



Engaging the Social Sciences: the Political Science Program

Presentation for SSC 101

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General Education Requirements

- Perspectives on Society
 - Majors must choose two of the following
 - ANT 101
 - GEO 201 & 303
 - SOC 101



Special Degree Requirements

- Two options
 - Foreign language
 - Choose one language, 12 hours
 - If two years were completed at the HS level, then only 6 hours at the 200 level are required
 - Humanities electives (15 hours)
 - Philosophy electives (6 hours) and
 - Humanities electives (9 hours approved by advisor)



Major Course Requirements

- Required Political Science Courses (18 hours) for majors
 - PSC 406 State & Local Government
 - PSC 431 Classical to Medieval Political Theory
 - PSC 432 Renaissance to Modern Political Theory
 - PSC 441 American Constitutional Theory



New Political Science Courses

Comparative Politics and International Relations

- PSC 302 Politics of Globalization
- PSC 360 Comparative Politics
- PSC 361 Politics of Developing Areas
- PSC 365 African Politics
- PSC 370 International Politics
- PSC 371 US Foreign Policy



PSC 302 Politics of Globalization

- *Introduction to the political, economic, social, and cultural aspects of globalization and its relationship to domestic public policy and politics.*
- Topics
 - Energy & Environmental Policy
 - Globalization & the American South
 - Human Trafficking
 - Immigration Policy
 - Language Policy
 - Multinational Corporations
 - Terrorism
 - Trade Policy



PSC 360 Comparative Politics

- *Cross-national analysis of political institutions and political cultures across a number of political systems.*
- Focus
 - Industrialized democracies
 - Post-communist countries
 - Emerging democracies & nondemocratic countries



PSC 361 Politics in Developing Areas

- *Introduction to politics and policy issues in a variety of countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, & the Middle East.*
- Topics
 - Colonialism & 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 & ethnic conflict
 - Women's role across the continent



PSC 370 International Politics

- *Introduction to international relations.*
- Topics
 - Foreign Policy making
 - Global governance
 - Global conflicts
 - International, State, & Nonstate Actors
 - Political Economy
 - Trends & Theories of World Politics



PSC 371 US Foreign Policy

- *Analyzes the institutions, actors, & issues shaping US foreign policy.*
- Topics
 - Global war on terror
 - Foreign policy by region
 - International policy issues
 - National security issues
 - Regional & bilateral relations
 - War in Iraq



Careers in Political Science

- You can get started now by
 - Choosing a foreign language for your special degree requirement
 - Volunteering or working as an intern for a local or national political campaign, a local community service or international organization
 - Getting involved in student activities such as
 - Joining an existing political or cultural student organization at DSU
 - Organizing a political discussion group for students
 - Participating in student government at DSU
 - Writing about political issues for *The Delta Statement*
 - Working on a project with a faculty member
 - Attending a guest speaker lecture sponsored by the Agora Club or the Madison Center



Careers in Political Science

Have you considered a career in the Federal Government?

Examples include

- Civil service
- Foreign service
- Military or Intelligence

- More information can be found at
 - USAJobs <http://www.usajobs.gov/>
 - State Department careers <http://careers.state.gov/index.html>

- Relevant upper-division courses
 - Comparative Politics
 - International Politics
 - Public Administration
 - Advanced International Seminar
 - Practicum
 - The Washington Semester



Careers in Political Science

Working in state or local government?

Political Science Alumni have found positions such as case managers, welfare officers, and state legislative staff members.

MS Lt. Governor Amy Tuck majored in Political Science

- http://www.ltgov.ms.gov/Amy_Tuck.htm

- More information can be found at
 - Mississippi http://www.mississippi.gov/ms_sub_template.jsp?Category_ID=7005
 - USAJobs State & Local Opportunities <http://www.thejobpage.gov/statelocal.asp>
 - State Employment sites <http://www.statelocalgov.net/50states-jobs.cfm>

- Relevant upper-division courses
 - Legislation
 - Practicum
 - Public Administration
 - Southern Politics
 - State and Local government
 - Women and Politics



Careers in Political Science

Have you considered a career in Washington D.C. on Capitol Hill?

