POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Overview

Political science is the study of people, power and the public good. Looking at a variety of societies, institutions and interpersonal situations, the discipline asks who has power, where this power comes from, how it is used, how it promotes or impairs the public good and how the public good is defined. Political science draws from other fields, such as psychology, philosophy, economics, sociology and world literature. Finally, it explores the relationship between idealism and realism, between theory and practice, between political thought and personal action.

Opportunities for students with a degree in political science include careers in business, teaching, journalism, community organizing and government service. A political science degree also serves as good preparation for professional training in law and public administration. Students’ internship experiences increase their job opportunities. Students with an MA in political science may find careers in such areas as business, government research and administration and teaching at the community-college level. The CU Denver Political Science Master’s Program provides many opportunities for professional development through political internships, for community-based learning through a focused community organizing and development curriculum (including many teaching, research and service partnerships with local community organizations), and for international engagement through a robust international politics curriculum, study abroad opportunities, and partnerships with international organizations.

Please visit the political science department website (https://clas.ucdenver.edu/polisci/) for detailed information on programs, faculty, students, courses and syllabi, community involvement and service learning, internships and photographs.

Fourth World Center for the Study of Indigenous Law and Politics

Executive Director: Glenn T. Morris
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This center provides a research clearinghouse to students and faculty at CU Denver on legal and political issues that affect indigenous peoples (the Fourth World). In addition to supporting a modest library of rare books and periodicals on indigenous issues, the center also stocks video and audio resources on subjects of indigenous politics and a substantial news file archive on current developments in the Fourth World. The center has produced curricular materials, including the Fourth World Bulletin, for use in international relations and area-studies courses.

Center for NEW DIRECTIONS in Politics and Public Policy

Director: Steve DelCastillo
Website: https://clas.ucdenver.edu/newdirections/

This center provides academic programs, courses and research focused in the areas of politics and public policy with the purpose of developing the leadership capacities necessary to address changing public priorities for the 21st century within neighborhoods, communities, governmental jurisdictions, labor organizations, and nonprofit entities. Students in the Center’s academic programs include working professionals in public and non-profit sectors; elected officials; community activists; interest-group stakeholders; educators from a wide range of demographic, occupational, and personal backgrounds; and simply concerned citizens. The New Directions program offers professional internships with a wide variety of political jurisdictions, community-based groups, and labor organizations across Colorado, including several funded internships.

The center offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees in political science with emphases in public policy and administration.

Requirements for Admission

Students applying for admission to the MA program in political science should have an undergraduate degree in political science or related field (e.g., international affairs or public administration, among others) or have completed at least 18-credit hours of previous academic work in political science, at least 9 hours of which should be at the upper-division or graduate level. The department may make exceptions to these requirements in unusual cases (for instance, if course work in related fields such as psychology, economics and history compensates for the deficiencies in political science). Applicants should have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 to be considered. In their applications, students must submit official transcripts and three letters of recommendation (academic references preferred) as specified by the Graduate School. In addition, applicants must submit a statement of academic objectives and an academic writing sample. Standardized test scores are not required of applicants but will be considered if submitted. Program applicants who face difficulties in meeting these requirements should reach out for individual discussion with our Graduate Program director (for example, if an undergraduate GPA is below 3.0, or if letters of recommendation from professors taken years ago are difficult to obtain).

In order to take graduate courses in political science, students must either be admitted to the MA program, a declared 4+1 BA/MA student, or secured permission to take courses as a non-degree student. Non-degree students interested in our certificate programs or in taking graduate courses for any reason should reach out to the Department Graduate Advisor to secure admission to courses as a non-degree seeking student.

See more about our admissions on our website (https://clas.ucdenver.edu/polisci/graduate/).

