PSCI 5000 - State of the Discipline (3 Credits)
Introduces graduate study in political science. Provides an overview of theories and methods in the four fields of American politics, political theory, comparative politics and international relations. Guest lectures by department faculty. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Term offered: fall. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).
Typically Offered: Fall.

PSCI 5001 - Theories of Capitalism (3 Credits)
Is capitalism “the legitimate racket of the ruling class”, as Al Capone argued? Is it the “system under which greed does the least harm”, as Milton Friedman suggested? Or is it as John Keynes had it, “the astounding belief that the most wickedest of men will do the most wickedest of things for the greatest good of everyone”? This advanced undergraduate/graduate course in theories of political economy engages ideas, concepts, actors, institutions, relationships, dynamics, and structures central to a deep understanding of global industrial capitalism. The course is centered on the works of seminal theorists of capitalism from the 18th century forward, including Adam Smith, David Ricardo, Alexander Hamilton, Friedrich List, Karl Marx, CLR James, Harry Magdoff, Friedrich Hayek, Martin Luther King, Jr., Kwame Nkrumah, Jeff Sachs, Amartya Sen, and Vandana Shiva. Students in the course are provided ample opportunities, across a variety of innovative assignments, to explore the historical and social context of the theoretical perspectives presented, to compare these perspectives to one another, and to make substantive connections between theory and practice. Note: Students are not expected to have any prior coursework in political science. Students are expected to make progress in developing their reading, writing, analytical and critical thinking skills. Cross-listed with PSCI 4001. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring.

PSCI 5008 - Graduate Topics in Political Science (1-3 Credits)
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Term offered: fall, spring, summer. Repeatable. Max hours: 12 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Repeatable. Max Credits: 12.
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

PSCI 5009 - Politics of the Budgetary Process (3 Credits)
Explores budgeting and financial management in the public and nonprofit sectors. An overview of public sector and nonprofit fiscal management is provided, along with thorough exploration of the political influences that affect financial decision-making. Note: Offered as a special topics course in an intensive three-weekend format, which is reflected in the syllabus. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5011 - GIS in Political Science (3 Credits)
Computer lab course developing methodological skills in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in political contexts. Geospatial computerized mapping skills are important in political fields such as urban planning, electoral analysis, environmental justice, demographics, public health, and criminal justice. Designed for beginners. Cross-listed with PSCI 4011. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Term offered: spring. Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5013 - Philosophical Problems in the Social Sciences (3 Credits)
Explores the fundamentals of the conduct of inquiry; concept formation and theory construction in the social sciences; issues related to value judgments and objectivity, social praxis, human nature and political choice. Cross-listed with SSCI 5013. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5014 - Seminar: American Politics (3 Credits)
Foundations of U.S. politics and contemporary political issues. Federal/state/community relations. Relationship among the three branches of the Federal government. Colorado controversies arising under the U.S. Constitution. Cross-listed with PSCI 4094. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).
PSCI 5024 - State Politics: Focus on Colorado (3 Credits)
Analysis of unique aspects of Colorado government and politics. Political comparison of Colorado with other states. Preparation and discussion of research papers. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Term offered: fall, summer. Max Hours: 3 Credits. Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Typically Offered: Fall, Summer.

