Political Science And Criminal Justice

Department Information

Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice web site
http://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/artsandsci/polisci/index.html

Undergraduate Studies

The courses offered in the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice are designed to achieve three important objectives:

1. To help students attain a liberal education
2. To encourage and prepare students to participate actively in public affairs
3. To help students advance toward professional careers in such fields as education, law and government.

Political Science

Political Science is a broad discipline in both content and methods. Political Science includes philosophical, historical, and analytical studies of governments, politics, and policies. Political scientists may focus on political behavior, decision making, processes, organizations, and public policies. Inquiry in political science addresses the domestic and international policies of the United States and all other countries and regions. Political scientists study the political values, attachments, and activities of people, individually and in groups. Political science examines both what preferences people share and how they differ according to their personal attributes and positions in the economy and society. Political science also studies how people regard and trust each other as well as their leaders and governments. Consequently, political science has many facets and offers opportunities for many different concentrations.

All first-time freshmen must successfully complete CAS 100: First Year Experience as a degree requirement. Students must enroll during their first term at USA, except for summer-entry students who must enroll in the fall semester following entry.

Technological Competency Requirement

Research Methods (PSC 310/CJ 310) will satisfy the technology competency requirement for both political and criminal justice majors. This is a requirement course for both majors.

Departmental Honors

The Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice offers an opportunity for students in Political Science or Criminal Justice who are not in the University's Honors College to graduate with departmental honors. In order to graduate with departmental honors, the student needs to have at least a 3.50 grade point average (overall and in the major) and maintain that average upon graduation. In addition, the student must take a two-semester departmental honors thesis project with a faculty mentor and a committee.

Criminal Justice

The curriculum in Criminal Justice provides students interested in law enforcement, criminal law, corrections, and the criminal court system with a broad educational background emphasizing social science and the University's general education skills of critical thinking, writing and analysis. At the same time, students in the department gain basic knowledge of the criminal justice field to the extent of specialization compatible with University and College requirements. The curriculum leads to the Bachelor of Arts degree. The mission of the program must be conceived as interdisciplinary in nature, since no traditional discipline covers the wide spectrum of expertise required. The undergraduate program addresses issues respecting the entire criminal justice system, from the nature of crime and delinquency to society's varied responses to crime. Such a focus includes the organization and operation of each of the functional components in the field.

All first-time full-time freshmen are required to successfully complete CAS 100: First Year Experience.
Graduate Studies
The Master of Public Administration degree (MPA) curriculum in the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice is a professional degree program designed principally for present and future administrators and officers in government and other public related organizations. It is open, however, to other qualified students as well. Students entering the program come from varied academic and vocational backgrounds. Accordingly, no specific undergraduate major is required for admission to the MPA Program. However, certain course prerequisites must be satisfied prior to enrollment in any of the required core courses of the curriculum.

Requirements For Admission
Students are admitted each semester. The following criteria supplement the Graduate School criteria (see Categories of Admission).

Regular Admission
1. Students must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on all undergraduate work (on a 4-point scale).
2. Satisfactory GRE scores (at least 300 combined score on the Verbal and the Quantitative Sub tests).
3. The GRE requirement may be waived for holders of earned advanced degrees on the recommendation of the program coordinator. GRE scores must be submitted prior to any category of admission—except for the person with an earned advanced degree from an accredited institution.

Provisional Admission
In addition to the minimum standards required by the Graduate School, the student must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.7, or 3.0 (on a 4-point scale) for the last 60 hours of undergraduate work and submit GRE general test scores.

Areas Of Study

Criminal Justice (BA)
Minor in Criminal Justice
Minor in Political Science
Political Science (BA)
Public Administration (MPA)

Courses

Criminal Justice (CJ)

CJ 205 Intro to Criminal Justice 3 cr
A review of the system for the delivery of Criminal Justice services in the U.S. and an analysis of operational practices at the major criminal justice decision stages. CJ majors must pass with a ‘C’ or better.

CJ 223 Intro to Forensic Science 3 cr
Survey of scientific crime detection methods; crime scene search, identification and preservation of evidence; uses of the laboratory for criminal investigation.

