# POLITICAL SCIENCE (POL-SCI)

## Courses

**POL-SCI 5501 Seminar in American Government**
**Credits:** 3  
A seminar involving intense examination of the foundations, development, and structure of American national government through study of a broad range of classic materials and current research findings; course will prepare a political science graduate student to teach an introductory college course in American government.  
**Prerequisites:** Graduate Standing.

**POL-SCI 5506 Research Design and Analysis**
**Credits:** 3  
This course focuses on methods of data gathering, management, and analysis used in political science research. Students gain an understanding of different types of data including surveys, experiments, and archival records. The curriculum will also include ways that these data are managed and analyzed, and how the results are presented in a useful manner.

**POL-SCI 5513 Seminar in Comparative Politics**
**Credits:** 3  
A survey of the major research in comparative politics including state building, democracy, economic development, and political violence.

**POL-SCI 5522 Seminar In The Presidency**
**Credits:** 3  
Critical examination of the American presidency, with in-depth research into selected themes and presidents.  
**Prerequisites:** POL-SCI 406.

**POL-SCI 5530 Seminar in International Relations**
**Credits:** 3  
This course examines major schools of thought and contemporary research in international relations. Topics discussed include international systems, the causes of war and peace, collective security, and international political economy.

**POL-SCI 5541 American Political Thought**
**Credits:** 3  
This course will focus on intellectual reactions to the major periods in American history (the movement for independence, the writing of the constitution, the Jacksonian period, the civil war debate, the growth of big business, the rise of the positive state and contemporary America). Contemporary theorists will be included along with Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton and Marshall.

**POL-SCI 5570 The Politics Of Social Security**
**Credits:** 3  
This course will concentrate upon the principles of social insurance in general, and of the American Social Security system in particular. It will consider the system in relation to the history and traditions of American society. It will analyze popular misconceptions and will pay special attention to the political, economic, and demographic issues relevant to Social Security's current operation and to the program's future.

**POL-SCI 5575 Political Ideologies**
**Credits:** 3  
Consideration of political ideologies and their effects, with in-depth research into selected topics.

**POL-SCI 5580 Government And Politics Seminar**
**Credits:** 3  
Offered as a special seminar in the individual faculty member's area of research specialization. The seminar may be repeated for credit when the topic varies. The topic and instructor will be announced in advance.

**POL-SCI 5590 Directed Studies And Research**
**Credits:** 1-6  
Under the direction of the instructor, students in this course will produce a major research paper: a self-contained thesis chapter, an article for publication or the equivalent. May be repeated for credit.

**POL-SCI 5599 Thesis**
**Credits:** 1-6  
Directed specialized research.

**POL-SCI 5688 Doctoral Research Seminar**
**Credits:** 3  
Students will produce a major research paper under the direction of the instructor. The research project will consist of a self-contained chapter of the dissertation or a work of publishable quality. May be repeated for credit.

**POL-SCI 5697 Doctoral-Level Independent Readings**
**Credits:** 3  
Individual readings under the supervision of members of the Political Science Graduate or Doctoral Faculty in the specified topic or topics. May be repeated. May not be taken during an academic year in which a graduate course or seminar is offered on the topic.

**POL-SCI 5699 Research And Dissertation**
**Credits:** 1-12  
Directed specialized research.

**POL-SCI 5899 Required Graduate Enrollment**
**Credit:** 1