Programs

- New Directions in Public, Non-Profit and Community Leadership, Political Science, MA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/new-directions-public-non-profit-community-leadership-political-science-ma/)
Political Science, MA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-ma/)

Political Science MA / Master of Business Administration (MBA) Dual Degree (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-ma-master-business-administration-mba-dual-degree/)

Labor Leadership Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/labor-leadership-certificate/)

Public, Nonprofit and Community Leadership Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/public-nonprofit-community-leadership-graduate-certificate/)

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- Christoph Stefes, PhD, Denver University

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- Michael J. Berry, PhD, University of Colorado
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- Betsy Jose, PhD, University of Pittsburgh
- Glenn T. Morris, JD, Harvard University School of Law
- Tony Robinson, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
- Thorsten Spehn, PhD, University of Denver
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**Assistant Professors:**
- Sasha Breger-Bush, PhD, University of Denver
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**Political Science (PSCI) Courses**

**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 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
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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.
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**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
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Typically Offered: Spring.
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
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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.
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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 lawmakers. 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
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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.
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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
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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PSCI 5255 - 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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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PSCI 5226 - 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.
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PSCI 5236 - Seminar: Comparative Foreign Policy (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 4236. 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 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 4245 and WGST 4245/5245. 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 5256 - Seminar: Gender and Foreign Policy (3 Credits)
Explores the relationship between gender, foreign policy, and 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). Max Hours: 3 Credits.
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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)
Prepares 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 5354 - Seminar Environmental Politics and Policy (3 Credits)
Consideration of competing models of the policy process in natural-resources decision making. Focus on selected case studies. Impact of environmental and pro-growth forces on the political process.
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 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 non-profits to be either transformational or systemstabilizing 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 grass-roots 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 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, ETST 4457, and ETST 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 5458 - 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
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 5535 - Labor and Working Class Politics (3 Credits)
Explores the status of the labor movement both in the U.S. and internationally, as well as the political, philosophical, and social implications of socioeconomic class status and identity. 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 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. 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 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.
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 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.
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 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).

PSCI 5601 - 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.
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 5615 - Seminar: Chinese Development (3 Credits)
Discussion of readings about China. Analysis of several of the following: party-government relations, ideology and political behavior, leadership, diplomacy, political and economic development and post-Mao reforms. 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 5726 - Seminar on U.S. and China Relations (3 Credits)
Detailed examination of historical context and current issues in U.S./China relations. Emphasis on modern period, with particular attention to changing relations in context of rising power of China. Cross-listed with PSCI 4726. 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 5747 - Legal Reasoning and Writing (3 Credits)
Introduces the fundamentals of legal reasoning and legal argumentation through intensive class discussion, formal debate and writing. Attention is given to the relationship between case and statutory law and their application in trial and appeals courts in the United States. Cross-listed with PSCI 4757, COMM 4750, 5750. 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 5747 - Seminar: Conflict Behavior and the Politics of Violence (3 Credits)
Theoretical and empirical analysis of conflict behavior with special emphasis on the explanation of political violence. Revolution, international warfare, and urban unrest are studied as forms of political violence, and the role of systematic empirical research is emphasized in the development of general theories of intergroup 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). 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 5807 - Seminar: Conflict Behavior and the Politics of Violence (3 Credits)
The course investigates the theories and strategies of peacebuilding in societies that have endured intrastrategic conflict and/or massive human rights violations and asks whether peace and justice and democracy can or should work together and how forgiveness and reconciliation might develop. Cross-listed with PSCI 4808. 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 5837 - Contemporary Issues in Civil Liberties (3 Credits)
Conflicting rights of individuals and groups in several areas of civil liberties, including religious groups, free speech, sexual freedom, racial quotas, and anti-governmental actions and publications. This course includes case law, readings, guest speakers and case discussions. Cross-listed with PSCI 4837. 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 5840 - Independent Study (1-3 Credits)
Prereq: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor. Repeatable. Max Hours: 6 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

PSCI 5878 - War, Film, & International Law (3 Credits)
This course examines interactions of culture, politics, and law by chronologically investigating 20th-century war movies and the ways experiences and norms have shaped and been shaped by cinematic representations. 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 4878. 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 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

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
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 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
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 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.

PSCI 5960 - Master's Project (1-3 Credits)
Prereq: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor. Term offered: fall, spring, summer. Repeatable. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade with IP
Repeatable. Max Credits: 3.
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors
Additional Information: Report as Full Time.

PSCI 5995 - 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