PSCI 5025 - Local Governance and Globalization (3 Credits)
Introduces international political economy, consequences of globalization for localities, interplay between wealth and power among nations, multinational corporations, NGOs and the UN, and impact of their actions on local governments. Topics include development, aid, trade, outsourcing, eco-sustainability and global equity. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PSCI 4025. Max Hours: 3 Credits. Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5044 - The Presidency (3 Credits)
An overview of the historical, constitutional, and functional aspects of the presidency. Focuses on the powers and vulnerabilities of the presidency and on the style and politics of the current president. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PSCI 4044. Max Hours: 3 Credits. Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5054 - The Legislative Process (3 Credits)
An intensive examination of the structures and interactions through which laws are made in the United States. The major emphasis is the national level, but considerable attention is devoted to state legislatures and local lawmaking bodies. Impact of money and interest groups. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits. Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5057 - Religion and Politics (3 Credits)
Exploration of: (1) theoretical perspectives on the relationship between religion and politics; (2) causes of and justifications for the historical development of the Western separation of "church and state;" (3) contemporary responses to and analyses of this separation; and (4) several current debates about public policy in America that reveal tensions between these two spheres. Cross-listed with PSCI 4057, and RLST 4500, 5500. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits. Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5075 - Gentrification and Social Equity (3 Credits)
Study causes and consequences of urban gentrification, and explore strategies of grassroots resistance and social equity solutions that are being mobilized to challenge the forces of gentrification. Contrast common celebrations of the waves of capital reinvestment that are fueling urban revitalization with the frequent claim of many low-income neighborhoods: "Gentrification is Class War!" Cross-listed with PSCI 4075. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits. Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5084 - Local Government and Administration (3 Credits)
Policy and administrative challenges faced by local government in the 21st Century. Emphasis on cities under federalism, alternative forms of city governance, and new challenges from increasingly diverse constituents. Issues of poverty, public safety, health, transportation, environment, corruption and accountability. Cross-listed with PSCI 4084. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits. Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5085 - Comparative Governance: Environment and Society (3 Credits)
Focuses on how public & private actors at various levels of governance address pressing social & environmental issues such as aging societies, drug abuse, air pollution & global warming. Students will learn to analyze the dynamics of conflict & cooperation, using main concepts and theories of governance literature. Cross-list PSCI 4085. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits. Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).
PSCI 5094 · Seminar: Urban Politics (3 Credits)
An intensive analysis and research of major aspects of politics and government in metropolitan areas. Impact of corporations and higher levels of government on cities. Opportunities for, and barriers to, citizen participation. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5105 · Comparative Politics: Europe (3 Credits)
Examination and writing of research papers on selected topics of industrial democracies, especially those of Europe. Cross-listed with PSCI 4105. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5135 · Seminar: Political Economy of Latin America (3 Credits)
Focuses on the political economies and cultures of Latin America. Particular attention is given to the impact of the export-led growth strategy on social and political development. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5145 · Indigenous Politics (3 Credits)
Surveys the status of the world’s native peoples and nations, and the role of law and politics in the future of indigenous peoples in the global arena. Examines questions of human rights, economic development, and international law and politics. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PSCI 4146 and ETST 4146. Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5176 · Gandhi’s Legacy: Non-Violent Resistance Today (3 Credits)
This course assesses the legacy of Gandhi’s nonviolent struggle against systemic oppression. We examine Gandhi’s ideas and practices, consider Western images of political violence, and then focus on questions and possible answers raised by empirical studies. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PSCI 4176. Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5206 · Social Movements, Democracy and Global Politics (3 Credits)
Examines global social movements as new political actors within world politics; how theoretical perspectives in international relations and democracy address these actors; and the forms of interaction among these actors, states, and global governance institutions. Cross-listed with PSCI 4206. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5216 · Seminar: International Relations (3 Credits)
Introduces contending theories, empirical studies, and research methods in the field. Writing and discussion of comprehensive research papers in the field of international power politics and alternative attempts at controlling conflicts among nations. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5217 · Human Rights in Theory and Practice (3 Credits)
Explores the ideas of human rights and the practical efforts to actualize rights in society. Students study the theories of rights and the evolution of rights in history, as well as work with a service organization. Cross-listed with PSCI 4217. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5224 · Dictatorships in 21st Century (3 Credits)
Analyzes and classifies political systems of non-democratic regimes. Reviews earlier and contemporary theories that explain the origins, survival and death of authoritarian regimes. Discusses the impact of dictatorial rule on domestic developments as well as on international relations. Cross-listed with PSCI 4224. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).
PSCI 5225 - Democracy and Democratization (3 Credits)
Examines the conditions under which countries turn from authoritarianism towards democracy and become stable democratic regimes. Also examines the impact of foreign and international factors on new democracies. Cross-listed with PSCI 4225. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5236 - Seminar: American Foreign Policy (3 Credits)
Examines selected methodological and substantive problems. Particular emphasis on elements of national decision making, America’s adaptation to the changing world, and opportunities for student contributions through research and discussion. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5238 - Seminar: Comparative Foreign Policy (3 Credits)
Examination of the effects of leaders, groups, institutions, strategic cultures and external influences on national foreign policy-making processes and comparative analysis of foreign policy making of great and emerging powers. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5245 - Gender, Globalization and Development (3 Credits)
Analyzes the effects of globalization on the gendered processes of international development and strategies to empower women to achieve gender justice across race, class and national divisions. Cross-listed with PSCI 4248 and WGST 4248/5248. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5256 - Seminar: National Question and Self-Determination (3 Credits)
Designed to provide students with a broad theoretical and empirical understanding of the causes of ethnic conflicts and to assess different strategies of conflict resolution. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5265 - Social Justice And Globalization (3 Credits)
Examines issues of justice and ethical responsibility in a globalizing world. Do moral obligations of individuals and institutions end at national borders or do they encompass all human beings and extend to the environment and to future generations? Cross-listed with PSCI 4265. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5266 - International Law (3 Credits)
Investigates the body of law that regulates relations between nations and provides a framework for solving common problems and disputes between nations. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PSCI 4266. Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5274 - Conflict Resolution and Public Consent Building (3 Credits)
Alternative strategies for resolving or mediating conflicts facing public or nonprofit organizations and for building public consent, with emphasis on personal, interpersonal, organizational, interest-group, cross-cultural, and roots of conflict and bases for consent. Cross-listed with PSCI 4274. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5276 - Conflicts and Rights in International Law (3 Credits)
Explores contending interpretations and practices in international law regarding issues such as the legitimacy of humanitarian intervention, efficacy of truth commissions, tensions between truth and justice in cases of genocide and war crimes, and legal changes needed to devise viable rules. Cross-listed with PSCI 4276. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5276 - Conflicts and Rights in International Law (3 Credits)
Explores contending interpretations and practices in international law regarding issues such as the legitimacy of humanitarian intervention, efficacy of truth commissions, tensions between truth and justice in cases of genocide and war crimes, and legal changes needed to devise viable rules. Cross-listed with PSCI 4276. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5286 - International Relations: War or Peace? (3 Credits)
Presents alternative theoretical frameworks for the explanation of war and peace. Investigations of the efficacy of international law, just-war norms and the UN in preventing or containing conflict. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PSCI 4286. Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).
PSCI 5326 - Advanced International Political Economy: Globalization (3 Credits)
Engages the current debate about globalization. Conceptualizes globalization and evaluates the pros and cons of global trade and finance for developed and developing countries. Develops a model for a sustainable and just global economy. Cross-listed with PSCI 4326. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Repeatable. Max Hours: 6 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5340 - Advanced International Political Economy: Global Supply Chain (3 Credits)
Many people globally rely on long, global supply chains for jobs and incomes and to acquire the goods and services they need to survive. These chains connect people all over the world—from farmers and seamstresses to multinational corporations and investment banks—to one another as they work to bring products to our store shelves and homes. Yet, as current events clearly demonstrate, these long and complicated chains are fragile and easily disrupted, contributing to rising vulnerability, insecurity, inequality, and poverty around the world. How did it come to pass that we rely on such a complex system for the things we need? Is this kind of interdependence a good idea? What alternatives exist for restructuring trade, work, and production? These questions have occupied political economists for centuries and for good reason. Thinking about supply chains means thinking about survival and our relationships with one another and the Earth. This course tackles contemporary and historical supply chains with an eye toward thinking about the future of global production, trade, and work. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PSCI 4340. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5365 - Global Ecological Crises (3 Credits)
Overview of global ecological problems such as climate change, transboundary pollutions, and loss of bio-diversity in an attempt to understand the political, economic, and cultural forces behind these problems and the status of legal and policy initiatives to address them. Cross-listed with PSCI 4365. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5414 - Non-Profits and Social Change (3 Credits)
Explores role of non-profits in catalyzing social change. What are obstacles and opportunities to leveraging social change through nonprofits? What factors shape nonprofit to be either transformational or system-stabilizing forces? Cross-listed with PSCI 4414. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5424 - The Social Economy and Sustainable Development (3 Credits)
Theory and practice of social economy initiatives like worker cooperatives, micro-credit networks, mutual aid associations and the fair trade movement. How do grassroots activists and legal frameworks affect the direction and possibilities of the solidarity economy? Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5434 - The Cooperative Movement: Politics and Policy (3 Credits)
Explores the history, current status, and emerging developments in the cooperative movement, both domestic and global. Topics include the political, organizational, and financial challenges and opportunities facing worker, producer, and consumer cooperatives. Examines how cooperative enterprises have adopted both reformist and revolutionary responses to the capitalist system, and how legal regimes and grassroots movements shape the future of cooperative enterprises. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).
PSCI 5446 - Advanced Indigenous Peoples' Politics (3 Credits)
Builds upon the theoretical and applied foundations of PSCI 4146. Intensive study of international legal and political developments are examined, particularly in the United Nations and the Organization of American States systems. Note: this course assumes that students have completed PSCI 4144 or 4146 or equivalent. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PSCI 4446. Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5457 - American Political Thought (3 Credits)
Critical examination of American political life at the intersections of social categories such as race, class, gender, sexuality, disability, and Indigeneity. Exploration of key and marginal thinkers through a variety of texts and genres. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PSCI 4457, ETS 4457, and ETS 5457. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5468 - Research Methods in Political Science (3 Credits)
Analysis and evaluation of research methods, techniques, and empirical materials in political science application to Internet research. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA).

