

POLITICAL SCIENCE (PSC)

Course Descriptions

PSC 101. Introduction to American Politics (MOTR POSC 101). 3 Credit Hours.

Introduction to American Politics surveys the American political system. Basic values endemic to United States political culture, government institutions and processes, as well as citizens' movements, are discussed in a modern framework.

Prerequisites: Reading Proficiency or concurrent enrollment in RDG 079

PSC 104. British Politics and Society. 3 Credit Hours.

This course introduces students to some of the main institutions and issues of contemporary British politics and society. Through lectures, videos, text assignments, and field trips, students will explore government in 21st-century Britain.

Prerequisites: Reading Proficiency

PSC 201. International Relations (MOTR POSC 201). 3 Credit Hours.

International Relations looks at the politics and policies among nations. Topics discussed include theories of international politics, levels of foreign policy analysis, conflict and peace, terrorism, globalization, international political economy, and the specific foreign policies of great, middle, and small states.

Prerequisites: Reading Proficiency

PSC 205. Constitutional Issues. 3 Credit Hours.

Constitutional Issues covers the concepts of American federalism, civil liberties, civil rights, and the responsibilities of citizenship. Basic values, current constitutional controversies, and citizen rights are discussed in a modern framework with particular emphasis upon important U.S. case law.

Prerequisites: Reading Proficiency

PSC 213. Introduction to Comparative Politics (MOTR POSC 202). 3 Credit Hours.

Introduction to Comparative Politics introduces students to western and non-western systems. It examines similarities and differences in the basic political ideologies, structures, economies, social institutions, and governmental processes of developed and developing countries. It also provides frameworks for understanding the cultures of the world that are the basis for formal economic and political institutions. In addition, the course examines the role of non-state and trans-national institutions in shaping national policies. It uses case studies from Africa, Asia, Latin America, as well as Europe, to enhance student understanding of comparative politics.

Prerequisites: Reading Proficiency