

Political Science (PSCI)

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PSCI 5003 [0.5 credit]

Political Parties in Canada

A seminar on political parties and party systems in Canadian federal politics, including an examination of patterns of historical development, party organization and finance, relationships with social movements, and the impact of Canadian federalism.

PSCI 5006 [0.5 credit]

Legislatures and Representation in Canada

The role of Parliament and of the individual M.P. in terms of policy making, party discipline, and differing conceptions of representation.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4006, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5009 [0.5 credit]

Canadian Political Economy

A seminar on political economy as a traditional and contemporary approach to the study of Canadian politics and the Canadian state. Canada's economic development, social relations (including gender and race relations), and position in the international political economy is explored.

PSCI 5010 [0.5 credit]

Executive Power in Canadian Politics

Consideration of prime ministers, premiers, cabinet ministers and senior public service leadership in Canadian politics and government.

Also listed as PSCI 4010.

PSCI 5100 [0.5 credit]

Indigenous Politics of North America

Issues of governance regarding the original peoples of Canada, Mexico and the United States before and since the European invasion, including: movement for restoration of cultural, socio-economic, political, land and self-government rights.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4206, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5101 [0.5 credit]

Canadian Federalism

A study of the evolution and contemporary operation of the Canadian federal system, noting particularly the specific social, political, economic, and structural features which underlie its operational performance, its resilience in crisis, and its potential for adaptation.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4005, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5103 [0.5 credit]

Canada-EU Relations

Relations between Canada and Europe in the context of European integration, with attention to policy issues affecting the relationship and/or areas of common policy challenges.

Also listed as EURR 5108.

Prerequisite(s): previous course in European integration or permission of the instructor.

PSCI 5106 [0.5 credit]

The Politics of Post-Soviet Successor States

A seminar on selected problems of nation-building in Russia, Ukraine, and other Soviet successor states.

PSCI 5107 [0.5 credit]

Globalization, Adjustment and Democracy in Africa

The nature of global pressures in Africa as states go through a "second wind" of political and economic change.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4207, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5110 [0.5 credit]

Post-Soviet States and Societies

The relationship between social forces and state structures at both the national and local levels in the USSR and the post-soviet states.

Also listed as EURR 5002.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as EURR 4002, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5111 [0.5 credit]

The European Union and its Eastern Neighbours

The EU's European Neighbourhood Policy and Eastern partnership policy, the Russia-EU "strategic partnership". Policies and reactions of non-EU East European countries toward the EU. The interaction of Member state policies and EU policies. May include attention to historical legacies, cultural factors, public opinion, energy security.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as EURR 5205, INAF 5807.

PSCI 5112 [0.5 credit]**Russian Domestic Politics**

Examination of the evolution of Russian domestic politics and society since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Themes discussed include the transformation of Russia's political system, changes in the behavior of political elites, the evolution of Russia's social structure, and federal-regional relations.
Also listed as EURR 5101.

PSCI 5113 [0.5 credit]**Democracy in the European Union**

Survey of empirical research and normative theorizing about democracy in the EU. Topics include: European Parliament and other channels for democratic input, patterns of citizen participation, impact of European integration on democracy in EU member states, Euroscepticism, theories of EU democracy.
Also listed as EURR 5113.

PSCI 5114 [0.5 credit]**The Politics of Israel/Palestine**

The history and politics of Israel/Palestine. An examination of the interests and identities of Israelis and Palestinians, and the role of external actors and public opinion in shaping regional dynamics.

PSCI 5200 [0.5 credit]**Nationalism**

A seminar on the historical and comparative study of nationalism, with emphasis on its role in the promotion of political change.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

PSCI 5201 [0.5 credit]**Politics in Plural Societies**

A seminar on politics in multicultural societies and multi-national states, including settler and post-colonial societies. Topics may include: conflict relating to race, religion, language, regionalism, intra-state nationalism, multicultural policies and theories of pluralism.

PSCI 5202 [0.5 credit]**Development Theory and Issues**

A seminar on historical and current debates in development theory, including the origins, nature, and critiques of development processes in the Global South.

PSCI 5203 [0.5 credit]**Southern Africa After Apartheid**

An exploration of the pathology of apartheid, the reasons for its end, and prospects for democratization and development in southern Africa in the era of globalization. Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4203, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5204 [0.5 credit]**Elections**

The conduct and meaning of elections in contemporary states. Attention to the connection of elections to concepts of representation, policy mandates, and political parties, and to electoral systems and referenda.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4204, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5207 [0.5 credit]**International Political Sociology**

A seminar exploring classical and contemporary social and political thought in relation to international, transnational, and global practices and institutions. Topics may include borders, capitalism, citizenship, civil society, constitutionalization, empire, governance, power, public spheres, risk, security, sovereignty, and world society.

