

# PSC - POLITICAL SCIENCE

## **PSC 101** 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

### **American Government**

Course presents philosophical principles, governmental machinery and political processes of the federal government. Content includes political culture, the Constitution, civil liberties and civil rights, government institutions, political parties and interest groups, public opinion, and public policy decision-making.

*IAI General Education: S5 900*

*Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online*

## **PSC 103** 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

### **Introduction to Political Science**

Course examines the primary fields within political science. Content includes political philosophy; empirical political theory; American politics; comparative politics; international relations; research techniques; general concepts used in the study of politics, such as socialization, groups, etc.

*IAI General Education: S5 903*

*Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online*

## **PSC 104** 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

### **Illinois Government**

Course examines the organization of Illinois Government at the state, county, and municipal levels. Content includes the relationship between the various levels of government; may involve direct observation of governmental units in action.

**Prerequisite:** Consent of instructor.

*Delivery mode: Face-to-Face*

## **PSC 110** 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

### **Introduction To Politics**

Course introduces concepts of political life. Content focus is on power: source, modes (coercion, control, consent, charisma); expressions, conflicts, etc. Examples drawn from history and current political life.

*Delivery mode: Face-to-Face*

## **PSC 111** 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

### **Political Parties and American Politics**

Course examines political parties in the United States. Content includes the historical development, and modern status, the role political parties play in the American political process.

*Delivery mode: Face-to-Face*

## **PSC 201** 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

### **Comparative Government**

Course presents functional aspects and governmental structures of a variety of political systems. Content includes totalitarian, democratic, and mixed forms of government as seen against a backdrop of current issues of world politics.

*IAI General Education: S5 905*

*Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online*

## **PSC 202** 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

### **International Relations**

Course provides theoretical foundation, historical background, and conceptual framework for understanding contemporary international relations. Content includes international relations theory; evolution of the modern international political system; power, diplomacy and foreign policy; war and peace; international law and organizations; international political economy and globalization. Case studies used extensively to exemplify the problems and potential solutions of contemporary international politics.

*IAI General Education: S5 904*

*Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online*

## **PSC 204** 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

### **International Terrorism**

Course examines basic characteristics, underlying causes and dynamics of contemporary international terrorism in an historical and international relations context. Content includes developing an analytical framework for understanding terrorist groups, motivations, tactics, strategies, and targets, as well as international counterterrorism efforts.

*Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online*

## **PSC 209** 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

### **United States Foreign Policy**

Course examines contemporary American foreign policy making and conduct within historical and international political context. Content includes an analysis of U.S. foreign policy institutions, actors, traditions, and choices. Historical case studies and current international issues used to exemplify underlying principles and values of U.S. foreign policy.

*Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online*

## **PSC 210** 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

### **American Political Thought**

Course introduces political convictions and ideologies. Content includes examination of principles as bases of our American political system and as influences in the shaping of America's political history.

*Delivery mode: Face-to-Face*

## **PSC 216** 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

### **Non-Western Comparative Government**

Course surveys the political, social and economic history of selected non-western cultures since 1945. Content includes the study of at least four cultures, drawn from Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

*Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Hybrid | Online*

## **PSC 250** 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

### **International Security: War and Peace**

Course examines the causes and consequences of wars as well as strategies for peace in world politics. A variety of topics such as the nature and origins of war and peace, terrorism, ethnic and religious conflicts, intervention, globalization, and arms proliferation will be analyzed from a theoretical and historical perspective. Current world events relating to these topics will be discussed.

*Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online*

## **PSC 290** 1-4 credit hours (lecture: 1-4 | lab: 1-4)

### **Topics in Political Science**

Course explores major political issues and/or aspects of political life that are related to and grow out of the political science courses taught at the College. Course has a different focus and/or scope than the courses currently offered in the department and can be repeated on different topics up to three times for up to nine credit hours. Fee Varies. Prerequisite may vary by topic.

*Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online*