

# Political Science

**Political Science Major**  
BA degree

## Faculty and Fields of Interest

## Requirements

Political Science offers a variety of courses in the major subfields of the discipline: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, political theory, public administration, and public policy. The program emphasizes the development of analytical and communications skills linked to a substantive understanding of politics, governments, and administration. These skills and a knowledge of political science are useful in a broad range of career pursuits.

UMass Dartmouth Political Science graduates are pursuing successful careers in state, local, and federal government administration, social work, urban planning, the diplomatic service, and business. Some have careers in politics as elected officials, legislative aides, or in lobbying, campaign management, and polling analysis. The departmental program offers several opportunities for student internships that provide practical experience in many of these areas. Finally, many of the department's graduates enroll in some of the nation's leading law, graduate, and professional schools where they go on to careers in college teaching, law, and corporate management.

The Political Science faculty is active in research, government, and community service, and publishes many books and articles in the several subfields of the discipline.

**Clyde W. Barrow** political theory (American, European), political economy, public policy (higher education, fiscal)

**Michael Baum** comparative politics (Western and Southern Europe Africa, Latin America), theory, development studies and policy

**John J. Carroll (chairperson; director of university academic advising)** American politics (institutions, state governments), public law

**John Fobanjong** American government, ethnic politics, public administration, international relations (Africa)

**Kenneth L. Manning** constitutional law, judicial behavior, American politics

**Philip H. Melanson** public policy, American politics (governmental secrecy, political violence)

**Michael Steinman (dean of the college of arts and sciences)** American politics, public policy

Political Science majors must complete 36 credits in political science. In addition, majors must satisfy specific cognate requirements in selecting their distribution courses for the Bachelor of Arts degree.

The following courses are required:		Credits
PSC 101	Intro. to American Politics	3
PSC 151	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
PSC 161	Introduction to International Relations	3
PSC	200-level elective	3
PSC 349	Research Methods in Political Science	3
	One course in Political Theory from the following list:	3
PSC 320	American Political Thought I	
PSC 321	American Political Thought II	
PSC 351	Modern Political Thought	
PSC 352	Classical Political Thought	
PSC 353	Non-Western Political Thought	
PSC 354	Contemporary Political Thought	
PSC 357	Marxian Political Theory	
PSC	300-level electives	9
PSC 305	Internship	3
PSC	400-level Research Seminars (One each in junior and senior years)	6
<b>Total</b>		<b>36</b>

Political science majors must also take ECO 232 Macroeconomics.

This course complements and supports the major concentration and also satisfies a portion of the distribution requirements in social sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences.

## General Education Departmental Requirements

Students majoring in Political Science will meet their departmentally-controlled General Education requirements as follows:

Area E: Satisfied by ECO 232

Area I, Tier 2: Satisfied by PSC 349

Area W, Tier 2: Students may choose a course from the approved list

Area O: TBD

## Political Science Minor

Students choosing to Minor in Political Science must achieve at least a 2.5 average in all Political Science courses and a 2.0 cumulative grade point average. Students must formally declare the minor by the end of their fifth semester and must have completed 54 credits. Appropriate forms will be available from faculty advisors in the Political Science department.

### Requirements

The minor in political science consists of 21 credits. Minor course credits must be taken with at least three different professors.

The following courses are required:

	Credits
PSC 101 Intro. to American Politics	3
PSC 151 Intro. to Comparative Politics	3
PSC 349 Research Methods in Political Science	3
PSC 300-level electives	9
PSC 400-level Research Seminar	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

## Political Science Honors Program

The Political Science Department offers an Honors Program to qualified majors. To be admitted to the program, students must demonstrate outstanding scholarship during their first five semesters. Details of the program may be obtained from the Department Chairperson.

## Political Science Courses

**PSC 101** three credits **E**  
**Introduction to American Politics**  
 Theory and practice of national government in Congress, the Presidency, and the Supreme Court, and the interaction of these institutions with interest groups, political parties, public opinion and the mass media.