CJ 310 Research Methods 3 cr
Examines the concepts and techniques of systematic political analyses and research methodology. (Identical to PSC 310). CH and PSC majors must pass with a ‘C’ or better.
Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 320 Modern Police Functions 3 cr
An advanced survey of law enforcement, concentrating on the police with emphasis on functions (law enforcement, order maintenance, and public service) and responsibilities, including organizational and managerial aspects of policing in American society. CJ majors must pass with a ‘C’ or better.
Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)
CJ 321 Introduction to Security 3 cr
The historical, philosophical, and legal basis of security. The role of security in modern society. A survey of the administrative, personnel, and physical aspects of the security fields. Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 330 Judicial Process 3 cr
The study of the American judicial process at the federal and state court levels. (Identical to PSC 330) CJ majors must pass with a 'C' or better. Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 331 Constitutional Law-W 3 cr
Principles of constitutional powers and liberties will be examined through an analysis of decisions and opinions by the U.S. Supreme Court. (Identical to PSC 331). Pre-requisite: (EH 102 Minimum Grade of C or EH 105 Minimum Grade of C) and (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 332 Criminal Law 3 cr
A study of the origins and nature of the acts that constitute crime with a detailed examination of the elements of certain criminal offense. Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 336 Legal Theory 3 cr
Explores theoretical issues and problems in the area of law, including theories about the nature of law, legal validity, the relation between morality and law, and our obligation to obey the law. Specific problems, such as legal moralism, are also examined. Cross-listed as PHL 336. Credit cannot be received for both CJ 336 and PHL 336. Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 337 Liability and Punishment 3 cr
Explores theoretical issues and problems in the areas of law (especially criminal law) concerning liability and punishment. Topics to be examined include diminished capacity, theories of punishment, and capital punishment. Cross-listed as PHL 337. Credit cannot be received for both CJ 337 and PHL 337. Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 340 Policies-Procedures of Correct 3 cr
An overview of the policies and procedures of major correctional systems and methods of treatment of offenders. Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 360 Introduction to the Offender 3 cr
Study of traditional and modern explanations of criminal offenses and of criminal offenders. CJ majors must pass with a 'C' or better. Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 370 Criminal Justice Policies 3 cr
An examination of theoretical explanations of criminal phenomena and an analysis of the impact of such theories on public policy decisions. Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 372 Gender and Criminal Justice 3 cr
This course utilizes gender as a conceptual construct in studying actors and the institutional processes in the criminal justice system. Women's roles as criminals, crime victims, and law enforcement officials will be examined. Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 390 Special Topics - 3 cr
Study of a significant topic, problem, or issue in criminal justice. May be repeated up to two times when the content varies. Only 6 credit hours may be applied to the criminal justice major. Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 403 Sexual Violence 3 cr
This course focuses on the perpetration and experience of sexual violence. Although focused primarily on this phenomenon within the United States, sexual violence as a broader global construct will also be discussed. This course will incorporate perspectives from several disciplines, including criminal justice, gender studies, sociology, and psychology. Pre-requisite: CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or GS 101 Minimum Grade of C

CJ 422 Criminal Investigations 3 cr
Explores criminal investigation procedures including theory of investigation, case presentation, interrogation, and special problems in criminal investigation. Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 430 Criminal Procedure - W 3 cr
An examination of constitutional criminal procedure concerning the laws of arrest, search, and seizure and their implications in the admissibility of evidence during the subsequent trial of the defendant. Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C) and (EH 102 Minimum Grade of C or EH 105 Minimum Grade of C)
CJ 440  Community Based Corrections-W  3 cr
Examine alternatives to incarceration for offenders with emphasis on current research.
Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C) and (EH 102 Minimum Grade of C or EH 105 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 450  Juvenile Just Admin-Policies  3 cr
A study of statutory law and criminal justice system practices and programs as they relate to the administration of juvenile justice.
Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 471  Criminal Justice and Community  3 cr
A presentation of current research on a wide range of topics that impact on the relationship of police and the community.
Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 472  Comparative Criminal Just Syst  3 cr
A review of cultural influences on penal codes, crime rates, crime control methods, and organizational structures of the delivery of criminal justice services in selected countries.
Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 492  Capstone Seminar in CJ-W  3 cr
Required course for all criminal justice majors and serves as the comprehensive experience in political science. The course will be taught at the senior level and will focus on criminal justice issues at the national and international levels. In addition to the course requirements, including a major research paper, students must take the ETS field test in criminal justice and receive a satisfactory score. Criminal Justice majors must pass with a "C" or better. The course serves as a capstone course for criminal justice majors. Taught in the fall semester.
Pre-requisite: EH 102 Minimum Grade of C and CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C