PSCI 5477 - The U.S. Constitution: Law and Politics (3 Credits)
An intensive analysis of the most recent doctrinal developments in the areas of federal jurisdiction, federalism, separation of powers, commerce, taxing and war powers, civil liberties and civil rights. Note: this course assumes that students have completed PSCI 4477 or 4487 or equivalent. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
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PSCI 5545 - Immigration Politics (3 Credits)
Introduces students to central theories of migration and a survey of immigration law and policy in the 20th century. Highlights experiences of Mexican and Latin American immigrants and related topics, including U.S.-Mexican foreign relations, bilingual education, undocumented immigration and globalization. Cross-listed with PSCI 4545. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
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PSCI 5548 - Labor Law and Collective Bargaining (3 Credits)
Explores the history, current status, and emerging developments in U.S. labor law. Examines how labor law structures worker organizing and collective bargaining efforts. Focus on labor/management relations in such processes as contract administration, workplace anti-discrimination efforts, and labor organizing rights. Explore new developments like labor law in relations to social media usage and independent contracting. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
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PSCI 5550 - Labor, Trade Unions and the Global Economy (3 Credits)
Examines transnational trade unionism amid the global economy, with an emphasis on trade unions in a comparative perspective. How do labor activists and trade unions strive to establish institutions and mechanisms to assert worker rights and power in today's international political-economy? Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
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PSCI 5551 - International Society: Critical Perspectives (3 Credits)
International societies are one of the main phenomena of international relations and a key concept in the field of International Relations. Far from being an inclusive and egalitarian space, as often claimed by its leading members and advocates, international societies are based on power inequalities, both material and discursive, that continuously reproduce their deep hierarchical structures. This course discusses the origins and evolution of the present international society as well as the main hierarchies within it. It focuses on the processes that led to its formation and the mechanisms used to contain and/or to defeat attempts at transforming it. It also explores the possibilities of alternative visions of order in international relations. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Term Offered: fall. Max hours: 3 Credits.
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PSCI 5555 - International Women’s Resistance (3 Credits) Examines local and international struggles of women to build peace and justice by resisting systems of inequality such as colonialism, racism, patriarchy, globalization, and religious intolerance. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PSCI 4555, WGST 4555/5555 and ETST 4555. Max Hours: 3 Credits. Grading Basis: Letter Grade Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor’s to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PSCI 4555, WGST 4555/5555 and ETST 4555. Max Hours: 3 Credits. 

