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PROGRAMS OFFERED
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Minor in International Politics
Minor in Law, Politics and Society
Minor in Political Science
Master of Arts in Political Science

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INTRODUCTION
Political science is the study of people’s behavior as it relates to power and public organizations. The discipline is normally divided into six subfields: political philosophy, American politics, public administration, public law, comparative government and international politics.

A major in political science prepares students for law school, government employment on the local, state and national levels, foreign service, teaching, business, journalism, or leadership in civic and political activities.

LEARNING GOALS AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
The following goals and learning outcomes have been established for students pursuing a degree in Political Science:

Knowledge
- Understand the relevance for politics and policy-making of formal political institutions, rules, and processes in the U.S. and cross-nationally
- Understand the relevance for politics and policy-making of non-institutional aspects of politics, including the roles of class, race, gender, religion, and political beliefs in the U.S. and cross-nationally
- Understand and use different theories and methods of studying politics including understanding the role of theory, both normative and empirical, in political analysis and argumentation
- Understand and use interdisciplinary knowledge important to the study of politics

Experience
- Be provided with the opportunity through internships to experience politics directly

Skills
- Demonstrate proficiency in the use of various tools of analysis, including library research, computer skills, and data analysis techniques
- Be able to think and write clearly, critically and intelligently about politics

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (120 UNITS)
The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science requires 48 units in the major: 39 units in Political Science and nine upper-division units in related disciplines such as American studies, anthropology, criminal justice, economics, geography, history, philosophy, psychology, sociology and statistics. POSC 100, a graduation requirement for all students, is not part of the major, but is a prerequisite to further work in political science. No more than 12 units total may be in the lower division.
MINOR IN INTERATIONAL POLITICS (18 UNITS)

The minor must include 12 units in political science. Twelve units must apply exclusively to the minor. POSC 100, 200, 330 and 350 are required. The remaining units must be taken from POSC 320, 330, 335, HIST 480D and POSC 331, 431T, 434, 438, 451T, 456, 461, or 476. Students who wish to specialize in a specific geographical area are encouraged to investigate the possibility of taking related units in anthropology, economics, foreign languages, geography, history and literature, etc.

MINOR IN LAW POLITICS AND SOCIETY (18 UNITS)

Course requirements for the minor include POSC 375 and 15 units of electives. From the following list, students take at least one course from at least three different departments, and no more than three courses from any one department. All courses listed carry three semester units of credit: CRJU 330 or SOCI 413; CRJU 465, 485, 486; CHIC 360; HIST 480A, 480B; PHIL 355; POSC 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 492; PSYC 317; SOCI 365. Twelve units must apply exclusively to the minor.

MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (18 UNITS)

The minor comprises political science courses, 12 of which are upper-division. Students must take POSC 100 (a graduation requirement), POSC 200 and an upper-division course each in American politics, cross-national politics and political theory. One of the courses for the minor must be at the 400 level. Twelve units must be distinct from those used for a student’s first major.

MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (30 UNITS)

The degree is designed both to enlarge and deepen the competence of political science students. It is especially planned for the professional improvement and advancement of high school and community college teachers, government employees and military personnel. It also prepares students for entering a doctoral program in political science or for law school. The M.A. program provides training and preparation for journalists, special librarians and research staffers and for all people active in civic affairs and political life.

Admission to Graduate Standing – Conditionally Classified

Students must meet the CSU requirements for admission to a master’s degree program. Please consult the Graduate Admissions section in this catalog for complete information.

In addition, acceptance into the M.A. in the political science program requires a grade-point average of 3.0 in the major field and in all political science courses. If the major is not in one of the social sciences, the GPA requirement also applies to upper-division social science courses taken. If a student’s GPA does not meet these criteria, the student may appeal to the department’s graduate committee for a waiver.

Normally, admission to the master’s program requires that a student possess a bachelor’s degree in political science, a minor in political science or a major in an allied social science field with a minimum of 15 units of political science courses. For those without such a background, the M.A. Coordinator may require the applicant to take a group of upper-division political science courses at the 300 and/or 400 level (not more than nine units of which will be at the 300 level) prior to admission to the program. This requirement is to assure that the student will be prepared for graduate-level work in the discipline of political science.

