

# Department of Political Science

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Peck Hall 209

The Department of Political Science offers a minor at the graduate level.

## Courses in Political Science [PS]

- 5000 Quantitative Methods of Research.** Three credits. Fundamentals of quantitative methods in empirical research problems in the social sciences.
- 5020 Political Science Laboratory.** Three credits. Research, statistics, data processing, or simulation studies related to political and social questions.
- 5030 Human Rights.** Three credits. Aims to foster critical thinking about human rights, develop skills in weighing powerful but opposed arguments, and evaluate complex moral situations. Familiarization with the role of national and international organizations in human rights and global politics.
- 5050 Introduction to City and Regional Planning.** Three credits. Analysis of the basis of particular forms in urban settlements and regions; introduction to planning history, theory, methods, processes, and current trends.
- 5060 The U.S. Congress.** Three credits. An analysis of the United States Congress. The origins of the Congress, political power, the nature of the institutionalized Congress, campaigns, elections.
- 5070 Political Violence and Terrorism.** Three credits. Political violence, assassination, terror, repression, and genocide examined in comparative and international perspective. Theoretical and case study approaches used to examine political violence forms, goals, tactics, and responses. Significant independent research component.
- 5120 Tennessee Government.** Three credits. Structure, functions, and processes of Tennessee's governmental and political institutions. Policy issues studied.
- 5180 African Politics.** Three credits. Comparative study of selected African political systems with different colonial traditions in the process of rapid change. Ideology and politics of development, political system forms and processes, modernization efforts, and challenges of nation-building.
- 5200 Problems in Government.** Three credits. Work done on a tutorial basis under the close direction of a professor. Student must present a proposal for departmental consideration and acceptance before enrolling in this course.
- 5210 International Relations.** Three credits. National power, balance of power, nationalism, imperialism, colonialism, war as an instrument of national policy, economic instruments of national policy, diplomacy, collective security, international law, and organization.
- 5220 World Politics.** Three credits. Experiencing contemporary international politics through the medium of simulation. Particular focus areas include the U.S., former Soviet Union, People's Republic of China, the Middle East, South Asia, and Southern Africa.
- 5230 Classical Political Theory.** Three credits. Western political theory from the ancient Greeks through the medieval Christians. Includes Sophocles, Aristophanes, Plato, Aristotle, stoicism, skepticism, Lucretius, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Thomas More.
- 5240 American Foreign Policy.** Three credits. Foreign policies in the nuclear age from Kennan and containment to the present with emphasis on contemporary problems and policies.
- 5250 Public Administration.** Three credits. Fundamentals of public management—organization theory, leadership, policy making, planning, budgeting, personnel, administrative law, bureaucratic behavior.
- 5260 The Political Status of Women in the World.** Three credits. Comparative examination of the political, economic, and social status of women in the United States and abroad. Emphasis on women in developing countries, the relationship between economic and political power, and the impact of conflict and globalization on the status of women.
- 5300 Comparative European Governments.** Three credits. Comparative analysis of the governmental forms and practices of England, France, Germany, the European Community, and others.
- 5310 Comparative Asian Government.** Three credits. Comparative analysis of the governmental forms and practices of China, Japan, India, and other governments of the region.
- 5320 Public Opinion.** Three credits. The nature of public opinion and its role in the political and social process; myths, symbols, other instruments.
- 5330 Political Parties.** Three credits. The nature of democracy, politics, and political parties; party organization and role in government; campaigning, primaries, conventions, general elections; the electoral college; voting behavior and pressure groups.
- 5360 Legislative Internship.** Twelve credits. A cooperative program with the state of Tennessee that provides for student service with the legislature on a full-time basis during the spring semester. Students selected on a competitive basis. Only six hours may count toward the degree for graduate programs.
- 5370/ 5380 American Constitutional Law.** Three credits each. The Supreme Court as a policy-making body in the governmental system. Emphasis on case studies in major areas of conflict including federalism, civil liberties, criminal procedure, and economic regulation.
- 5400 Municipal Government.** Three credits. The structure, powers, functions, and politics of municipal governments from the standpoint of city management. Attention is given to problems of municipal policy implementation.
- 5410 Business and Government.** Three credits. Government's role in regulating and supporting business and its impact on the economic health of the private sector. Analyses of the business-government relationship at the federal, state, and local levels. The new role of organized consumers.\*
- 5440 Governmental Budgeting and Finance Administration.** Three credits. Analysis of the legal and social nature of government budgets emphasizing the procedures and administrative methods of fiscal control. Study of budget documents at state and local levels.\*

- 5500 International Law.** Three credits. General principles of modern international law taught by the case study method in a seminar format encouraging debate and discussion. Issues concerning the development of international law and human rights.
- 5510 International Political Economy.** Three credits. Prerequisites: PS 1010 and 3210 or permission of instructor. The relationship between politics and economics in international affairs and its implications for global peace, security, the ecology, and social welfare.
- 5590 Administrative Law.** Three credits. Procedural aspects, substantive issues, judicial review of the type of law concerned with the powers and procedures of government agencies and the rights of citizens affected by them.
- 5630 Personnel Management.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 3250 or permission of instructor. The development and characteristics of public personnel administration in the United States with attention to recruitment, selection, position classification, compensation, performance evaluation, promotion, motivation, morale, discipline, separation, and public service unionism.\*
- 5700 American Political Thought.** Three credits. Major thinkers and movements in American political thought from colonial times to the twentieth century with special emphasis on the thoughts of the framers of the American Constitution and their contemporaries.
- 5770 Russian Politics.** Three credits. Formation and evolution of the Russian state from pre-Communist to Soviet and post-Soviet stages. Special attention to historical origins and the role of authoritarianism in Russian political culture and to the ideological foundations, formation, and evolution and the reasons for decline of the Communist system. Includes a brief discussion of the other post-Soviet states.
- 5900 Latin American Politics.** Three credits. Comparative analysis of the institutions, functions, and aspects of culture of the Latin American nation-states and their relevance to understanding international relations, world politics, and diplomacy.
- 5910 International Organization.** Three credits. Development and prospects of the United Nations Organization and its major approaches to peace—pacific settlement, collective security, international law, arms control, trusteeship, preventive diplomacy, international conferences, functionalism.\*
- 5920 Modern Political Theory.** Three credits. Western political theory from the Renaissance to the present. Includes Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, J.S. Mill, Marx and Engels, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, facism, existentialism, Strauss, Arendt, and contemporary thought.
- 6000 Comparative Social Change.** Three credits. (Same as SOC 6000.) A historical comparative examination of the structure, institutions, and development of the modern world system; a review of major theoretical and empirical research on the world system.
- 6260 Readings in Political Science or Public Administration.** Three credits. Individual study focusing on subject matter selected by the student and approved by the instructor; strengthens knowledge in a subfield of political science or public administration. Focus guided by the student's professional interests, career objectives, and program requirements.
- 6300 Readings in International Relations.** Three credits. The theoretical basis of international politics. The biological, sociological, psychological, economic, and ideological aspects of international relations.

\* Offered only in alternate years.