**PSC 151** three credits **G**  
**Introduction to Comparative Politics**  
 Study of political processes, ideologies, constitutional systems and governmental structure of foreign countries including Great Britain, France, Germany, the C.I.S. and selected Third World nations. Comparison with American system of government. Stress laid on the use of the analytical methods. (Formerly PSC 102.)

**PSC 161** three credits **G**  
**Introduction to International Relations**  
 Helps students relate, organize, and analyze political events that occur on the international level. Students will learn how to think critically about international relations and its impact on lives and well-being in the present and future. The concept of power, the factors that shape the foreign policies of states, the politics of economic relations, the use of force, and a broad range of global issues are examined.

**PSC 201-249** three credits  
**American Political Issues and Ideas**  
 Issues and ideas courses on selected topics to be developed by instructors as student interest and faculty preference indicate. Students who are not political science majors are particularly invited to enroll in such courses. Anticipated offerings in this category include Introduction to Political Economy, Local Politics, Political Essay, Political Assassinations in America, Fundamentals of Political Behavior.

The following are regularly offered:

**PSC 201** three credits  
**Class, Power, and the State**

**PSC 210** three credits  
**Politics of Health Care Reform**

**PSC 212** three credits  
**Politics in film**

**PSC 219** three credits  
**Workforce Development Policy: SCANS**

**PSC 222** three credits  
**Political Assassination in America**

**PSC 228** three credits  
**Problems of Law in Political Science**

In addition, the following have been offered recently:

**PSC 208** three credits  
**Politics of Welfare Reform**

**PSC 222** three credits  
**Political Assassination in America**

**PSC 224** three credits  
**Modern Employment Laws and Development in the Workplace**

**PSC 226** three credits  
**Problems in Comparative Politics**

**PSC 227** three credits  
**Campaigning for Congress**

**PSC 235** three credits  
**Environmental Policy**

**PSC 236** three credits  
**People and Politics**

**PSC 237** three credits  
**Politics of Free Speech and Religion**

**PSC 239** three credits **C, D**  
**African American Politics**  
 A study of the role of African Americans in the American political system, both historically and contemporarily, with special attention given to the alternative political strategies used in the struggle for political inclusion. Various philosophies that have been adopted to open up the political process and increase the democratic participation of African Americans are studied. Cross-listed as AAS 239.

**PSC 243** three credits  
**Ethnic Politics**  
 Prerequisites: PSC 101  
 The complex ethnic structure of the American political landscape. The course examines the role that ethnicity plays in American politics in a comparative examination of the politics of major racial and ethnic minority groups. Previously offered as PSC 266. Cross-listed as AAS 243.

**PSC 251-299** three credits  
**World Political Issues and Ideas**  
 Issues and ideas courses on selected topics to be developed by instructors as student interest and faculty preference indicate. Students who are not political science

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## Gen Ed Key

<b>C</b>	Cultural and Artistic Literacy
<b>E</b>	Ethics and Social Responsibility
<b>G</b>	Global Awareness
<b>D</b>	Diversity
<b>W</b>	Writing-Intensive Course
<b>I</b>	Information and Computer Literacy
<b>O</b>	Oral Skills

majors are particularly invited to enroll in such courses. Anticipated offerings in this category include Contemporary Issues in the Middle East, Contemporary Issues in World Politics, and Contemporary Issues in Human Rights.

The following are regularly offered:

**PSC 258** three credits  
**Political Psychology**

**PSC 261** three credits **G**  
**Problems US/China Relations**

**PSC 266** three credits **G**  
**Problems in Comparative Politics**

**PSC 291** three credits  
**Contemporary Issues in Human Rights**  
Central concepts in human rights and international barriers to action. This is a discussion course addressing questions like, Can or should human rights be protected internationally? Is it possible to balance conflicting rights? What is the continuing role of torture in Europe and elsewhere?

In addition, the following have been offered recently:

**PSC 253** three credits  
**Contemporary Issues: US and Middle East**

**PSC 286** three credits  
**Contemporary Issues in World Politics**

**PSC 301** three credits  
**The Presidency**  
Prerequisites: PSC 101 and upper-division standing  
The development of the contemporary presidency and its position within the American constitutional framework. Special attention will be paid to the presidential selection system, to alternate models of the presidency and to presidential power.