CJ 494  Directed Studies -  1 TO 3 cr
Under the guidance of a faculty member, the student will pursue directed research or readings on an approved topic in criminal justice. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 hours.
Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 496  Professional St - Internship  3 cr
Relates the intern's classroom studies with occupational and professional experiences in an approved criminal justice agency. Written reports required. Open only to junior or senior criminal justice majors or minors. S/U grading only.
Pre-requisite: (CJ 205 Minimum Grade of C or PSC 205 Minimum Grade of C)

CJ 499  Honors Thesis - H - W  3 TO 6 cr
The research and writing of a major paper in the field of criminal justice. Prerequisite: USA Honors Program or permission of Department Chairman.

Political Science (PSC)

PSC 101  Intro Pol Sci - Honors - H  3 cr
This course is an intellectual investigation of the traditional and behavioral approaches to the five broad areas of sub-fields that constitute the academic study of political science, namely, political theory, American government, comparative politics, international relations, and public administration.

PSC 130  Intro to US Government  3 cr
Stresses formation and principles of the United States Constitution and roles of Congress, the President, and the Courts in the American system of government. Considers popular participation in politics, rights and responsibilities of citizens, and current public problems. Core Course. PSC and CJ majors must pass with a 'C' or better.

PSC 230  Current Political Issues  3 cr
An examination of the perennial political questions as they arise in current political issues and the arguments supporting different positions on the issues.

PSC 232  State and Local Governments  3 cr
An overview of state and local government systems. An analysis of administration and politics within states and localities and an examination of state and local governmental action.

PSC 250  Comparative Politics  3 cr
Introduction to the basic differences and similarities of the major political systems of the world. Emphasis is placed upon governmental structures and processes. PSC majors must pass with a 'C' or better.

PSC 251  World Leaders  3 cr
This course introduces students to the concept of leadership and focuses on the lives and achievements of a number of influential 20th century leaders.

PSC 270  International Relations  3 cr
A survey of theoretical and substantive aspects of international relations. Topics covered include power and alternative to power, war and peace, money and trade, international organization and law, North-South relations, environment and technology, human rights, and the like. PSC majors must pass with a 'C' or better.

PSC 301  Public Policy  3 cr
Examination of selected functions and policies of the U.S. government, with special emphasis on the relationship between politics and the socioeconomic environment. Emphasis is placed upon the political, economic, and historical variables as they affect contemporary public policy output.
Pre-requisite: PSC 130 Minimum Grade of C
PSC 310  Research Methods  3 cr
Examines the concepts and techniques of systematic political analyses and research methodology. (Identical to CJ 310). PSC and CJ majors must pass with a "C" or better.

PSC 311  Political Philosophy I  3 cr
An examination of the central themes of classical Western political philosophy through the reading and discussing of the primary works of such thinkers as Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, and Aquinas. Cross-listed as PHL 311. Credit cannot be received for both PSC 311 and either PHL 311 or CLA 311. PSC majors must pass with a 'C' or better.

PSC 312  Political Philosophy II  3 cr
An examination of the central themes of modern Western political philosophy through the reading and discussing of the primary works of such thinkers as Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau. Cross-listed as PHL 312. Credit cannot be received for both PSC 312 and PHL 312. PSC majors must pass with a 'C' or better.