In addition to the above requirements, applicants need to submit a writing sample to the M.A. Political Science Coordinator.
Graduate Standing – Classified

A student admitted to conditionally classified status may apply for classified standing, which requires development of an approved study plan prior to completion of nine units. Refer to the “Graduate Regulations” section of this catalog for further information on classified standing and general study plan requirements.

STUDY PLAN

Each candidate for a degree should, in consultation with the graduate adviser, arrange for the appointment of a graduate committee, composed of three faculty members, one of whom will serve as chair. This committee will approve the study plan, conduct the examination(s) and supervise the thesis if the student chooses that option. As a requirement for admission to classified standing, the student, in cooperation with the graduate program adviser, must develop a study plan of 30 units of coursework:

Required Seminar Work (18 units)

Students are required to take a minimum of one political science seminar each semester until completion of the entire sequence.

Scope and Theory of Political Science

POSC 540 Seminar Readings in Political Philosophy (3)
POSC 541 Seminar in Contemporary Political Theory (3)

American Politics/Public Affairs

One course must be from List A. A second course may be from either List A or List B

List A

POSC 511 Seminar in American Politics (3)
POSC 512 American Political Institutions (3)
POSC 513 American Political Behavior (3)
POSC 514 American Political Development (3)

List B

POSC 519 State and Local Government (3)
POSC 509 Administrative Organization and Process (3)
POSC 525 Seminar in Metropolitan Area Government (3)
POSC 528 Seminar in Public Administration and Policy (3)

Cross-National Politics (6 units)

POSC 530 Seminar in Cross-National Politics (3)
POSC 551 Seminar in Theories of International Relations (3)
POSC 555 World Order (3)

Adviser-approved 400- and 500-level elective coursework (6-12 units)

These classes may normally be in a student’s chosen area of specialization. They may include, where appropriate, POSC 599 (6 units maximum). No more than nine units taken prior to classified standing may be applied to a student’s study plan. No more than nine units taken at another institution may be transferred, and these must be approved by the adviser, committee and Office of Graduate Studies.

Culminating Experience (0-6 units)

POSC 597 Project (3-6)
OR POSC 598 Thesis (3-6)
OR Comprehensive Exam (0)

Research Skills

Each candidate must demonstrate one of the following:

1. Reading knowledge of a relevant foreign language. Students must complete this requirement by passing an examination or coursework; or
2. Proficiency in quantitative research skills, including data analysis and research design, as demonstrated by successful completion of POSC 501, or its equivalent.

Culminating Experience Requirements for the M.A. in Political Science

Students select one of the following three options to complete the program, after consulting with the program adviser.

1. Comprehensive written and oral exams in: (a) the scope and theory of political science; (b) American politics/public affairs; and (c) cross-national politics. All three sections must be successfully completed or the entire examination must be retaken. The examination has a written and an oral component. A student who does not pass the written portion is ineligible to take the oral component. The examinations may be retaken only once after an initial failure.

2. A thesis completed in accord with university regulations on theses, to include an oral defense. This option may be especially desirable for students planning on further graduate work at the doctoral level. Students selecting this option may take up to six units in thesis credit.

3. Completion and oral defense of a project, including a required oral defense and possible class presentations, depending on the project topic. Students selecting this option may take up to six units of credit associated with completing the project. The project option is intended for students interested in community college teaching or in working in practical politics.

For advisement and further information, consult the M.A. in Political Science adviser.

POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES

Courses are designated as POSC in the class schedule.
POSC 100 or its equivalent is the prerequisite for all upper-division political science courses. Prerequisites may be waived only with consent of instructor.

100 American Government (3)

People, their politics, and power; contemporary issues, changing political styles and processes, institution and underlying values of the American political system. Satisfies state requirements in U.S. Constitution and California State and local government. One or more sections offered online.
200 Introduction to the Study of Politics (3)
Introduction to the study of politics in general, not simply American politics. Explores the many faces of politics all over the world, examining its relationship to morality, culture, economics, justice and international affairs both theoretically and practically.

201 Methods and Skills in Political Science (3)
Pre- or corequisite: POSC 100. Basic skills and methods for Political Science majors, including framing and clarifying research questions, using and assessing research resources, and the use and assessment of qualitative and quantitative methods of research.

298 Political Externship (3)
Politics for the non-major or beginning political science student. Work in campaigns or offices of elected public officials, supervision by faculty and cooperating agency; seminars and individual conferences. May be repeated once.