PSCI 5208 [0.5 credit]**Global Social Policy**

The seminar explores global initiatives in poverty reduction, inequality, development assistance and internationalization of the provision of social services. The seminar considers theoretical, institutional and policy implications of debates about global justice, policy transfer and global government of social policies.

PSCI 5209 [0.5 credit]**Forced Migration and Global Politics**

Critical examination of the relationship between different aspects of forced migration and debates within global politics. Topics may include borders, global governance, political agency, sovereignty, security, globalization, gender and public policy.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

PSCI 5210 [0.5 credit]**Politics and Popular Culture**

A critical examination of the increasingly important intersections of politics and popular culture. Theoretical approaches such as structuralism, semiotics, political economy, feminism, and postmodernism explore such core themes as political power, dissent, globalization, (post)colonialism, gender, race, class, and sexuality in various media.

PSCI 5211 [0.5 credit]**Migration, Globalization and Governance**

Critical examination of the politics of mobility in a globalizing context. Seminar topics may include migration regimes, securitization of migration, temporary and permanent migration streams and patterns of inclusion and exclusion.

PSCI 5212 [0.5 credit]**Advanced International Relations Theory**

Close reading and analysis of theoretical research in the academic discipline of International Relations; may include analysis of methodology, normative and critical theory, and key theoretical concepts such as anarchy, sovereignty, power, inequality, coloniality, security, gender.

PSCI 5302 [0.5 credit]**Democratic Theories**

Analysis of various theories of democracy and community, from classical to modern.

PSCI 5303 [0.5 credit]**Genealogies of Politics and Governance**

Examination of Foucault's genealogical method for doing critical studies of politics and governance. Topics may include governmentality, sovereignty, biopolitics, neoliberalism, citizenship, and colonialism.

Also listed as SOCI 5407.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4303, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5305 [0.5 credit]**Political Thought in the Modern Muslim Middle East**

Contemporary political thought in the Muslim Middle East. Secular and religious responses to the challenges of modernity. Readings may include writings of Arab, Turkish, and Iranian intellectuals.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4302, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5308 [0.5 credit]**Concepts of Political Community I**

A critical survey of concepts of political community, including the common good, justice, citizenship, statesmanship, democracy, and legitimacy, from ancient, modern, and contemporary political theory.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4318, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5309 [0.5 credit]**Concepts of Political Community II**

A continued critical survey of concepts of political community, including the common good, justice, citizenship, statesmanship, democracy, and legitimacy, from ancient, modern, and contemporary political theory. Prerequisite(s): PSCI 5308 or permission of the Department.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4319, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5310 [0.5 credit]**History of Political Thought**

Western political thought from classical times to the nineteenth century: may include the study of Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Marx and other thinkers.

PSCI 5407 [0.5 credit]**Reproductive Rights Policy in North America**

The interaction between social movements, legislatures and courts in formulating reproductive rights policy in Canada, the U.S. and Mexico.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4403, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5410 [0.5 credit]**Postcolonial Theories and Practices**

This seminar familiarizes students with different approaches to postcolonial theory, discussing issues like the decolonization of knowledge and development and examining colonial practices of states and responses by indigenous movements.

PSCI 5501 [0.5 credit]**Selected Issues in Political Economy I**

A research seminar exploring a selected topic of current research having a political economy perspective, such as power and stratification; dynamics of state action; contrasting views on administration as an instrument of political economy; culture, ideology, and social relations; and the labour process.

Also listed as PECO 5501, SOCI 5404.

PSCI 5502 [0.5 credit]**Selected Issues in Political Economy II**

A research seminar exploring a selected topic of current research having a political economy perspective, such as power and stratification; dynamics of state action; contrasting views on administration as an instrument of political economy; culture, ideology, and social relations; and the labour process.

Also listed as PECO 5502, SOCI 5505.

PSCI 5504 [0.5 credit]**Selected Topics in Work and Labour I**

Topics and emphasis vary from term to term according to current policies and events influencing the distribution and benefits of work and labour including migration, technological and environmental change, privatization, austerity, and transnational legislation.
Also listed as PECO 5503, SOCI 5503.