PSC 313  Political Philosophy III-W  3 cr
An examination of the central themes of modern Western political philosophy through the reading and discussing of the primary works of such thinkers as Hegel, Mill, Marx, and Nietzsche. Cross-listed as PHL 313. Credit cannot be received for both PSC 313 and PHL 313. PSC majors must pass with a "C" or better. Pre-requisite: (EH 102 Minimum Grade of C or EH 105 Minimum Grade of C)

PSC 330  Judicial Process  3 cr
The study of the American judicial process at the federal and state court levels. (Identical to CJ 330)

PSC 331  Constitutional Law - W  3 cr
Principles of constitutional powers and liberties will be examined through an analysis of decisions and opinions by the U.S. Supreme Court. (Identical to CJ 331). Pre-requisite: (EH 102 Minimum Grade of C or EH 105 Minimum Grade of C)

PSC 338  Parties-Political Participp  3 cr
Examines the nature of participation in the political process with special emphasis on political parties, interest groups and voting.

PSC 340  Race, Gender, & Politics  3 cr
This course is designed to provide students with a critical examination of race and gender in the political system. From the founding to the present, politics and government reflect ideological judgments about who gets what, when, and how. As such, government has legitimizened only certain individuals as political actors; certain identities as politically relevant, certain relationships as important, and certain practices as the means by which one might change political status. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or above.

PSC 345  Women and Politics  3 cr
The central premise of this course is that politics cannot be fully understood without including gender as an analytical construct. From the founding to the present, politics and government reflect ideological judgments about who gets what, when and how. As such, government has legitimizened only certain individuals as political actors and certain identities as politically relevant. This course sets out to discover how gender "matters" in U.S. politics.

PSC 347  Public Opinion and Polit Part  3 cr
The formation, composition, distribution, and measurement of public opinions and its effect upon public policy.

PSC 360  Politics of Europe  3 cr
Comparative study of the political institutions and policies of the European countries, with a special focus on Great Britain, France, Germany, and Russia.

PSC 363  Politics of Latin America  3 cr
Comparative study of the political institutions and policies of the Latin American countries.

PSC 364  Politics of Africa -W  3 cr
Comparative study of the political institutions and policies of the countries of Sub-Sahara Africa. Pre-requisite: (EH 102 Minimum Grade of C or EH 105 Minimum Grade of C)

PSC 365  Middle East Politics - W  3 cr
Comparative study of the political institutions and policies of the countries of North Africa and the Middle East. Pre-requisite: (EH 102 Minimum Grade of C or EH 105 Minimum Grade of C)

PSC 366  Politics of South Asia - W  3 cr
Comparative study of the political institutions and policies of the South Asian countries. Pre-requisite: (EH 102 Minimum Grade of C or EH 105 Minimum Grade of C)

PSC 372  American Foreign Policy  3 cr
The traditional features, the formulation, the instruments, and the general trends of American diplomacy.

PSC 390  Special Topics -  3 cr
Study of a significant topic or problem in political science. May be repeated up to two times when content varies. Only 6 credit hours may be applied to the political science major.

PSC 401  Public Administration - W  3 cr
National, state, and local administration, with special attention to the relationship between formal agency structure and policy execution. Pre-requisite: (EH 102 Minimum Grade of C or EH 105 Minimum Grade of C)
PSC 411 Criminal Justice Admin 3 cr
This course applies classical and modern management and organization theories to a broad range of institutions, actors, and agencies, including police, courts, and corrections, as well as drug traffickers, sexual offender treatment centers, and homeland security agencies.

PSC 421 Amer Pol Thought I - W 3 cr
An examination of the central themes of American political thought through the reading and discussing of the primary works of such thinkers as Roger Williams, Hamilton, Madison, Jefferson, Thoreau, Calhoun, and Lincoln. Pre-requisite: (EH 102 Minimum Grade of C or EH 105 Minimum Grade of C)

PSC 422 Amer Pol Thought II - W 3 cr
An examination of the central themes of American political thought through the reading and discussing of the primary works of such thinkers as Tocqueville, Sumner, Veblen, Lippmann, Niebuhr, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X. Pre-requisite: (EH 102 Minimum Grade of C or EH 105 Minimum Grade of C)

PSC 436 Politics of Urban Govt 3 cr
A study of urban growth with an analysis of the major problems facing large cities in this country. Political, administrative, social, and economic aspects will be covered.

