

## Selected Course Descriptions\*

**PSC 103: Introduction to Political Science.** Introduction to principles, concepts, theories of political science, problem-solving, and the scientific method, focusing on the analysis of major political issues. Satisfies a portion of the general education requirements.

**PSC 201: American National Government.** The constitution, institutions, political systems, and policy of the national government. Pre-requisite to most other political science courses.

**PSC 302: Politics of Globalization.** Introduction to American public policy intended to help students develop a deeper understanding of the political, economic, social, and cultural aspects of globalization and how it affects domestic public policy.

**PSC 360: Comparative Politics.** Cross-national analysis of political institutions and political cultures across a number of political systems. Focus on: industrial democracies; post-communist countries; emerging democracies and nondemocratic countries.

**PSC 361: Politics in Developing Areas.** Introduction to politics and policy issues in a variety of countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Topics: colonialism and the post-colonial era; health issues; models of development; political and economic reforms; poverty; refugee crisis & genocide; women in development.

**PSC 365: African Politics.** Examines political institutions, culture, and events that shape politics in Sub-Saharan Africa. Topics: AIDS crisis; colonialism; models of development; political and economic reforms; religious and ethnic conflict; women's role across the continent.

**PSC 370: International Politics.** Introduction to international relations. Topics: foreign policy making; global governance; global governance; global conflicts; international, state and non-state actors; political economy; trends and theories of world politics.

**PSC 371: U.S. Foreign Policy.** Analyzes the institutions, actors and issues shaping U.S. foreign policy. Topics: global war on terrorism; foreign policy by region; international policy issues; national security issues; regional and bilateral relations; war in Iraq.

**PSC 406: State and Local Government.** Organization, operations, and problems of state and governments in the United States. Intergovernmental relations. Special attention given to government in Mississippi.

**PSC 407. CRIMINAL LAW.** A survey of applied substantive law with an emphasis on the most common criminal offenses; development, application, and enforcement of local, state, and federal statutory law. 3

**PSC 431: Ancient to Medieval Political Philosophy.** The traditions in political philosophy in the classical and medieval periods. Emphasis will be placed on the literature between the Homeric and Classical Greek periods.

**PSC 432: Renaissance to Modern Political Theory.** Political theory from the Renaissance to the late modern period with an emphasis on the social contractarians and the Age of Enlightenment.

**PSC 440: Judicial Process.** Introduction to the court system focusing on roles of judges and lawyers from case filing to final appeal. Traces the litigation chain through civil and criminal actions in state and federal systems assessing the roles played by individuals and institutions.

**PSC 441: American Constitutional Theory.** Origins of the American constitutional tradition from ancient Greece and Rome to the late 18th century. Discussion focuses on how the development of constitutionalism and the arguments made in 18th century American writings play a role in the Constitution of 1787 and the Bill of Rights.

**PSC 444: Civil Liberties-Civil Rights.** The study of constitutional liberties and rights emphasizing interpretation, the Fourteenth Amendment, economic rights, and the role of incorporation theory.

**PSC 446: Constitutional Law.** The study of the structures and relationships of federal and state governments, including federalism, interstate commerce, and taxation and spending. Emphasis is placed on historical development and the legal and political nature of the U.S. Supreme Court.

\*PSC 201 is a prerequisite for most upper division courses. New courses are in italics.