

Department of Political Science
Course Schedule and Prerequisites for Fall 2022 – Spring 2026
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Course	Title	Area	F22	S23	F23	S24	F24	S25	F25	S26	Prerequisite(s) or notes
MPA 5010	Public Policy Formation and Implementation	MPA Core	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
MPA 5020	Public Fiscal Administration	MPA Core		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
MPA 5030	Human Resources in the Public Sector	MPA Core		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
MPA 5040	Quantitative Research Methods	MPA Core		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
MPA 5050	Qualitative Research Methods	MPA Core	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
MPA 5080	Public Service Ethics	MPA Core		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
MPA 5100	Foundations of Public Administration	MPA Core	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
MPA 6000	Capstone Seminar for Public Administration	MPA Core	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
MPA 5200	Intergovernmental Relations	MPA Elective					✓				None
MPA 5225	City Management	MPA Elective	✓								None
MPA 5245	Non-Governmental Organizations	MPA Elective	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
MPA 5255	Administrative Law	MPA Elective				✓				✓	None
MPA 5265	Crisis/Emergency Management	MPA Elective		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
MPA 5285	Leadership in Public Organizations	MPA Elective	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
MPA 5500	Public Policy Program Evaluation	MPA Elective			✓				✓		None
MPA 5585	Urban Governance, Politics, and Administration	MPA Elective			✓	✓		✓		✓	None
MPA 5605	Criminal Justice: Politics and Administration	MPA Elective	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
MPA 5655	Community Sustainability Policy	MPA Elective		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
MPA 5900	Special Topics in Public Administration	MPA Elective									None
MPA 6950	Project	MPA Core		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
PLS 1011	Introduction to Political Science (E)	Core	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
PLS 2010	Introduction to American Government (D2)	GE/Core	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	None
PLS 2020	Introduction to Comparative Government (D3)	Core	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	None
PLS 2030	Introduction to International Relations (D3)	Core	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	None
PLS 2040	Introduction to Political Thought	Core	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	None
PLS 2051	Introduction to Research Methods	Core	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	None
PLS 2060	Introduction to Public Administration	Core	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	None
PLS 2070	Introduction to Public Law	Core	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	None
PLS 2080	Introduction to Race and Ethnic Politics (F)	Core	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	None
PLS 3055/A	Advanced Research Methods	Core	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	PLS 2051
PLS 3250	American Congress	American		✓				✓			None
PLS 3260	American Presidency	American	✓				✓				None
PLS 3270	American Judiciary	American				✓				✓	None
PLS 4205	American Political Institutions and Behavior (D4)	American			✓				✓		None
PLS 4211	Voting and Elections in the United States	American					✓				None
PLS 4231	Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States	American	✓					✓			None
PLS 4245	Public Opinion	American			✓					✓	None
PLS 4250	Women and Politics in America	American		✓					✓		None
PLS 4265	Political Communication and Media	American				✓					None
PLS 4811	California Government (D4)	American	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	None
PLS 4815	Environmental Politics (D4)	American	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	None
PLS 3150	Politics of Public Policy	Public Admin	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
PLS 3165	Urban Administration, Politics, and Policy	Public Admin		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
PLS 3175	NGOs and Social Service Outreach	Public Admin	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
PLS 4160	Public Organizations	Public Admin		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
PLS 4170	Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation	Public Admin		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
PLS 4180S	Politics of Neighborhood Change - Service Learning	Public Admin			✓				✓		None
PLS 4190	Social Capital: Theories and Application	Public Admin	✓				✓				None
PLS 3521	US Foreign Policy	IR		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
PLS 3541	International Political Economy	IR		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
PLS 3551	International War and Peace	IR	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
PLS 3561	International Law	IR		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
PLS 4521	Environmental Security	IR		✓			✓		✓		None
PLS 4531	Terrorism	IR			✓			✓			None
PLS 4541	Transnational Crime	IR				✓					None
PLS 3410	Comparative Democratization	Comparative		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
PLS 3420	Politics of Developing Areas	Comparative	✓				✓				None
PLS 3431	Ethnic Conflict	Comparative	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
PLS 4430	European Governments and Politics	Comparative			✓		✓		✓		None
PLS 4440	Latin American Governments and Politics	Comparative	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
PLS 4450	Sub-Saharan Africa Governments and Politics	Comparative				✓				✓	None
PLS 4460	Middle Eastern Governments and Politics	Comparative		✓				✓			None
PLS 4470	Government and Politics of the Russian Federation	Comparative			✓			✓			None
PLS 4480	East Asian Governments and Politics	Comparative	✓			✓		✓			None
PLS 4490	Southeast Asian Governments and Politics	Comparative		✓			✓		✓		None
PLS 3011	Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers	Public Law	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
PLS 3021	Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties	Public Law		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
PLS 3031	Constitutional Law: Criminal Justice	Public Law	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
PLS 3041	The Criminal Justice System	Public Law		✓						✓	None
PLS 4050	Jurisprudence	Public Law						✓			None
PLS 4090	Contemporary Issues in American Law	Public Law				✓					None
PLS 3311	Ancient and Medieval Political Thought	Theory	✓				✓				None
PLS 3321	Modern Political Thought	Theory		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
PLS 3331	American Political Thought	Theory	✓		✓		✓		✓		None
PLS 4341	Advanced American Political Thought	Theory		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
PLS 4360	Contemporary Political Theory	Theory		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
PLS 4381	Environmental Political Theory	Theory		✓		✓		✓		✓	None
PLS 3080/A	Mock Trial and Activity	Elective	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	By application only (summer); can take twice
PLS 3821	Politics, Policies, Pop Culture (D4)	Elective	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	None
PLS 4211/A	Political Campaign Management and Activity	Elective	✓				✓				None
PLS 4800	Policies of Need and Greed	Elective									None
PLS 4421/A	Political Science Internship	Elective	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Can take twice
CLS 4100	Model UN	Elective	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	By application only (summer & fall); can take twice
CLS 4410/A	Judicial Internship and Activity	Elective		✓		✓		✓		✓	By application only (fall)
CLS 4990	Model OAS	Elective		✓		✓		✓		✓	By application only (fall); can take twice
PLS 4610	Senior Thesis I	Capstone	✓		✓		✓		✓		By permission only (spring)
PLS 4620	Senior Thesis II	Capstone		✓		✓		✓		✓	By permission only (spring)
PLS 4411	Senior Internship I	Capstone	✓		✓		✓		✓		By permission only (spring)
PLS 4412	Senior Internship II	Capstone		✓		✓		✓		✓	By permission only (spring)