

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (PS)

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## **PS-200** Introduction to Political Science 4 credits, Fall/Spring

A general introduction to the field of political science. Introduces and expands on basic political concepts and themes, explores political theory and ideology, and considers the dynamics of political institutions and government and how both are integrated into political life.

Recommended Prerequisites: WRD-098 or placement in WR-121Z

## **PS-201** American Government and Politics 4 credits, Summer/Fall/Winter

Examines the founding principles of the American government, as well as the Constitution, the separation of powers, and the three branches of government, political parties and elections, and the role of interest groups and the media in the political process. In addition, assesses the growing power of the executive branch, the expansion and reach of the federal bureaucracy, governmental policies, and the civil liberties and civil rights of American citizens.

Recommended Prerequisites: WRD-090 or placement in WRD-098

## **PS-203** State and Local Governments 4 credits, Not Offered Every Term

Introduces students to state and local governments in the United States, with an emphasis on Oregon politics at the state and local level. Assesses the structure, functions, and processes of state, county, and municipal governments, as well as the role of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government and the separation of powers at the state level. In addition, examines the role of political parties, elections, and the public policy process at the state and local level.

Recommended Prerequisites: WRD-090 or placement in WRD-098

## **PS-204** Introduction to Comparative Politics 4 credits, Not Offered Every Term

Explores the various ideologies, institutions, and processes that constitute the nation-states that make up the world political system. Introduces students to the comparative method of political science. Assesses the fundamental differences between presidential and parliamentary systems, and the various political systems and governments around the world within the context of current world politics. In addition, examines the creation, the role, and the development of political and government institutions from a comparative perspective.

Recommended Prerequisites: WRD-090 or placement in WRD-098

## **PS-205** International Relations 4 credits, Not Offered Every Term

Introduces theoretical and methodological tools for the analysis of contemporary world politics. Explores international relations by examining the institutions that constitute the international system. In addition, examines international institutions and nation-state behavior and surveys foreign policy models, diplomacy, peacekeeping and terrorism.

Recommended Prerequisites: WRD-090 or placement in WRD-098

## **PS-225** Introduction to Political Ideologies 4 credits, Not Offered Every Term

Introduces students to various ideological constructs; the origins and development of various political ideologies; the political theorists identified with specific ideologies; and examines the role of ideology in modern politics and governance.

Recommended Prerequisites: WRD-090 or placement in WRD-098

## **PS-280** Political Science/CWE 2-6 credits, Fall/Winter/Spring

Cooperative work experience. Provides students with on-the-job work experience in the field of political science. Required: Student Petition. Corequisites: CWE-281

## **PS-297** Introduction to Environmental Politics 4 credits, Not Offered Every Term

Explores and assesses the politics informing environmental policy; the tension between politics, policy and scientific expertise; the role of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government in crafting and implementing environmental policy; and the critical impact non-governmental institutions and pressure groups have on environmental policy development and outcomes.

Recommended Prerequisites: WRD-098 or placement in WR-121Z