PSCI 5505 [0.5 credit]**Selected Topics in Work and Labour II**

Topics and emphasis vary from term to term according to current policies and events influencing the distribution and benefits of work and labour including migration, technological and environmental change, privatization, austerity, and transnational legislation.
Also listed as PECO 5504, SOCI 5502.

PSCI 5506 [0.5 credit]**Gender and Politics**

Selected gender dimensions of politics in a comparative perspective. Topics may include: gendered nature of authority, gender regimes and state forms, feminist accounts of citizenship, representation, power and democracy, women's movements and anti-feminist movements, identity politics, gendered accounts of nationalism and multiculturalism.

PSCI 5601 [0.5 credit]**Analysis of Canadian Foreign Policy**

A research seminar on contemporary Canadian external policies, with emphasis on the analysis of cases and issues, and comparisons with other national actors.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

PSCI 5602 [0.5 credit]**Ethics in International Relations**

Historical and contemporary approaches to normative theory and ethics in international relations, including Kantian, Hegelian, Marxist, postmodern and feminist ethics. Issues may include poverty and justice, human rights and humanitarian intervention.

PSCI 5607 [0.5 credit]**Politics of North America**

Continentalism in Canadian foreign policy during the twentieth century, charting regional, economic, political, and defence relations in North America.
Precludes additional credit for PSCI 4607 if taken before 2006-07.

PSCI 5608 [0.5 credit]**European Integration and European Security**

A seminar focusing on issues related to the formation of supra-national decision-making structures in Europe.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Also listed as EURR 4104/5104.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4608, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5609 [0.5 credit]**Selected Topics in European Integration Studies**

A seminar focusing on selected topics related to European integration in the post-World War II period.
Also listed as EURR 5106.

PSCI 5700 [0.5 credit]**Basic Research Methods**

A course in applied research design and methodology, with emphasis on empirical research strategies that are amenable to quantification.

PSCI 5701 [0.5 credit]**Intermediate Polimetrics for Micro Data**

Intermediate research designs and statistical techniques primarily used in analyzing survey data. Selected topics may vary from year to year. Students intending to do research based on micro data are advised to take this course.

Prerequisite(s): PSCI 5700 or permission of the Department.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4701, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5702 [0.5 credit]**Intermediate Research Methods for Applied Political Science**

Applied methods for policy, politics and public affairs. Primarily quantitative but may have qualitative elements.
Prerequisite(s): PSCI 5700 or permission of the Department.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4702, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5703 [0.5 credit]**Ethnographic Research Methods**

Introduction to ethnographic and related qualitative research methods in political science. Ethnography is the study of culture and social organization primarily through participant observation, supplemented by interviewing, archival research, and collection of audiovisual materials.

PSCI 5705 [0.5 credit]**Approaches to the Study of Political Theory**

This course explores different methodological approaches to the study of texts in political theory. It examines the essential methodological considerations that are involved in designing and conducting a study in political theory.

PSCI 5802 [0.5 credit]**Political Economy of Global Money and Finance**

An exploration of the organization of the global monetary and financial system. Issues covered include the relationship between global finance and the state, the politics of world money, and the problems associated with regulating internationally-active financial institutions.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4805, for which additional credit is precluded.

PSCI 5803 [0.5 credit]**Transatlantic Security Issues**

NATO as a political and military alliance. NATO and 21st-century threats. Security roles for the European Union.

Broader transatlantic security issues.

Precludes additional credit for PSCI 4806 if taken before 2006-07.

PSCI 5805 [0.5 credit]**Foreign Policy Analysis**

A research seminar dealing with selected problems in the study of foreign policy formulations and outcomes.

PSCI 5806 [0.5 credit]**Strategic Thought and Issues in International Security**

A research seminar on the evolution of classical and contemporary strategic thought, and on current issues in international security.

PSCI 5807 [0.5 credit]**Analysis of International Organizations**

A research seminar on process and change in contemporary forms of international organization.

PSCI 5808 [0.5 credit]**International Political Economy**

A seminar on current issues in IPE. Topics include theoretical issues in the disciplinary history of IPE and recent developments in the organization and operation of the global political economy in the fields of money, finance, production, work, trade, knowledge, geopolitical rivalry and empire.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department.

PSCI 5810 [0.5 credit]**Approaches to Environmental Politics**

Theoretical and methodological approaches to research in the field of environmental politics, including but not limited to public policy research. A variety of institutionalist, political economy, political ecology, and post-modern approaches will be examined.

