

ECU COURSE CATALOG

2025-2026 POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES

PS-1113 US Government 3 Credits
ORIGIN, ORGANIZATION, FORM, FUNCTIONS AND FUNCTIONING OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING POLITICAL PARTIES.

PS-2113 Intro to Political Science 3 Credits
THE ORIGIN, NATURE, AND FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT, PRINCIPLES AND METHODS OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

PS-2213 U.S. Government Issues and Politics 3 Credits
A STUDY OF THE DOMESTIC POLICIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS GIVEN TO ISSUES AND POLICIES OF THE PERIOD SINCE THE NEW DEAL OF THE 1930'S.

PS-2881 Special Studies in Government 1 Credit
DIRECTED GROUP STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.

PS-2882 Special Studies in Government 2 Credits
DIRECTED GROUP STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.

PS-2883 Special Studies in Government 3 Credits
DIRECTED GROUP STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.

PS-2884 Special Studies in Government 4 Credits
DIRECTED GROUP STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.

PS-3163 Political Science Research Methods 3 Credits
THE FOCUS OF THIS COURSE IS THE SCOPE AND METHODS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH. IT CONCERNS THE SCIENCE PART OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, SPECIFICALLY, HOW TO APPLY THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD TO POLITICAL RESEARCH BY DEVELOPING THEORETICAL EXPLANATIONS OF POLITICAL PHENOMENA AND EMPIRICALLY TESTING THESE THEORETICAL EXPLANATIONS. THE GOAL OF THE COURSE IS TO ENABLE STUDENTS TO COMPLETE SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH PROJECTS.

PS-3173 Campaigns and Elections 3 Credits
THIS COURSE WILL EXAMINE THE BEHAVIOR OF CANDIDATES AND VOTERS IN AMERICAN LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS. A FOCUS WILL BE PLACED ON HOW TO RUN A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN, INCLUDING CAMPAIGN STRUCTURE, FIELD OPERATIONS, PRECINCT ORGANIZATION, SCHEDULING, VOTER TARGETING, AND BUDGETS. THE ROLE OF THE PRESS, MONEY IN POLITICS, AND THE INCREASING INFLUENCE OF POLITICAL CONSULTANTS WILL ALSO BE COVERED.

PS-3183 Women in Politics 3 Credits
THIS COURSE FOCUSES ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN UNITED STATES POLITICS AND IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT. TOPICS INCLUDE THE EXPANSION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND ROLES, FEMINIST THEORY, AND BARRIERS TO EQUALITY.

PS-3193 Tribal Politics 3 Credits
THIS COURSE WILL SURVEY TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN THE UNITED STATES WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS AMONG TRIBAL, LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS.

PS-3413 The U.S. Legislatures 3 Credits
CURRENT PRACTICES OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND STATE LEGISLATIVE BODIES, EMPHASIS ON CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE SHAPED THE ORGANIZATION, PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS OF U.S. LEGISLATURES, AND ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND THE OTHER TWO MAJOR DEPARTMENTS OF GOVERNMENT.

PS-3523 Political Philosophy 3 Credits
SELECTED POLITICAL PHILOSOPHERS FROM SOCRATES TO HEGEL. THIS COURSE WILL SURVEY MAJOR POLITICAL PHILOSOPHERS THROUGH THE MIDDLE AGES.

PS-3613 U.S. Political Thought 3 Credits
A SURVEY OF THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN U.S. POLITICAL THOUGHT FROM THE COLONIAL PERIOD TO THE PRESENT, WITH SOME COMPARISON WITH MAJOR CONTINENTAL IDEAS.

PS-3633 The U.S. Presidency 3 Credits
THE POLITICS OF PRESIDENTIAL SELECTION, THE AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE, THE PROCESSES OF FORMULATING AND EXECUTING PUBLIC POLICY, AND THE INFLUENCE OF PERSONALITY ON PERFORMANCE.

PS-3723 Oklahoma Politics 3 Credits
THIS COURSE WILL SURVEY OKLAHOMA POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND POLITICAL HISTORY. TOPICS INCLUDE THE THREE BRANCHES OF OKLAHOMA STATE GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS, AND POLITICAL CULTURE.

PS-3823 Introduction to Public Management 3 Credits
AN INTRODUCTION TO THEORY & PRACTICE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IS PLACED UPON SEVERAL THEMES & CONCEPTUAL PROBLEMS CONSISTENTLY APPEARING IN THE PROFESSIONAL LITERATURE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (E.G., ECOLOGY OF ADMINISTRATION, BUREAUCRATIC EFFICIENCY, ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIVENESS & RESPONSIBILITY). SELECTED STUDIES & WORKS OF FICTION MAY BE UTILIZED WHERE APPROPRIATE.

PS-3913 International Relations 3 Credits
AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF THE ACTORS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY, THE IMPORTANCE AND LIMITATIONS OF POWER IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD.