PSCI 5610 - Seminar: Middle East Politics (3 Credits) Examines the Middle East regional system and the region’s role in world politics. Investigates questions regarding politics in Iran, Iraq, Palestinian-Israeli relations, political Islam, and relations with the United States. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master’s program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits. 

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PSCI 5880 - Directed Research (1-6 Credits)
Students will engage in original research projects supervised and mentored by faculty. Students must work with faculty prior to registration to develop a proposal for their project and receive permission to take this course. Prereq: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor. Repeatable. Max Hours: 6 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
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PSCI 5914 - Community Organizing and Community Development (3 Credits)
The theory and practice of community organizing strategies and community development innovations. How can social activists build power at the grassroots to build equitable, sustainable, and healthy communities? Cross-listed with PSCI 4914. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
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PSCI 5939 - Internship (1-6 Credits)
Note: Students must submit a special processing form completely filled out and signed by the student and faculty member, describing the course expectations, assignments and outcomes, to the Graduate School for approval. Prereq: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor. Repeatable. Max Hours: 9 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Repeatable. Max Credits: 9.
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

PSCI 5944 - CU in the City (3 Credits)
Investigation of community development strategies through seminar discussions, urban walking tours, and student field placement with a local community based organization, non-profit, or public office engaged in community development work. Cross-listed with PSCI 4944. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate majors in the Bachelor's to Master's program (PSCI-BA-BMA or INTS-BA-BMA). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
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PSCI 5950 - Master's Thesis (1-6 Credits)
Prereq: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor. Term offered: fall, spring, summer. Repeatable. Max hours: 6 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade with IP
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors
Additional Information: Report as Full Time.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

PSCI 5955 - Global Study Topics (1-3 Credits)
This course is reserved for CU Denver faculty-led study abroad experiences. The course topic will vary based on the location and course content. Students register through the Office of Global Education. Prereq: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor. Cross-listed with PSCI 4995. Term offered: summer. Repeatable. Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Repeatable. Max Credits: 3.
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors
Typically Offered: Summer.