be demonstrated by the following outcomes.													
1.1: Engage in civil discussions	1.2: Effective oral presentations	2.1: Persuasive essay	2.2: Papers	2.3: Appropriate citation methods for papers	2.4: Different styles of papers in Political Science	3.1: Comparing and contrasting different perspectives	3.2: Identifying the strengths/weaknesses of policies	3.3: Drawing connections between scholarly works	3.4: Applying theory to current political events and situations	3.5: Analyze specific political issues or events	4.1: understand the importance of theory in guiding research	4.2: Students will be expected to apply an appropriate methodology to their research projects.	4.3: Students will understand the basic terms associated with empirical research	4.4: Students will understand the importance of prior research	4.5: Students will understand the importance of organizing and presenting their research findings	5.1 American political system	5.2 Comparative politics	5.3 International politics	5.4 Intellectual frameworks, concepts, and theories in political science
Students will be able to effectively engage in disciplinarily informed civil discussions on complex, contentious topics.	Students will be able to deliver effective oral presentations, either as part of a group or individually, and either using Powerpoint or similar visual aids or not using such aids.	Students will develop the skill of writing a persuasive argument supported by relevant evidence. Included here are the presentation of a clear argument, logical flow of the argument, good organizational structure to the whole essay, and comprehension of primary documents or data.	Students will develop the ability to write essays/papers with minimal grammatical and typographical errors. This may be done through revisions or through learning careful proofreading.	Students will learn appropriate citation methods for papers in Political Science. Different faculty may prefer different citation methods; the important objective is that students learn how to properly cite in their written work.	Students will develop a facility with different styles of papers in Political Science, including but not limited to analytical, persuasive, and research papers.	Comparing and contrasting different perspectives on politics and policy issues	Identifying the strengths/weaknesses of policies or political practices/behaviors	Drawing connections between scholarly works addressing different facets of political issues	Applying theory from scholarly books/articles to current political events and situations	Identifying appropriate social science methods to analyze specific political issues or events	Students will understand the importance of theory in guiding research by developing well-thought-out explanations of expected findings.	Students will be introduced to a variety of ways of analyzing information, including case study, statistical analysis, and qualitative analysis. Students will also be expected to apply an appropriate methodology to their research projects.	Students will understand the basic terms associated with empirical research (e.g., independent and dependent variables, unit of analysis, hypothesis) and be able to use these terms appropriately	Students will understand the importance of prior research for informing their own project, and will demonstrate an understanding of existing Political Science literature relevant to their research projects.	Students will understand the importance of organizing and presenting their research findings in tables, text, or other appropriate formats. The presentation of the research should be understandable to non-specialists.	Demonstrate an understanding of the institutions and processes of politics in the American political system	Demonstrate an understanding of the institutions and processes of politics in the political systems of other countries and be able to compare them	Demonstrate an understanding of the institutions and processes of politics in the international political system	Demonstrate an understanding of classic and contemporary intellectual frameworks, concepts, and theories in political science

Courses and Learning Activities																			
PSCI 105 Issues of Our Times																			
PSCI 107 Leadership, Ethics, and Democracy	I																		
PSCI 130 Introduction to Political Science																			
PSCI 199 Honors Summer Seminar for High School Students																			
PSCI 201 Introduction to American Politics	I		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I							I		I
PSCI 211 Legal Research																			
PSCI 245 Political Inquiry	P	I	P	P	P	P	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I				
PSCI 271 Introduction to International Relations	P		P	P	P	P	I	I	I	I							I	I	I
PSCI 280 Introduction to Comparative Politics	P	P	P	P	P	P	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I			I	I
PSCI 305 State and Local Government	P							P	P	P	P	P					P		
PSCI 308 The Judicial Process	P							P	P	P	P						P		
PSCI 315 Working in Politics	P																		
PSCI 317 American Constitutional Law I: An Introduction	P							P	P	P	P						P		
PSCI 319 Survey of Political Thought	P	P	P	P	P	P	I	I	I	I	I							I	I

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PSCI 330 Introduction to Public Administration	P					P	P	P	P	P						P				
PSCI 360 American Foreign Policy	P					P	P	P	P	P						P		P	P	
PSCI 372 Conflict and Cooperation in International Politics	P					P	P	P	P	P						P	P	P	P	
PSCI 400 .	P					P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					
PSCI 400A-L Topics in American Government and Politics	P					P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	
PSCI 404 Indiana Politics	P															P			P	
PSCI 409 The United States Congress	P					P	P	P	P	P						P			P	
PSCI 410 Campaigns and Elections	P					P	P	P	P	P						P			P	
PSCI 414 The American Presidency	P					P	P	P	P	P	R	R	R	R	R	P			P	
PSCI 418 American Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	P					P	P	P	P	P						P			P	
PSCI 419 Law and American Society	P					P	P	P	P	P	R	R	R	R	R	P			P	
PSCI 421 Topics in Legal Studies	P															P			P	
PSCI 425 Policy Implications of Genomic Science	P					P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	
PSCI 464 Contested Issues in Political Science	P																			
PSCI 465 United States Diplomacy	P					P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	
PSCI 470 Topics in International Politics	P																			
PSCI 471 The United Nations and World Order	P																		P	

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PSCI 473 International Law	P						P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				R	R
PSCI 476 Politics of Globalization	P						P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	R	R	R	R
PSCI 479 The Rise of China	P						P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P
PSCI 480 Topics in Comparative Politics	P						P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P		P
PSCI 483 Politics in Latin America	P						P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P
PSCI 488 African Politics	P						P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P
PSCI 490 Politics in the Middle East	P						P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P
PSCI 495 Internship in Political Science																				
PSCI 496 Capstone Course in Legal Studies																				
PSCI 497 Field Work in Political Science																				
PSCI 498 Readings in Political Science																				
PSCI 499 Senior Seminar in Political Science	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

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