

PSc 341 (S, Even) 3 hrs. cr.
Municipal Government
Structure, legal status, functions, and organization of city, town, and village government in the United States.

PSc 342 (F, Even) 3 hrs. cr.
Public Policy
An introductory survey of the formulation, execution, and evaluation of public policy in the United States.

PSc 398 (F) 1 hr. cr.
Political Discourse
A topics and event driven, open forum for examination of current issues at the national, state, and local levels of government. The course is conducted as a discussion group with the instructor providing directed reading assignments and presentations on discursive practices, traditions, and models within the discipline as appropriate. May be repeated one time for credit.

PSc 411 (F, Odd) 3 hrs. cr.
Political Theory
Western political philosophies from early recorded history through the present time.

PSc 412 (S, Even) 3 hrs. cr.
Contemporary Political Thought
Twentieth century political ideas.

PSc 421 (F, Odd) 3 hrs. cr.
Public Administration
Administrative aspects of government; surveys the major subfields of public administration, i.e., politics and administration, organizational theory, organizational behavior, management, decision making, personnel, public budgeting and finance, policy analysis and program evaluation, and administrative law.

PSc 431 (F, Even) 3 hrs. cr.
Constitutional Law I
Political and legal aspects of Supreme Court decision making, the nature and scope of judicial review, the constitutional relationships between levels and branches of government, and the First Amendment rights of freedom of expression.

PSc 432 (S, Odd) 3 hrs. cr.
Constitutional Law II
Legal issues concerning the Bill of Rights and the First Amendment areas of free exercise and establishment of religion, the right to privacy, the 14th amendment due process, and equal protection clauses.

PSc 494 (S, Odd) 3 hrs. cr.
Seminar in Political Science
Specialized knowledge and/or current research in the discipline. Topics will vary by situation and instructor. Students will prepare and critique papers based on original research. Prerequisite: 9 hours of upper division political science.

PSc 495 (F) 3 hrs. cr.
Directed Research *(Writing Intensive)*
Students design and conduct research projects resulting in a written report and an oral presentation. Prerequisites: PSc 305, PSc 306, and senior standing.

PSc 496 (Demand) 3-8 hrs. cr.
Internship in Political Science
Observation of and participation in governmental work under the direct supervision of a faculty member and a professional who is employed in the governmental position being observed. No more than 3 hours may be counted toward a major or minor.

PSc 497 (Demand) 8 hrs. cr.
Capital Internship
Observation of and participation in governmental work under the direct supervision of a faculty member and a professional who is employed in the governmental position being observed. The student

will live and work in the capital from the opening of the legislative session until its conclusion or the last day of MSSU's spring semester.

PSc 498 (Demand) 3 hrs. cr.
Advanced Topics in Political Science
For upper division political science majors. Topics covered and methods used will place emphasis on student-instructor interest, desire to pursue indepth research, and ability to assimilate topics. It will include areas not already treated in other political science courses. Prerequisites: 15 hours of political science or consent of instructor.

PSc 499 (F, S) 1-2-3-4 hrs. cr.
Independent Study
For students who wish to do an indepth study of some specialized topic or who wish to pursue a topic not considered in the department's course offerings. The student will select an adviser from the political science faculty who will structure the independent study in consultation with the student and with the approval of the department head. Prerequisite: Junior or senior status and an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. Enrollment must be approved by department head and school dean.

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Associate of Arts Degree

This curriculum allows Missouri Southern students to complete admission requirements for professional schools that accept applicants who have completed approximately 60 hours. Students should incorporate professional school requirements into their schedule and work closely with an adviser at Missouri Southern. Also, students who are completing certification requirements for paramedic programs and desire a college degree may choose the Associate of Arts degree. The Associate of Arts degree facilitates transfer among Missouri public four-year colleges and universities.

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