**PSC 302** three credits  
**The Legislative Process**  
Prerequisites: PSC 101 or permission of the instructor; and upper-division standing  
A thorough study of the United States Congress and its power to make law. Elections, legislative leadership, congressional committees, inter-branch relations, and the dynamics of the legislative process are some of the sub-themes.

**PSC 303** three credits **C, D, G**  
**Cape Verdean Politics and Society**

A study of Cape Verdeans as an ethnic sub-population in the United States, and as comprising an independent, self-governing nation-state. The historical, political, social, and economic contributions of Americans of Cape Verdean descent in the United States and in Cape Verde are examined. Cross-listed as AAS 303.

**PSC 304** three credits **W**  
**Bureaucratic Politics**  
Prerequisite: PSC 101 or prior coursework in social science  
A broad overview of the development and performance of bureaucratic institutions in the U.S. political system, exploring the extraordinary expansion of bureaucratic authority in recent decades and various explanations of government growth. A review of the historical development of bureaucratic institutions will set the stage for subsequent discussions of the performance of public sector organizations and prospects for significant reform in the next decade.

**PSC 305** three to fifteen credits  
**Internship**  
Students take part in internship opportunities in the public and private sector, in conjunction with a series of five on-campus seminars with core readings designed to integrate the student's real-world experience with the academic discipline. Students are placed on congressional and state legislative staffs, in state and local government, in the judicial system, in prosecutors' offices, in law firms, and a variety of other public and non profit organizations.

**PSC 306** three credits **C, D**  
**Civil Rights Movements in the United States**  
A study of the politics of civil rights and the various philosophical approaches that have been used to extend such rights to groups that have traditionally had no access to the agenda setting processes within the legislative system. Emphasis is placed on the philosophy of nonviolence and on the political effectiveness of such organizing strategies as marches, sit-ins, and public demonstrations; and how the American experience with civil rights has influenced civil rights movements in other parts of the world. Cross-listed as AAS 306.

**PSC 311** three credits  
**State Politics**  
Prerequisites: PSC 101 and upper-division standing  
An exploration of politics and government in

the American states. The course is a comparative analysis of the 50 states, although special attention will be given to Massachusetts.

**PSC 312** three credits  
**Massachusetts Politics**  
Prerequisites: PSC 101 or consent of instructor and upper-division standing  
An analysis of selected aspects of Massachusetts politics and government: the state legislature, electoral trends, parties, courts, and executive policy are potential subjects. There will be a special emphasis on student research.

**PSC 313** three credits **D**  
**Urban Politics**  
Prerequisites: PSC 101 and upper-division standing  
A critical examination of the urban political community in the United States. Particular attention is given to the adequacy of the city as an arena of conflict resolution and decision-making as well as such current problems as urban reconstruction in the ghettos. Field research in the area by individuals or groups is encouraged but not required. Cross-listed as AAS 313.

**PSC 315** three credits  
**Public Policy in America**  
Prerequisites: PSC 101 and upper-division standing  
The policy-making roles, processes, and dynamics of U.S. political institutions, including the federal bureaucracy, media, think tanks, and universities. Major theme and dynamics examined include: governmental secrecy, covert action, the role of scientific experts, and the right to privacy.

**PSC 317** three credits **C, D, G**  
**African Political Systems**  
A study of the contemporary politics of African states and governments, and providing exposure to the African historical backgrounds, political cultures, political trends, and ideology. The colonial heritage of African states, the quest for modernization and nation-building, and the transition to democratic governance are explored. Cross-listed as AAS 317.

**PSC 320** three credits  
**American Political Thought I**  
American political thought from the Revolution to the Civil War with particular emphasis on ideas of state-building and political economy. Readings may vary, but will likely include the Declaration of Independence, early state constitutions, the

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Articles of Confederation, The U.S. Constitution, The Federalist, selections from the Jacksonian democrats, and articles by George Fitzhugh.

**PSC 321** three credits

**American Political Thought II**

American political thought from the end of Reconstruction to the New Deal, with particular emphasis on ideas of state-building and political economy. Readings may vary but will likely include William Graham Sumner, selected American Socialists, J. Allen Smith, and Herbert Croly.

**PSC 322** three credits **O, W**

**Constitutional Law**

Prerequisites: PSC 101 and upper-division standing

Course centers on the development of the constitutional framework of American government. Supreme Court cases will cover judicial review, the powers of the three branches, and federalism.

**PSC 323** three credits **E**

**Civil Liberties**

Prerequisites: PSC 101 and upper-division standing.

In effect the second half of the course on Constitutional Law. The Civil Liberties course deals with the relations between the individual and the state as defined by U.S. Supreme Court decisions. Topics may include rights of racial minorities, freedom of speech, church-state relations, and the rights of criminal defendants.

**PSC 326** three credits

**Labor Relations:  
Law, Practice, and Policy**

An examination of the political and legal framework of U.S. labor relations. The course will include analysis of legislation and Supreme Court and NLRB cases which shape national labor policy and define relations among workers, employers, and the state. Cross-listed as LST 326.

**PSC 331** three credits

**Political Parties and Interest Groups**

Prerequisites: PSC 101 or written permission of instructor; and upper-division standing  
The development and function of political parties and political interest groups in American politics. Strategies for lobbying and for creating interest groups also examined.

**PSC 332** three credits

**Sex Roles and Politics**

Prerequisites: PSC 101 or PSC 238 or WMS

100, and upper-division standing

An examination of the impact of gender as a variable in American politics. The course analyzes women in the electorate as candidates, as office holders, and as political participants including participation in political organizations and lobbying groups. Cross-listed as WMS 332.

**PSC 333** three credits

**Political Behavior**

Prerequisites: PSC 101 or PSC 238 and PSC 349, or written permission of instructor; and upper-division standing

Examines political behavior within the American political system. Special emphasis on quantitative methods to examine participation. Original data sets which have provided the sources for assigned readings are supplied. Emphasis on socio-economic models of participation.

**PSC 339** three credits **D**

**Women and Public Policy**

Prerequisites: PSC 101 and upper-division standing

Examines public policies and landmark Supreme Court opinions relating to gender equality and women's interests in the United States. Topics may include educational policies, employment policies, child care policies, health care policies, reproductive rights, and policies relating to women as criminals. Cross-listed as WMS 339.

**PSC 341** three credits

**Governmental Secrecy**

Prerequisite: PSC 101

A survey of the political issues and policies relating to the federal secrecy system and the individual agencies within it, such as the CIA, FBI, Pentagon, and National Security Agency. Major topic areas include classification and declassification systems, rights to privacy, national secrecy, and proposed changes and reforms. The balance between secrecy and the public right to know in a democratic system is a primary focus, and legal processes for citizens to obtain information are explored: Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, administrative and legal challenges to government withholding of information regarding both individual files and topics concerning political/historical events.

**PSC 342** three credits

**Public Administration**

Prerequisites: PSC 101 and upper-division standing

Examination of the general nature of the bureaucracy in public and private organiza-

tion and in various cultural contexts.

Attention is given to administrative responsibility.

**PSC 347** three credits

**Environmental Law**

Prerequisite: Upper-division standing

An introduction to basic concepts of environmental law. The emphasis is on broad introductory themes.

**PSC 349** three credits

**Political Science Research Methods**

Prerequisites: PSC 101, 151, or 161, or permission of instructor; and upper-division standing

An introduction to the various subfields of political science from a practitioner's point of view. Students will learn how to study politics "scientifically" using theories, hypotheses, and concepts to explore the relationships among variables. Students will also learn how to define and critique concepts commonly used in professional journals. The course concludes with an overview of descriptive statistics and their application to data analysis within a Political Science framework.

**PSC 351** three credits

**Modern Political Thought**

Prerequisite: Upper-division standing

European political theorists from the 16th through 19th centuries. Course will focus on the development of modern liberalism with some attention to its nineteenth century critics. Readings may vary, but most likely will include the major political writings of Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and Bentham.

