

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Political Science

Objectives

1. To study the structure and functions of government.
2. To understand political behavior and policy processes.
3. To aid in preparing students for public service, journalism, and law.
4. To attain practical knowledge and experience in administrative methods and techniques of state, local or national governments.
5. To provide pre-requisites for students interested in advanced degrees in political science, law or public administration.

Requirements

their significance in modern societies, and examine some of the crises in the nation-building process.

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Course Objectives

government, research and little systematic work was done in the area until the 1950s. Today, the literature and arguments about the empirical realities (what states are actually doing) make the area of special interest. Through this course the student should have a better understanding of the organization and functions of our state and local governments as well as the policy results of such systems. This course will focus on three issues: the rejuvenation of state and local governments in recent years, the developing role of state and local governments in the political economy, and the ideological conflict over public issues that dominate state and local politics.

Course Objectives: The goal of this course is to increase the student's knowledge, understanding, and awareness of state and local government and politics through lectures and discussions. Four objectives are identified:

1. To give the student essential factual information concerning state and local government.
2. To explain basic concepts, theories, and frameworks for analyzing state and local politics.
3. To identify and discuss important issues and problems of the state and local political systems.
4. To evaluate the system in terms of how well it meets the major needs of the people.

PSCI 3321, Major Governments of Western Europe: A comparative study of Western European governments in terms of national character, political cultures, forms, constitutions and political practices.

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PSCI 3324, The Law School Experience: This class is a partially non-lecture course designed to introduce students to the Socratic method of instruction commonly used in American law schools. As opposed to lectures, the instructor will assign readings on pertinent materials and question students, who must be prepared for oral recitation on those readings. The course embraces three sets of non-mutually exclusive materials, namely: i) introduction to the Anglo-American Legal System; ii) introduction to the study and practice of law in America; and iii) legal research. Other features of the course include: 1) guest speakers relating to the law school

constitutional practice in which parliamentary laws are supreme and the court cannot effect its own interpretation.

Course Objectives: This course is designed to achieve the following purposes:

1. To introduce students to the diverse sources of American Constitutional Law and their effect on societal existence, growth and development over time
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5. Gain useful insight necessary for a comparative analysis of public administration in other systems.
6. Develop research methods and online skills relevant to public

of the American Presidency: historical origin, power, selection, accountability, decision-making, personality, and leadership/management style.

5. Research and more effectively act upon foreign policy challenges American's face emanating from politics at the global level. (NCSS 1.3, 1.6, 1.9)
6. Achieve a basic level of knowledge necessary to function within political science, especially within the study of American foreign policy and international relations. (NCSS 1.6, 1.10)
7. Develop study skills necessary to succeed in university and life endeavors. (CF Knowledge of Content)