PSC 437 Legislative Process in U.S. 3 cr
Principles, procedures, and problems of law making, with special attention given to the U.S. Congress.

PSC 438 The Amer Presidency - W 3 cr
A study of the presidency in its institutional context, with an emphasis on competing strategies of executive decision making and leadership. Pre-requisite: (EH 102 Minimum Grade of C or EH 105 Minimum Grade of C)

PSC 440 Adv Studies in Pub Policy - W 3 cr
Advanced study of the trends in the sub-field of public policy, major themes, or more specialized treatment of a specific area. May be repeated for credit when content varies (Identical to CJ 440).

PSC 450 Adv Studies Compar Politics- 3 cr
Advanced study in the area of comparative politics. Pre-requisite: PSC 250 Minimum Grade of C

PSC 452 The Muslim World 3 cr
This course will introduce students to Islam and Islamism in the Muslim world. In doing so, the course will cover the politics, economics, and sociocultural environment in Muslim countries; discuss the meaning, characteristics, causes and consequences of Islamism; profile a few of the most prominent Islamic organizations; cover the biographies of the most prominent Muslim leaders and Islamists; and offer suggestions for ameliorating the relations between the Muslim world and the West in a way that promotes mutual understanding and peace, rather than misunderstanding and conflict.

PSC 470 Adv Studies Intl Relations- 3 cr
Advanced study in the field of international relations. Pre-requisite: PSC 270 Minimum Grade of C

PSC 481 Public Policy and Aging 3 cr
Examines government response to the growing number of older Americans. The course examines the policy process and focuses on such issues as retirement, pensions, health care, housing, social services, and intergenerational issues. Elder advocacy and the long term political consequences of demographic changes are also addressed.

PSC 490 Special Topics - 3 cr
Study of a significant topic or problem in political science. May be repeated up to two times when the content varies. Only 6 credit hours may be applied to the political science major.

PSC 492 Capstone Seminar in PSC-W 3 cr
Required course for all political science majors and serves as the comprehensive experience in political science. The course will be taught at the senior level and will focus on public policy issues at the national and international levels. In addition to the course requirement, including a major research paper, students must take the ETS field test in political science and receive a satisfactory score. Political Science majors must pass with a "C" or better. The course serves as a capstone course for political science majors. Taught in the fall semester. Pre-requisite: (EH 102 Minimum Grade of C or EH 105 Minimum Grade of C)

PSC 494 Directed Studies - 1 TO 3 cr
Under the guidance of a faculty member, the student will pursue directed research or readings on an approved topic in political science. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 hours. Prerequisites: Senior standing, PSC major, and a minimum GPA of "B" in both PSC and overall.

PSC 496 Prof Studies - Internship 3 cr
Relates the intern's classroom studies with occupational and professional experiences in an approved governmental or non-governmental agency. Written reports required. Prerequisites: Open only to junior or senior political science majors or minors. S/U grading only.

PSC 499 Honors Thesis - H - W 3 TO 6 cr
The research and writing of a major paper in the field of political science. Prerequisite: USA Honors Program or permission of Department Chairman.

PSC 500 Pub Admin-Org Theory Pub Mgmt 3 cr
A review and examination of the several principal, traditional, and contemporary theories of organization, policy, and administration. Field problems and case studies are stressed.

PSC 501 Public Administration 3 cr
National, state, and local administration, with special attention to the relationship between formal agency structure and policy execution.
PSC 510  Intergov-Interorg Relations  3 cr
A review of the political, fiscal, and administrative relationships between various levels of government in America. In addition, the emerging nexus to 3d sector non-profit organization will be examined.

PSC 511  Crim. Justice Admin.  3 cr
This course applies classical and modern management and organization theories to a broad range of institutions, actors, and agencies, including police, courts, and corrections, as well as drug traffickers, sexual offender treatment centers, and homeland security agencies.

PSC 520  Research Methods and Design  3 cr
Social science research methodologies will be used to help students develop skills for policy analysis and decision making in the public service. Stresses the understanding of research methods and data collection in a Public Administration setting. Theoretical development and elaboration, and an overview of the variety of research designs used in social science research will be included.