PS-4113 Political Parties 3 Credits
A SURVEY OF THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE UNITED STATES, STUDY OF CONTEMPORARY PARTY ORGANIZATIONS AND ISSUES.

PS-4163 Post-Soviet Bloc Politics 3 Credits
A STUDY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF STATES IN POST-SOVIET CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE. PRIMARY CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO POST-SOVIET RUSSIA.

PS-4353 Study of War 3 Credits
AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE NATURE AND CAUSES OF WAR WITHIN THE GLOBAL ARENA. VARIOUS TYPES OF WARS WILL BE IDENTIFIED AND ANALYZED.

PS-4433 Public Policy Making 3 Credits
AN EXAMINATION OF VARIOUS MODELS OF PUBLIC POLICY MAKING, LEADING TO THE ANALYSIS OF VARIOUS PROBLEMS CONFRONTING GOVERNMENT. THE COURSE IS CONCERNED WITH INTEREST GROUPS WHICH INFLUENCE POLICY MAKING, THE PROCESSES (GOVERNMENTAL, INSTITUTIONAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL) THROUGH WHICH POLICIES FLOW, THE FINAL CONCLUSIONS OF POLICY MAKING, AND THE IMPACT OF SOCIETY.

PS-4513 Modern Political Thought 3 Credits
THIS COURSE WILL START WITH JOHN LOCKE AND PURSUE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY DOWN TO THE PRESENT, INCLUDING THE RECENT IDEAS AND HISTORICAL FACTORS RESULTING IN LIBERALISM, SOCIALISM, COMMUNISM, AND FASCISM.

PS-4823 U.S. Foreign Policy 3 Credits
A STUDY OF THE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY ESTABLISHMENT. AN INVESTIGATION OF THE VARIOUS FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE THE MAKING AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. ATTENTION WILL BE FOCUSED ON THE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, ESPECIALLY SINCE 1945.

PS-4883 Political Science Capstone 3 Credits
THIS CAPSTONE SEMINAR COURSE SERVES AS THE FINAL COURSE FOR THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR. STUDENTS WILL CONCENTRATE ON PRACTICAL SKILLS SUCH AS PROJECT MANAGEMENT, REPORT WRITING, SURVEY CONSTRUCTION AND DATA ANALYSIS, ORAL COMMUNICATION, AND GRANT WRITING. Required Previous: PS-1113