PSCI 5900 [1.0 credit]**Tutorial in a Selected Field**

Tutorials or reading courses on selected topics may be arranged with the permission of the Department. Students cannot accumulate more than 1.0 credit in tutorials towards their degree requirements.

PSCI 5901 [0.5 credit]**Tutorial in a Selected Field**

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PSCI 5904 [0.5 credit]**Washington Center Internship**

A one-term internship in the NAFTA Leaders Program of The Washington Center, offered in Washington D.C.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department.

PSCI 5905 [0.5 credit]**Washington Center Seminar I**

A seminar offered by The Washington Center.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department.

PSCI 5906 [0.5 credit]**Washington Center Seminar II**

A seminar offered by The Washington Center.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department.

PSCI 5908 [1.0 credit]**M.A. Research Essay**

Tutorial for students who write a research essay rather than a thesis.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

PSCI 5909 [2.0 credits]**M.A. Thesis**

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

PSCI 5913 [0.0 credit]**Co-operative Work Term**

Students may register in the co-op option according to the guidelines listed under Co-op Option in the Calendar of Graduate Studies.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department.

PSCI 5915 [0.5 credit]**Special Topics in Political Science**

A seminar on a selected topic in political science, to be determined by faculty, research, and teaching interests.

PSCI 6000 [0.5 credit]**The Political Process in Canada I**

An analytical study of the democratic political process, with particular reference to political parties and elections, pressure groups, and political leadership in Canada.

PSCI 6001 [0.5 credit]**The Political Process in Canada II**

An analytical study of the democratic political process, with particular reference to political parties and elections, pressure groups, and political leadership in Canada.

PSCI 6105 [0.5 credit]**Comparative Politics I**

A research seminar dealing with theories, methods, and problems of comparison.

PSCI 6106 [0.5 credit]**Comparative Politics II**

A research seminar dealing with particular themes.

PSCI 6200 [0.5 credit]**Theorizing Gender and Diversity**

This course will provide students with the theoretical and methodological approaches necessary to study gender and diversity in the context of politics. The course will include feminist political theories, critical race theory, postcolonial theory, theories from sexuality studies and political economy.

PSCI 6201 [0.5 credit]**Gender and Diversity: Comparative and International Politics**

Topics may include: representation and electoral politics; reproductive rights; social policy and welfare regimes; governance, resistance and transition; citizenship and migration; health and environment; security and violence (including sexual violence), and analysis of reproductive, informal and formal labour.

PSCI 6300 [0.5 credit]**Political Theory I**

An intensive examination of the major questions in classical, medieval, modern, and contemporary political philosophy. This course is historically comprehensive in scope and thematically oriented in depth.

PSCI 6301 [0.5 credit]**Political Theory II**

An intensive examination of the major questions in classical, medieval, modern, and contemporary political philosophy. This course is historically comprehensive in scope and thematically oriented in depth.

PSCI 6407 [0.5 credit]**Public Policy: Theory and Analysis**

Introduction to major theoretical approaches in the study and analysis of public policy and to current topics and debates in the field.

PSCI 6408 [0.5 credit]**Public Affairs Management and Analysis**

A seminar on theories and practice in the management of public affairs, including the environment and administration of the public sector, public opinion, and public communications.

PSCI 6600 [0.5 credit]**Theory and Research in International Politics I**

An examination of the principal problems in contemporary international relations theory and research, emphasizing the state of the field and current directions in it.

PSCI 6601 [0.5 credit]**Theory and Research in International Politics II**

An examination of the principal problems in contemporary international relations theory and research, emphasizing the state of the field and current directions in it.

PSCI 6900 [0.5 credit]**Ph.D. Field Examination I**

Ph.D. preparation for the major field examination I. The grade to be awarded will be that obtained on the field examination.

PSCI 6905 [0.5 credit]**Ph.D. Field Examination II**

Ph.D. preparation for the major field examination II. The grade to be awarded will be that obtained on the field examination.

PSCI 6907 [0.5 credit]

Thesis Proposal Workshop I

A survey of research methods and approaches to research design designed to assist in the preparation of thesis proposals. Coordinated by one instructor, but faculty from other fields will also participate. The grade for this course will be Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department.

PSCI 6908 [0.5 credit]

Thesis Proposal Workshop II

Student-led workshop focused on the preparation, presentation, and discussion of drafts of students' thesis proposals. The final assignment for the course will be the presentation of a full written draft of the thesis proposal.

Graded Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): successful completion of comprehensive examinations or permission of the Department.

PSCI 6909 [0.0 credit]

Ph.D. Thesis

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity