Political Science (POSC)

Courses

**POSC 1113 American Government: 3 semester hours.**
Surveys the origin and development of the U.S. Constitution; the structure and powers of the national government including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches; federalism; areas of political participation; the national election process; public policy; civil liberties and civil rights.

**POSC 1123 Texas Government: 3 semester hours.**
Surveys the origin and development of the Texas Constitution; the structure and powers of Texas Government, including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches; local government; areas of political participation and public policy in Texas.

**POSC 2113 Political Parties and Elections: 3 semester hours.**
This course is designed to study the nature, functions, evolution, and organization of the American political parties and elections.

**POSC 2123 Public Administration: 3 semester hours.**
This course provides an examination of the organization, responsibility, personnel management, fiscal processes, functions, and problems of public administration.

**POSC 2133 Introduction to Political Science: 3 semester hours.**
This is an introductory course in the study of politics, the various sub-fields in the discipline, and the variety of approaches used in the study of Political Science.
Prerequisites: POSC 1113 (http://catalog.pvamu.edu/search/?P=POSC%201113) and POSC 1123 (http://catalog.pvamu.edu/search/?P=POSC%201123).

**POSC 2143 Legal Studies: 3 semester hours.**
This course is designed to be an extensive examination of the structure, functions, and processes of this nation’s legal system. By the end of the course, students will have training in a wide variety of topics involving the law and have the skills necessary to succeed on the LSAT or in law school.

**POSC 2213 Blacks and the American Political System: 3 semester hours.**
This course offers a critical analysis of the position of blacks in the American politico-economic system, both historically and contemporarily.

**POSC 2413 Scope and Methods in Political Science: 3 semester hours.**
This course introduces majors to the various methods and approaches used in the field of Political Science.

**POSC 2503 Global Issues: 3 semester hours.**
Selected issues facing the global community are examined. Issues include hunger, energy, population, war and racism. The course has interdisciplinary and cross-cultural focus.

**POSC 2523 Studies of the Global South: 3 semester hours.**
The course surveys and analyzes the social, political and economic challenges facing Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

**POSC 2533 Latin American and Caribbean Politics: 3 semester hours.**
Designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to Latin American and Caribbean politics from a multi-disciplinary perspective. Examines the various dimensions of Latin American and Caribbean politics, including political and governmental structures, political and economic development and social stratification patterns. Analyzes the implications of globalization on Latin American and Caribbean political and socio-economic systems.

**POSC 2543 State and Local Government: 3 semester hours.**
Analysis of state and local governments in the federal system; encompasses an examination of the state and local politics in the United States with an emphasis on politics and public policy.

**POSC 3123 Modern Political Theory: 3 semester hours.**
This course is a review of the political theories from the Reformation to the present, with special attention to Machiavelli, Boding, Hobbes, Locke, Montesquieu, Jefferson, Rousseau, Mills, Hegel, and Marx.

**POSC 3213 Public Policy Analysis: 3 semester hours.**
The course explores the processes involved in the formulation and implementation of authoritative decisions, with emphasis on alternative models of policy analysis and selected issues pertaining to the federal government and bureaucracy.

**POSC 3313 Political Studies Thru Film: 3 semester hours.**
This course critically analyzes films that portray concepts and issues that are fundamental to the study of political science, including freedom and equality, power imbalances, revolution and war, and political structures and processes.
Prerequisites: POSC 1113 (http://catalog.pvamu.edu/search/?P=POSC%201113) or POSC 1123 (http://catalog.pvamu.edu/search/?P=POSC%201123).

**POSC 3513 Comparative Politics: 3 semester hours.**
Examines the dynamics of Comparative Politics from the perspective of globalization characterized by the world’s increasing interconnectedness, particularly in regards to politics, economics, communication and cultures. Provides a comprehensive analysis of nations encompassing histories, societies, politics and economics. Examines contemporary nations in the context of current trends, including modernization, democracy, the environment, human rights, terrorism, security and globalization. Explores symbolic countries in case studies.
**POSC 3523 Comparative Politics of Developing States: 3 semester hours.**
The course examines political processes in the developing nations of Africa, Asia, and Latin America, with particular attention to the problems of political integration and nation building.

**POSC 3533 U.S. Foreign Policy: 3 semester hours.**
This is a study of the American foreign policy, including the objectives, capabilities and formulation process.

**POSC 3543 International Politics: 3 semester hours.**
The basic problems of international politics, focusing on the power competition among states and other transnational institutions, are the major focus of this course.

**POSC 3553 African Politics: 3 semester hours.**
This is an introductory course in the political history and development of African states.

**POSC 3593 Middle East Politics: 3 semester hours.**
This course makes a comprehensive study of the major issues and dilemmas in contemporary Middle Eastern politics, including the clash of religions and nationalisms, security and stability in the Persian Gulf, the Arab-Israeli conflict, efforts at democratization, and the role of women.

**POSC 3993 Independent Study: 1-3 semester hour.**
Readings, research, and/or field work on selected topics.

**POSC 4103 Urban Government and Politics: 3 semester hours.**
This course examines the structure and functions of urban government. Considerable attention is given to the politics and current problems of metropolitan areas.

**POSC 4113 American Constitutional Law: 3 semester hours.**
The principles of the American constitutional system, judicial interpretation and application of these principles, relative to the powers of government and the rights of individuals, are examined in depth.
Prerequisites: POSC 1113 and POSC 1123.

**POSC 4123 The Constitution and Private Rights: 3 semester hours.**
Examines the rights and duties of U. S. citizenship with special attention to individual freedoms, primarily those found in the Bill of Rights. Emphasis is on the First Amendment, rights of the accused, the right to privacy and equal protection of the law.
Prerequisites: POSC 1113 and POSC 1123.

**POSC 4133 The Presidency: 3 semester hours.**
This course traces the evolution of the office of the President of the United States while examining presidential powers in the areas of politics, administration, legislation, war, and foreign affairs.

**POSC 4143 The Legislative Process: 3 semester hours.**
The course provides a detailed study of the nature and extent of the legislative process, with special attention to the organization, procedure, and dynamics of the American legislative policy-making.

**POSC 4153 Internship in Political Science: 3 semester hours.**
The student will participate in the ongoing work of a government agency, at the local, state, national or international level or a related nongovernment organization that engages in domestic or international political affairs. Administered by the Political Science Program Coordinator in conjunction with an on-site intern supervisor.

**POSC 4193 Special Topics in Political Science: 3 semester hours.**
This course will focus on specific topics in political science which the professor deems appropriate and students desire. This course is repeatable for up to 9 semester credit hours when topics vary.

**POSC 4203 Judicial Politics: 3 semester hours.**
This course makes an extensive analysis of the structure, functions and processes of the U.S. judicial and legal systems on both the federal and the state levels.

**POSC 4213 Seminar in Political Science: 3 semester hours.**
This course is devoted to intensive reading, writing, research, and discussion focusing on selected topics.

**POSC 4993 Independent Study: 3 semester hours.**
Readings, research, and/or field-work on selected topics. Prerequisite: consent of advisor.