Examples

- Assistant or a staff member for a US Congress member
- More information can be found at
 - American Political Science Association (APSA) Washington Guide http://apsanet.org/content_3360.cfm
 - *Roll Call* (RC Jobs) <http://www.rcjobs.com/>
 - The Politix Group <http://www.politixgroup.com/uscongressjobs.htm>
 - The Hill <http://thehill.com/employment/>
 - Campaigns & Elections <http://www.campaignline.com/politicalcareers/index.cfm?navid=30>
- Relevant upper-division courses
 - American Political Parties & Politics
 - American Presidency
 - Legislation
 - Practicum
 - Public Opinion & Participation
 - Washington Semester
 - Women and Politics



Careers in Political Science

Have you considered working for an interest group?

Examples

- Lobbyist

- More information can be found at
 - Jobster <http://www.jobster.com/find/US/jobs/for/lobbyist>
 - JuJu <http://www.job-search-engine.com/keyword/entry-level-lobbyist>

- Relevant upper-division courses
 - American Political Parties & Politics
 - Government Regulation of Business
 - Legislation
 - Practicum
 - Public Opinion & Participation
 - Washington Semester



Careers in Political Science

Have you considered a career working for an international organization?

Examples

- International Volunteer
- Political Affairs Officer
- Program Analyst
- Regional Specialist Officer

- More information can be found at
 - Peace Corps <http://www.peacecorps.gov/>
 - United Nations Volunteer <http://www.unv.org/>
 - UN International Civil Service <https://jobs.un.org/Galaxy/Release3/vacancy/vacancy.aspx>

- Relevant upper-division courses
 - Advanced International Seminar
 - Comparative Politics
 - International Politics
 - Politics of Developing Areas



Careers in Political Science

Have you considered a career in journalism?

Examples

- Media Political affairs specialist (domestic or international)

- More information can be found at
 - JournalismJobs <http://www.journalismjobs.com/>
 - JournalismNet <http://www.journalismnet.com/jobs/world.htm>

- Relevant upper-division courses
 - Advanced International Seminar
 - American Presidency
 - Comparative Politics
 - International Politics
 - Media Law & Politics
 - Politics of Developing Areas
 - Public Opinion & Participation
 - State & Local Government
 - Southern Politics



Careers in Political Science

Have you considered teaching?

Political Science Alumni have found positions working as teachers in Mississippi at the secondary education level or in educational administration.

- More information can be found at
 - TeachingJobs <http://www.teachingjobs.com/>
 - EducationAmerica <http://www.educationamerica.net/>

- Relevant upper-division courses
 - American Presidency
 - State & Local Government
 - Southern Politics



Careers in Political Science

Have you considered pursuing a professional degree such as a MBA or doing business abroad?

- Examples
 - Government Relations Officer
 - International Business Specialist

- More information can be found at
 - Quintessential Careers http://www.quintcareers.com/MBA_jobs.html
 - MBA Careers <http://www.mbacareers.com/>
 - DSU College of Business MBA program <http://www.deltastate.edu/pages/2063.asp>

- Relevant upper-division courses
 - Advanced International Seminar
 - American Presidency
 - Comparative Politics
 - Government Regulation of Business
 - International Politics
 - Principles of Public Administration
 - State & Local Government



Careers in Political Science

Have you considered graduate or law school?

Political Science Alumni have continued to study political science in a number of graduate programs. Others enrolled in law school and have become lawyers or judges.

- More information can be found at
 - American Bar Association <http://www.abanet.org/legaled/approvedlawschools/alpha.html>
 - American Political Science Association (APSA) http://apsanet.org/section_419.cfm
 - DSU Career & Graduate School Fairs <http://www.deltastate.edu/pages/2448.asp>
- Relevant upper-division courses
 - American Constitutional Theory
 - American & Democratic Political Thought
 - Civil Liberties, Civil Rights & Law
 - Classical to Medieval Political Theory
 - Constitutional Law
 - Judicial Process
 - Modern Political Theory
 - Moot Court Competition
 - Political Ideologies



Careers in Political Science

Please feel free to see any of the Political Science faculty to discuss or assistance in your career planning.