**PSC 352** three credits

**Classical Political Thought**

Prerequisite: Upper-division standing

European political theorists from ancient Greece through the 15th century. Readings may vary, but most likely will include the major political writings of Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, and others.

**PSC 353** three credits **G**

**Non-Western Political Thought**

Prerequisite: Upper-division standing

The political philosophy of non-western thinkers whose ideas had a deep impact on the political institutions in lands outside Europe. Emphasis is on Buddhist, Hindu and Muslim thinkers who at different periods of history gave insightful expositions of human nature in politics.

**PSC 354** three credits

**Contemporary Political Thought**

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Prerequisite: Upper-division standing  
The recent ideological currents in advanced capitalist societies: neo-conservatism, neo-liberalism, syndicalism, postmarxian socialism, eco-anarchism, and corporate fascism. The course will focus on political thinkers who have made significant contributions to the interpretation of contemporary political and economic developments.

**PSC 357** three credits  
**Marxian Political Theory**  
Prerequisite: PSC 201 or 204, ECO 232, SOC 200; or permission of the instructor  
The basic concepts of 'Radical' political economy. Course will include an in-depth analysis of Marx's *Capital*, Vol. I, as well as a survey of current trends in the development of a critical theory of the state. Cross-listed as LST 357.

**PSC 360** three credits **G**  
**Politics and Governments of Western Europe**  
Prerequisite: PSC 151 or upper-division standing  
The political culture, historical political development, and governmental institutions of major Western European nations, including the European Union. The course will focus on Britain, France, Germany, and Italy.

**PSC 361** three credits  
**Chinese Government and Politics**  
Prerequisites: PSC 151 and upper-division standing  
An introduction to the People's Republic of China and its political process. The interrelationships between China's revolutionary heritage and the development of Maoist ideology and mass mobilization politics, economic policy, and foreign policy will be examined. Finally, post-Mao politics will be studied to determine the degree and direction of change and its implication for Chinese politics and for the Chinese people.

**PSC 363** three credits **C, G**  
**Politics and Government of the Middle East**  
Prerequisite: Upper-division standing  
The politics of the Middle East in terms of the region's history, geography, culture and the impact of the West. Country studies include Turkey, Egypt, Syria, Israel, Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and other Gulf States.

**PSC 366** three credits **C, G**  
**Islam and Politics**  
The political and cultural history of Islam.

Students will learn about the contemporary revolutionary religious movements in Muslim countries and their effect on world politics.

**PSC 368** three credits **G, W**  
**Government and Politics of the Former Soviet Union**  
Prerequisites: PSC 151 or permission of the instructor, and upper-division standing  
Examination of the factors which led to the demise of the former Soviet Union as well as the politics of transition during the post-Soviet period including the relationships between political and economic change, institution building, and state capability, and the evolution of new sources of political legitimacy.

**PSC 369** three credits  
**Transitions to Democracy**  
Transitions from non-democratic to democratic regimes in three major areas of the world, Southern Europe, the Soviet Union and East-Central Europe, and South America, from a comparative theoretical perspective. Theoretical problems include what democracy is and is not, democratic transition and democratic consolidation, how and why transitions to democracy have occurred, and factors that influence the success or failure of democratization.

**PSC 381** three credits  
**Contemporary International Relations**  
Prerequisite: Upper-division standing  
Problems in international relations with emphasis on changing characteristics of contemporary world politics. Attention is given to super-power politics and accommodations (detente) in Europe, East Asia, the Middle East, and Africa, and the problems associated with the emergence of a new world order.

**PSC 382** three credits  
**American Foreign Policy**  
Prerequisite: PSC 161 or permission of the instructor  
Policy choices made by the United States and the actors, institutions, and influences that affect those decisions. Students gain an understanding of the foreign policy positions of presidential candidates and presidents, the various influences on the making of American foreign policy and the American foreign policy process, and the impact of the changing international environment on American foreign policy.