300 Contemporary Issues in California Government and Politics (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Political process in state and local institutions; crisis in the cities, flight to the suburbs and race relations. Comparisons will be made with other states and their subdivisions. Satisfies state requirement in California state and local government.

309 Introduction to Metropolitan Politics (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Inner city and suburbia. Political processes: power in the city, the urban-suburban relationship, political fragmentation and the national government in urban areas.

310 Political Behavior and Motivation (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Analyzes issues and divisions in American politics. Focus on race, class, ideology and party.

312 Contemporary Issues in Conflict (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Through opinionated debate and discussion between two professors with opposing viewpoints, explore current conflicts in federal and state elections, as well as other public issues. Open discussion encouraged.

315 Politics and Policy Making in America (3)
Prerequisites: POSC 100 and completion of General Education (G.E.) Category D.1. Federal domestic policy making. Structure, functions and relationships among American national institutions, including executive, legislative and judicial branches, media, political parties and pressure groups.

317 Black Politics (3)
(Same as AFAM 317)

320 Introduction to Public Management and Policy (3)
Prerequisites: POSC 100 and completion of G.E. Category D.1. Introduction to the field of public administration. Current trends and problems of public sector agencies in such areas as organization behavior, public budgeting, personnel, planning and policy making. Emphasized examples and cases from the Criminal Justice field. (Same as CRJU 320)

321 Research in Public Management (3)
Prerequisites: POSC 100, 320 (may be taken concurrently). Research concepts, computer applications and information management applied to public administration and policy analysis. Instructional fee.

322 Leadership for Public Service (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100, 200 or other course that fulfills G.E. Category D.1. Conceptions of leadership as applied in governmental and nonprofit sectors. Types of leader; tools for leaders; leadership in public policy-making settings. Includes student project and extend leadership concepts; participation in CSUF Student Leadership Institute or similar activity. (Same as CRJU 322)

330 Politics in Nation-States (3)
Prerequisites: POSC 100 and completion of G.E. Category D.1. Compares patterns of political behavior and interaction in various political systems.

331 Third World Politics Through Literature (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Comparative political life and circumstances of developing countries as depicted in their literature. In this literature we see the political problems, cultural underpinnings and governmental structures as they affect Third World peoples in their struggle to survive and grow.

340 Political Philosophy (3)
Prerequisites: POSC 100 and completion of G.E. Category C.2. Major thinkers in the Western tradition of political philosophy from Plato to the present; the principal concepts and theories.

350 World Politics in the 21st Century (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Political relationships among governments and other participants within the global system: internal and external factors influencing foreign policies of the great powers, their allies and minor powers; role of non-state actors such as the United Nations, multinational corporations and liberation movements.

352 American Foreign Policy (3)
Prerequisites: POSC 100 and completion of G.E. Category D.1. United States foreign policy since World War II. Institutions and bureaucracies of foreign policy decision making, military and national security policy, domestic sources of foreign policy.
361 Model United Nations (3)
Prerequisites: POSC 100 and prior MUN experience. A practical decision-making course where students participate in the national MUN conference in New York and others in California. Current politics in the UN and delegate preparation with emphasis on the art of lobbying, negotiation, bargaining and diplomacy.

375 Law, Politics and Society (3)
Prerequisites: POSC 100 and completion of G.E. Category D.1. Law as emergent from political processes, rooted within social norms and communities. Law as a feature of the modern state, a tool for seeking advantage, domination and/or liberation. An overview of legislative, judicial, administrative and other political processes that produce law.

376 Legal Tools for Political Research (3)
Prerequisites: POSC 100, 375 (may be taken concurrently). Research concepts, techniques and legal tools applied to an individual research project in public law. Useful pre-law course.

381 Religion and Politics in the United States (3)
(Same as CPRL 381)

403 Politics and Policy in Sacramento (3)
Prerequisites: POSC 100 and completion of G.E. Category D.1. Nature of policy making in California’s state capital. Persistent policy themes and constraints; current issues in education policy. Required three-day trip to Sacramento for seminars and policy briefings. Class times prior to Sacramento visit may vary.

404 Capital Punishment (3)
(Same as CRJU 404)

405 Campaigns and Elections (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Modern political campaigns in America focusing on new types of candidates and electoral organizations; money, media and consultants; and methods of predicting and interpreting election results.