PS-4981	Seminar-	1 Credit	PS-A4942	Internship-American Govt	2 Credits
DIRECTED GROUP STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.			AN INDEPTH STUDY OF THE STRUCTURE OF A POLITICAL INSTITUTION, AN AREA OF PUBLIC, POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, OR INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS BY ASSIGNMENT TO WORK OR STUDY WITHIN A GOVERNMENTAL OR POLITICAL ENTITY.		
PS-4982	Seminar-	2 Credits			
DIRECTED GROUP STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.					
PS-4983	Seminar-	3 Credits	PS-A4943	Internship-American Govt	3 Credits
DIRECTED GROUP STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.			AN INDEPTH STUDY OF THE STRUCTURE OF A POLITICAL INSTITUTION, AN AREA OF PUBLIC, POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, OR INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS BY ASSIGNMENT TO WORK OR STUDY WITHIN A GOVERNMENTAL OR POLITICAL ENTITY.		
PS-4984	Seminar-	4 Credits			
DIRECTED GROUP STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.					
PS-4991	Individual Studies-	1 Credit	PS-A4944	Internship-American Govt	4 Credits
DIRECTED INDIVIDUAL STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.			AN INDEPTH STUDY OF THE STRUCTURE OF A POLITICAL INSTITUTION, AN AREA OF PUBLIC, POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, OR INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS BY ASSIGNMENT TO WORK OR STUDY WITHIN A GOVERNMENTAL OR POLITICAL ENTITY.		
PS-4992	Individual Studies-	2 Credits			
DIRECTED INDIVIDUAL STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.					
PS-4993	Individual Studies-	3 Credits	PS-A4945	Internship-American Govt	5 Credits
DIRECTED INDIVIDUAL STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.			AN INDEPTH STUDY OF THE STRUCTURE OF A POLITICAL INSTITUTION, AN AREA OF PUBLIC, POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, OR INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS BY ASSIGNMENT TO WORK OR STUDY WITHIN A GOVERNMENTAL OR POLITICAL ENTITY.		
PS-4994	Individual Studies-	4 Credits			
DIRECTED INDIVIDUAL STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.					
PS-5312	Current Topics-	2 Credits	PS-A4946	Internship-American Govt	6 Credits
THE STUDY OF A SELECTED TOPIC OF GENERAL INTEREST IN GOVERNMENT, DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN. THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED PRIMARILY AS GENERAL EDUCATION FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS.			AN INDEPTH STUDY OF THE STRUCTURE OF A POLITICAL INSTITUTION, AN AREA OF PUBLIC, POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, OR INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS BY ASSIGNMENT TO WORK OR STUDY WITHIN A GOVERNMENTAL OR POLITICAL ENTITY.		
PS-5981	Seminar-	1 Credit	PS-H1113	Honors-U.S. Government	3 Credits
DIRECTED INTENSIVE STUDY ON SELECTED PROBLEM OR SPECIAL TOPIC.			ORIGIN, ORGANIZATION, FORM, FUNCTIONS AND FUNCTIONING OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING POLITICAL PARTIES.		
PS-5982	Seminar-	2 Credits	PS-H2883	Honors-Special Studies-	3 Credits
DIRECTED INTENSIVE STUDY ON SELECTED PROBLEM OR SPECIAL TOPIC.			DIRECTED GROUP STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.		
PS-5983	Seminar-	3 Credits	PS-H3113	Honors-Cont Law:iss Natl Pwr	3 Credits
DIRECTED INTENSIVE STUDY ON SELECTED PROBLEM OR SPECIAL TOPIC.			A STUDY OF THE POWERS OF THE FEDERAL COURTS, THE CONGRESS, THE PRESIDENT, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF AUTHORITY BETWEEN THE NATIONAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS, CONTRACTS, THE COMMERCE AND TAX POWERS, AS THESE RELATE TO GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY, AND THE 14TH AMENDMENT.		
PS-5984	Seminar-	4 Credits	PS-H3133	Honors-Civ Rights & Liberties I	3 Credits
DIRECTED INTENSIVE STUDY ON SELECTED PROBLEM OR SPECIAL TOPIC.			STUDIES U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISIONS AND THE POLITICS SURROUNDING THEM DEALING WITH THE EQUAL PROTECTION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND CRIMINAL RIGHTS.THE RIGHT OF PRIVACY IS ALSO PART OF THE CASE BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION IN INVOLVED IN THIS COURSE.		
PS-5991	Individual Studies-	1 Credit	PS-H3183	Honors-Women in Politics	3 Credits
DIRECTED INTENSIVE STUDY ON DEFINITE PROBLEM OR SPECIAL SUBJECT, BASED ON APPROVED OUTLINE OR PLAN, CONFERENCES, ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS. Required Previous: 16 credits; from subject HIST; minimum 8 credits from PS			THIS COURSE FOCUSES ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN UNITED STATES POLITICS AND IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT. TOPICS INCLUDE THE EXPANSION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND ROLES, FEMINIST THEORY, AND BARRIERS TO EQUALITY.		
PS-5992	Individual Studies-	2 Credits	PS-H3523	Honors-Political Philosophy	3 Credits
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PS-5993	Individual Studies-	3 Credits	PS-H3613	Honors-U.S. Political Thought	3 Credits
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PS-5994	Individual Studies-	4 Credits	PS-H3823	Honors-Intro to Publ Mgmt	3 Credits
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PS-A4941	Intrnship-American Govt	1 Credit			
AN INDEPTH STUDY OF THE STRUCTURE OF A POLITICAL INSTITUTION, AN AREA OF PUBLIC, POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, OR INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS BY ASSIGNMENT TO WORK OR STUDY WITHIN A GOVERNMENTAL OR POLITICAL ENTITY.					

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PS-H4433 Honors-Public Policy Makng 3 Credits

AN EXAMINATION OF VARIOUS MODELS OF PUBLIC POLICY MAKING, LEADING TO THE ANALYSIS OF VARIOUS PROBLEMS CONFRONTING GOVERNMENT. THE COURSE IS CONCERNED WITH INTEREST GROUPS WHICH INFLUENCE POLICY MAKING, THE PROCESSES (GOVERNMENTAL, INSTITUTIONAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL) THROUGH WHICH POLICIES FLOW, THE FINAL CONCLUSIONS OF POLICY MAKING, AND THE IMPACT OF SOCIETY.

PS-H4983 Honors-Seminar- 3 Credits

DIRECTED GROUP STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.

PS-H4993 Honors-Individual Studies- 3 Credits

DIRECTED INDIVIDUAL STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.

PS-H4994 Honors-Individual Studies- 4 Credits

DIRECTED INDIVIDUAL STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.

PS-S4981 Seminar- 1 Credit

DIRECTED INTENSIVE STUDY ON SELECTED PROBLEM OR SPECIAL TOPIC.

PS-S5982 Seminar- 2 Credits

DIRECTED INTENSIVE STUDY ON SELECTED PROBLEM OR SPECIAL TOPIC.

PS-S5983 Seminar- 3 Credits

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PS-S5984 Seminar- 4 Credits

DIRECTED INTENSIVE STUDY ON SELECTED PROBLEM OR SPECIAL TOPIC.