**PSC 383** three credits **G, W**  
**The Politics of International Economic**

**Relations**  
Prerequisites: PSC 151 or PSC 161 or permission of instructor, and upper-division standing  
Examination of the politics and impact of international economic issues globally, including how international economic policies are made, their differential impact on industrialized and less-industrialized countries, and the evolution and behavior of important actors in the global economy (governments, international organizations, NGOs).

**PSC 385** three credits  
**Multiculturalism and Diplomacy in World Affairs**  
Prerequisites: PSC 151, 161  
Diplomacy, negotiation, and foreign policy decision-making. Students will learn the theory of negotiation from structured student-participation discussions. Students then participate in a multi-university, multi-national foreign policy web-based simulation exercise that helps illustrate the problems and possibilities of international interactions, in which students negotiate with other "state" diplomats to achieve foreign policy goals concerning such issues as drug trafficking, terrorism, human rights, world health, the environment, and debt and development.

**PSC 386** three credits  
**International Conflict**  
Prerequisite: PSC 161  
Analysis of the causes of and state responses to international conflict and violence. A particular emphasis is placed on ethnic conflict, managing conflict, and the future of international conflict. Can conflict be minimized or controlled? Is our world more or less safe than it was before? Are we heading toward a World War III?

**PSC 393** three credits **G**  
**Portugal and the European Union**  
Prerequisite: sophomore standing or above  
Examines the political, economic, and demographic shifts in Portuguese society that have accompanied the process of European integration. This is a four-week summer course offered in a study-abroad format in Portugal. Various field trips and guest lectures will shed light on the impact of EU integration.

**PSC 394** three credits **G**  
**The Politics of European Integration**  
Prerequisite: sophomore standing or above  
Topics on European integration, the historical development of the European

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Union, eastward expansion, treaties, the Single Market, the EURO, theories of European integration, and challenges facing small states in the EU. This is a four-week summer course offered in a study-abroad format in Portugal. Various field trips and guest lectures will shed light on the impact of EU integration.

**PSC 395** three credits **G**  
**Politics and Development of Modern Portugal**

The politics and economic development of 20th century Portugal. This course will explore the links between changes in the socio-economic structures of the country and the transformation of the political system. Portuguese colonialism, the corporatist Estado Novo, and the transition to and consolidation of democracy will be examined from a comparative European perspective.

**PSC 400-449** three credits  
**Seminars in American Politics and Ideas**  
Recently offered seminars include:

**PSC 401** three credits **O**  
**Seminar: American Presidency**

**PSC 403** three credits  
**Seminar: The Corporate State**

**PSC 405** three credits  
**Seminar: Sports and Politics**

**PSC 407** three credits  
**Seminar: Identity Politics**

**PSC 408** three credits  
**Seminar: Judicial Process**

**PSC 412** three credits  
**Seminar: Contemporary American Political Ideas**

**PSC 444** three credits  
**Seminar: Politics of Assassination**

**PSC 445** three credits  
**Research Seminar in American Politics and Ideas**

**PSC 450-494** three credits  
**Seminars in World Politics and Ideas**  
Recently offered seminars include:

**PSC 451** three credits **G**  
**Seminar: Politics of Developing Countries**

**PSC 456** three credits  
**Seminar: Globalization**

**PSC 477** three credits  
**Research Seminar in World Politics and Ideas**

**PSC 495** variable credit  
**Independent Study**  
Prerequisites: Upper-division standing; permission of instructor, department chairperson, and college dean  
Study under the supervision of a faculty member in an area not otherwise part of the discipline's course offerings. Conditions and hours to be arranged.

**PSC 196, 296, 396, 496** variable credit  
**Directed Study**  
Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor, department chairperson, and college dean  
Study under the supervision of a faculty member in an area covered in a regular course not currently being offered. Conditions and hours to be arranged.

**PSC 499** variable credit  
**Thesis**  
Undergraduate thesis under the supervision of a faculty member, by arrangement.

**Course for the Master of Arts in Teaching**

**PSC 501** three credits  
**Teaching Political Science in Secondary Schools**

Analysis of the policy-making process, particularly in contemporary American national, state and local politics; comparative analysis of other political systems; development of issue oriented case studies and units for use in secondary school social studies courses; development of critical thinking and communications skills.