407 Polls, Statistics and Political Interpretation (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Quantitative research methods in political science. Introduction to research design and statistical measures employed in analyzing social science research data.

408 The Politics of Los Angeles (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Politics in Los Angeles, with special attention to race, class, ethnicity and power. Comparative view places Los Angeles in big-city politics and in global perspective.

410 Political Parties (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Structure and methods by which the political parties operate in the American political system with some comparisons to their structure and operation in other democratic societies.

411 Art of Administration (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Public administration as “art” rather than “science.” Administrative novels and other fictional literature, and other audio-visual media.

412 Practicing Politics (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Politics as practiced and understood by practitioners of the art. A seminar that features guest lecturers and focuses on electoral politics.

413 U.S. Congress (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Who gets elected to Congress, how it works and how it interacts with other institutions. Congressional elections, committees, parties, staff and how Congress responds to pressures and exerts influence.

416 Presidents and the Presidency (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Presidential power, the resources on which that power is based and the limitations on the use of that power. Relations between the President and Congress, the bureaucracy, the press and the public.

417 Film and Politics (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. American politics from the 1920s to the present as seen through eyes of film-makers. Besides viewing films, students will read material relevant to films and write several papers linking film themes to the literature of American politics.

421 Government and the Economy (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 320 or any economics course. Regulation and deregulation of business. Industrial policy. Government taxes and expenditures. Emphasizes national government.

422 Human Resources Management (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 320. Civil service and the merit system; recruitment procedures and examinations; position classification, salary structures, retirement plans, in-service training, employee organizations and personnel supervision. Examples and cases from the Criminal Justice field emphasized. Emphasis on themes and topics from Criminal Justice. (Same as CRJU 422)

423 Gender Issues in Public Management (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 320. Disparities in public employment related to gender, including leadership, mentoring, recruitment, training, decision-making and discrimination. Attention to topics of current interest, including “sticky floors and glass ceilings,” comparable worth and diversity.

427 Policy-Making: Urban/Metropolitan Issues (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Policy issues and alternatives in urban and metropolitan problem areas, such as law enforcement, transportation, housing or poverty.
431T Government and Politics of a Selected Area (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. A systematic analysis of individual nation-states set against the backdrop of history, culture and economic circumstances in each case. May be repeated for credit.

432 Women and Politics: A Comparative Perspective (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100 or equivalent. Relationship between women and politics from an international-comparative point of view. Theory and practice in its examination of the political roles, behavior, perspectives and expectations of women throughout the world.

434 The Asia-Pacific in World Affairs (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Comparison of the politics of Japan and China illuminates both similarities and differences in the premises, processes and policies of these two Asian giants.

435 Civil Disobedience and Social Justice (3)
(Same as CRJU 435)

437 Latin American Politics (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Systematic analysis of government and politics in selected Latin American states. Considers democratization, state structures, relation of politics to economics and alternative theories and approaches to comparative political analysis as applied to a region marked by ethnic and racial diversity.

438 Western European Democracies (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Comparative study of the government and politics of Western European democracies, including their cooperation within the European Union. Domestic as well as foreign policies will be analyzed.

442T Problems in Political Philosophy (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 340 or 341. Current issues and problems in political philosophy in the context of major global events and trends. See department for exact title and topics in a given semester. May be repeated for credit.

445 Globalization, Justice and Democracy (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 340. Examines changing conceptions of democracy and social justice controversies spawned by early 21st century forms of globalization.

446 Corruption, Ethics and Public Policy (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Ethical problems that face persons in the public service. Focuses on practical decision-making.

448 Media and Politics (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Structure and influence of the media in campaigns and government. Key topics include: the relationship between media and politicians; the use of campaign advertising; and the stature and limits of investigative journalism.

451T Problems in International Politics (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Selected problems in contemporary world politics. Topics include international responses to terrorism, China in international affairs, U.S. grand strategy after the Cold War and 9/11. May be repeated for credit.

456 The National Security Establishment (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Conflicting theories of national security, the functions of defense and intelligence bureaucracies in foreign and domestic policy making, problems of arms control and the dangers to democratic values and institutions posed by the technology of national security.

457 Politics of International Economics (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Link between economics and international politics. Political economy of free trade and imperialism, of neo-colonialism and foreign aid.

