POLITICAL SCIENCE 2018-19

PS 205. Global Politics: Conflict & Cooperation. 4 Credits.
Examines the nature of relations among states. Topics include motivating factors such as nationalism and imperialism, economic rivalries and the quest for security, questions of national sovereignty and international cooperation, war and peace, global issues, and the future. Prerequisites: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Cultural Literacy, Social Sciences/AAOT, Social Sciences/AS, Social Sciences/AAS, Social Sciences/AGS, Social Sciences/ASOT-B.

PS 211. Peace and Conflict. 4 Credits.
Explores the causes and manifestations of violence in actions involving oneself, one’s group or nation, and in the global community. Alternatives to war, conflict, war behavior, undemocratic institutions, and the violent resolution of conflict are considered. Prerequisites: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Cultural Literacy, Social Sciences/AAOT, Social Sciences/AS, Social Sciences/AAS, Social Sciences/AGS, Social Sciences/ASOT-B.

PS 220. U.S. Foreign Policy. 4 Credits.
Covers historical analytical treatment of select foreign policy themes since World War I. Examines the United States’ attempt to create world order through use of economic, military and diplomatic power, the roles of democratic institutions and decision-making elites in creating foreign policy, and the independence of the contemporary international system. Prerequisites: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Social Sciences/AAOT, Social Sciences/AS, Social Sciences/AAS, Social Sciences/AGS, Social Sciences/ASOT-B.

PS 221. Globalization and International Relations. 4 Credits.
Provides an introductory survey of economic, political, social, and cultural dimensions of globalization and evaluates their impacts on international relations. Examines patterns of conflict and cooperation among countries including the influence of international institutions, NGOs, and global corporations. Introduces selected issues such as war and peace, global security, environment, elites and concentration of power, wealth and income distribution, cultural and ethnic identities and explores possible peaceful solutions to these global problems. Prerequisites: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. PS 221, EC 221 and SOC 221 are equivalent and only one may be taken for credit. Audit available.

PS 225. Political Ideologies: Idea Systems. 4 Credits.
Covers sources, strengths and weaknesses of contemporary ideologies, and the conditions which lead to conflict or cooperation among them. Includes liberalism, conservatism, socialism, fascism, and other idea systems. Prerequisites: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Cultural Literacy, Social Sciences/AAOT, Social Sciences/AS, Social Sciences/AAS, Social Sciences/AGS, Social Sciences/ASOT-B.

PS 241. Modern India and Its Neighbors. 4 Credits.
Introduces the politics and history of India emphasizing economic and other policies since 1947. Explores India’s relationship to Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and elsewhere. Examines diverse development strategies while assessing environmental and other impacts with local and global implications. Prerequisite: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Social Sciences/AAOT, Social Sciences/AS, Social Sciences/AAS, Social Sciences/AGS, Social Sciences/ASOT-B.

PS 242. Modern China and Its Neighbors. 4 Credits.
Introduces Chinese politics and history emphasizing economic and other policies since 1949. Explores China’s relationship to Tibet, Hong Kong, and Taiwan as well as political and economic systems in Japan, N. and S. Korea, Vietnam, and elsewhere. Examines diverse development strategies while assessing environmental and other impacts with local and global implications. EC 242 and PS 242 are equivalent and only one may be taken for credit. Prerequisite: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available.

PS 280A. Cooperative Education: Political Science. 1-4 Credit.
Extends knowledge of Political Science through work and/or volunteer time spent in settings that provide learning experiences. Department permission required. Audit available.

PS 280B. Cooperative Education: Community Service & Action Seminar. 2 Credits.
This interdisciplinary seminar provides an integrative framework for students engaged in community service and cooperative education work. Focuses on social interaction, group and organizational processes, and public policies related to service, advocacy, and social change placements.

PS 280C. Cooperative Education: Peace and Conflict. 1-4 Credit.
Extends knowledge of Peace and Conflict Studies through work and/or volunteer time spent in settings that provide learning experiences. Department permission required. Audit available.
PS 297. Environmental Politics and Policy. 4 Credits.
Introduces the politics of environmental policymaking in the United States. Examines the key factors behind environmental policy conflicts, with an emphasis on themes and patterns that cut across cases. Explores topics such as interest groups, social movements, political culture, public opinion, court decisions, political leadership, media coverage and partisanship. Prerequisites: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Social Sciences/AAOT, Social Sciences/AS, Social Sciences/AAS, Social Sciences/AGS, Social Sciences/ASOT-B.