PSC 530  Quantitative Analysis  3 cr
Focus is on application of statistical analysis techniques to Public Administration problems and issues. Computer analysis and interpretation of descriptive statistics will be emphasized. Topics will include fundamentals of probability, sampling, hypothesis testing, point estimation, association, correlation, and multivariate analysis.

PSC 537  Legislative Process in the US  3 cr
Principles, procedures, and problems of law making, with special attention to the U.S. Congress.

PSC 540  Public Hum Resource Mgt  3 cr
This course will cover contemporary topics in public administration, including public-employee unionization, relevance of the traditional civil-service approach, the challenge of employee productivity and motivation, equal opportunity, and public service ethics.

PSC 541  Leadership Theory and Practice  3 cr
The course will provide the analytical and intellectual thought, careful examination and reflection of the core issues in the practice of leadership. Models and influence on leadership will be critically examined.

PSC 550  Managing the Public Budget  3 cr
This course emphasizes the political management and public-policy implications of budget reform. The conceptual framework for program and performance budgeting will be explored, as well as the increasing congressional role in federal budget policy.

PSC 550  Comparative Public Admin  3 cr
A study of the operation of government systems throughout the world-their history, features, similarities, and differences.

PSC 570  Administrative Law  3 cr
This course emphasizes the relationship between administrative processes of government and the legal system. Attention is given not only to the administrative process involving formal adjudication, rule making, and judicial review, but also to those processes involving formal and unreviewed discretionary action. Students propose legal resolutions to contemporary administrative issues.

PSC 572  Environmental Law  3 cr
This course will introduce the student to some of the fundamental concepts of environmental law. It will utilize the philosophy and history of environmental law as it has developed from the Common Law of England to provisions of a Municipal Code.

PSC 576  Adm Issues CJ Men Health  3 cr
An overview of the relevant federal and state laws, federal regulations, and court rulings that address the issues of criminal justice for preserving the rights of those citizens who suffer from mental illness.

PSC 580  Public Pol Analysis and Eval  3 cr
A practical introduction to policy and program evaluation including a general overview of conceptual frameworks by which evaluation are conducted and an examination of the various qualitative and quantitative techniques by which policy outcomes and programs are analyzed. Designed to develop skills necessary for conducting evaluations and assessing the validity and credibility of evaluations conducted by others.

PSC 581  Public Policy and Aging  3 cr
Examines government response to the growing number of older Americans. The course examines the policy process and focuses on such issues as retirement, pensions, health care, housing, social services, and intergenerational issues. Elder advocacy and the long term political consequences of demographic changes are also addressed.

PSC 585  Health Policy  3 cr
This course focuses on two distinct aspects of American Health Policy. First, the policy making process is examined in the context of health care and the major decision making powers (Congress, presidency, bureaucracy, and special interests). Second, existing health care policies are examined with an emphasis on the implications for access, financing, and quality of care. Finally, existing U.S. health policies are compared and contrasted with those of similar and dissimilar political systems.

PSC 586  Health Administration  3 cr
Applications of management principles to health care organizations with a focus on governance and leadership, human resources, control systems, strategic planning, and accountability.
PSC 587  Health Politics & The Elderly  3 cr
This course focuses on the health policy process and issues impacting the elderly with particular attention given to the politics of legislation, financing mechanisms, and strategies for reform.

PSC 590  Special Topics -  3 cr
Study of a significant topic in Public Administration. May be repeated for credit when the content varies.

PSC 594  Dir St -  1 TO 6 cr
Under the guidance of a faculty member, student will pursue directed study of approved topics in public administration. For non-thesis students.

PSC 596  Prof St - Intern Publ Admin  3 TO 6 cr
Relates the participants' classroom studies to occupational and professional experiences in an approved public agency. Written reports required. May be taken for a total of nine hours. (For further details, see section on Internship.)

PSC 599  Thesis  3 TO 6 cr
Completion and oral defense of a master's thesis based upon original research. May be repeated for up to six hours credit. A minimum of six hours credit is required to meet degree requirements. Prerequisite: Approval of research prospectus including IRB or Animal Use and Care Committee approval if applicable.

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