460 The Chicano and Politics (3)
(Same as CHIC 460)

461 The United Nations and International Organizations (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Structure, functions and political processes of the United Nations, various specialized organizations such as the World Bank and regional organizations such as the European Community.

471 Moot Court: Legal Practicum (3)
Prerequisites: POSC 375, 473, 474, CRJU 310A/B, 485 or POSC/CRJU 472; open to undergraduates only. Prepares students for competition. Legal research, writing, court strategies and oral argument; civil liberties law, cases and adjudication; appellate court review and amicus brief reading and writing.

472 The Judicial Process (3)
Prerequisite: CRJU 300 or POSC 375. Nature, functions and roles of courts. Roles of major participants in the American legal system, including judges, attorneys and citizens. Administration of justice as a system. (Same as CRJU 472)

473 Introduction to Constitutional Law (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Role of the courts, presidency, Congress and states within the U.S. constitutional system. Topics include judicial review, presidential impoundment and impeachment, presidential foreign and military powers, regulation of the economy and public morals and congressional investigations.

474 Civil Liberties (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Political analysis of case studies in constitutional rights and liberties with particular attention to relationships between the individual and government under the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment. Topics include economic regulation, criminal justice, privacy, gender and racial discrimination.
475 Administrative Law (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Law as it affects public officials and agencies in their relations with private citizens and the business community. Case materials and regulatory practices.

476 International Law (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Introduces the fundamentals or building blocks of international law and covers other selected topics that are traditionally identified as part of public international law.

478 Urban Planning Principles (3)
(Same as GEOG 478)

484 Urban Planning Methods (3)
(Same as GEOG 484)

485 Women and Politics (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Changing political environment and women's role in elected, appointed and other public agencies; issues of particular concern to women, including family issues, comparable worth and other economic issues and political participation. Not applicable for graduate degree credit. (Same as WMST 485)

492 Prelaw Internship (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 100. Acquaints students with the legal profession. A supervised working commitment of eight hours weekly with an assigned individual or organization. May be repeated for up to 6 units. (Same as CRJU 492)

493 Teaching Internship (3)
Prerequisites: completion of 27 units of Political Science. Integrative overview of American government or of the discipline of Political Science. Classroom instructional activities in freshman and sophomore introductory classes under faculty supervision. Designed for students interested in teaching government/political science.

494 Honors Tutorial in Politics (1)
Prerequisites: POSC 100, senior standing and admission to Honors in Political Science. This is the core course for the Honors in Political Science program. Attendance at presentations by political scientists and critiques thereof. The culminating research for the Honors work will be presented in the tutorial.

497 Internship in Public Administration (3)
Prerequisite: POSC 320 or 509. Students work 12-20 hours per week as supervised interns in a public agency. Supervision by the faculty and cooperating agency. In addition, a weekly seminar.

498 Internship in Politics (3)
Prerequisites: POSC 100, political science concentration and consent of instructor. Students work 8-12 hours per week with elected officials or candidates for elective office. Individual supervision by the faculty and cooperating individuals. Interns meet with instructor by arrangement. May be repeated for credit.

499 Independent Study (1-3)
Prerequisite: open to advanced students in political science with consent of department chair.

501 Political Science Research Design (3)
Research design, including issues of measurement, design, sampling, experiments, qualitative and quantitative methodologies.

503 Aging and Public Policy (3)
(Same as GERF/SOCI 503)

509 Administrative Organization and Process (3)
For graduate students in public administration who have not had an introductory course in public administration. Organizational theory and practice, decision-making, systems analysis, performance evaluation and administrative improvement.

511 Seminar in American Politics (3)
Prerequisite: consent of instructor. The political process in the United States.

512 American Political Institutions (3)
Seminar in American Political Institutions. Covers the Constitution, elections, parties, participation, presidency, and Congress.

513 American Political Behavior (3)
Introduces the major issues of American political behavior within the field of political science. Topics include voting behavior, partisanship, elections and unconventional political behavior; empirical analysis of these topics.

514 Seminar in American Political Development (3)
Prerequisite: classified graduate standing. Read foundational literature in the field and study the development of America's political system, from the nation's founding through the present, employing diverse emphases and methods.

519 State and Local Government (3)
Structure, processes, functions and interrelationships of state and local governments in American society. State, county, municipal and special district government in California as compared with other states.

521 Seminar in Public Administration Theory (3)
Concepts, models and ideologies of public administration within the larger political system. Course restricted to students in their final six units of graduate work.

522 Seminar in Public Personnel Administration (3)
Topics in public personnel administration.

523 Administrative Research and Analysis (3)
Conceptual methods employed in administrative research and analysis: Organization and procedure of surveys, performance evaluation, social impact assessment, computer data analysis and report writing.
525 Seminar in Metropolitan Area Government (3)  
Prerequisites: a course in basic statistics and POCS 320 or 509. Political and policy issues facing metropolitan America, and the capacity of governmental institutions to handle urban problems.

526 Administration and Systems Management (3)  
Prerequisites: basic statistics and POCS 320, 309 or GERO 501 (pre- or corequisite). Management-oriented analysis of organizational behavior. Treatments of decision-making, leadership, communication, group dynamics and ethical aspects of organization. Application of theories of administration and systems management to public and volunteer programs and services for older adults, including residential institutions and community programs. (Same as GERO 526).

528 Seminar in Public Administration and Policy (3)  
Interplay between public policy and program administration in federal government. Discussion of administrators’ role in policy development, administrative discretion in implementing policy, use of political resources by administrators.

529 Seminar in Public Management Analysis (3)  
Application of quantitative techniques to management and planning of public organizations. Topics include network analysis, capacity management, management information systems, productivity measurement, forecasting, cost-benefit analysis, simulation and marketing.

530 Seminar in Cross-National Politics (3)  
Integration of international relations and comparative politics, emphasizing the interdependence of nations and non-state actors in the world political system.

539 Seminar in Nonprofit Sector Management (3)  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing. Basic pressures that face nonprofits today, within historical and contemporary contexts. Theories of nonprofit accountability and excellence, practical lessons for managing nonprofits, and broad trends shaping the sector.

540 Seminar Readings in Political Philosophy (3)  
Foundations of contemporary political science through readings in the classics of political philosophy.

541 Seminar in Contemporary Political Theory (3)  
Analysis of contemporary trends in the study of politics. Emphasizes behavioral political science, criticisms of it and current empirical approaches to the study of politics.

551 Seminar in Theories of International Relations (3)  
Prerequisite: graduate student status. Introduction to theories of international relations, including theories of the balance of power, deterrence, arms races, alliances, international organizations, globalization and human rights.

555 World Order (3)  
Major theoretical debates concerning contemporary international order and strategies for global governance.

560 Seminar in Administration of Justice (3)  
Development and evaluation of judicial and police administration. Analyzes criminal justice policies, identification of researchable issues and examination of empirical research in the field. Unique properties of criminal justice management compared with public management generally.

571 Seminar in Public Finance (3)  
Prerequisite: POCS 509. Surveys state and local budgeting and taxes. Local financial management and cost benefit analysis. Emphasizes local government in Southern California.

572 Seminar in Public Sector Human Resource Management (3)  
Students who have taken POSC 422 for credit on study plan may not also take this course as part of study plan. Political and legal environments of public personnel management, the general and career civil services and political appointment system and introduces students to such personnel functions as selection, position classification, performance evaluation and compensation.

580 Emergency Management in Public Administration (3)  
Comprehensive review of the state-of-the-art in prevention, warning, evacuation, rescue and recovery systems. Development of public policy relating to land use planning, recovery and issues of liability; intergovernmental relations and effective planning.

582 Organizational Development and Change (3)  
Prerequisite: POCS 509 or 526. Perspectives and theories on organization change and development. Students will be introduced to a variety of concept skills and tools necessary to achieve organizational goals, deal with change and become a successful change agent. (Same as MGMT 582).

590T Selected Topics in Political Science (3)  
Detailed examination of a selected new or developing area of political science. Emphasizes relevant literature and preparation and presentation of research papers. May be repeated for credit when covering a different topic.

597 Project (3-6)  
Prerequisites: consent of instructor and graduate adviser. Culminating experience option for graduate students involving a significant undertaking focusing on applied work related to the student’s interests, to be based on a combination of written work, creation of appropriate professional materials and presentations, to include a formal oral defense. May be repeated for maximum of 6 credit units.

598 Thesis (3-6)  
Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

599 Independent Graduate Research (1-3)  
Prerequisite: consent of department chair. To be taken only after or concurrent with the completion of the required 15 units of graduate seminars.