

# Political Science Advisement Newsletter

Fall 2011

**Political Science Majors and Minors, Greetings!** I hope you are all having good semesters. Advisement for seniors begins on March 7th. Much like last year, we have more majors than ever, and there are no extra classrooms. These logistics mean that classes will be harder to get than ever. Once classes fill it is hard to get into them. In other words, register as early as you can! Please see your advisor and make sure that you are making adequate progress towards graduation.

## **New Classes:**

### **PSC 400: Political Communication**

This course will examine the role of, the effects of and the construction of political rhetoric in communicating political messages. The course will tie together literature in Political Science, Communication Studies, English, sociology and the behavioral sciences to enable students to reflect upon how their experience as liberal arts students encourage a broader and deeper understanding of political communication. This course fulfills tier III of the LAC.

### **PSC 460: The Challenges of Democracy**

This course will provide a critical survey of the American political system, intended to examine some of the academic critiques of various aspects of governance in the U.S. This class will examine the merits of various aspects of the political system, for example whether the Constitutional provision of checks and balances is a needed check on tyranny of the majority, as James Madison claimed, or an excessive obstruction to democratic government, as others have argued. Thus, we will be examining various aspects of inputs into the American political system (ways in which citizens may influence their government), institutional arrangements within that system (things such as Congress and the president, but also things like the Federal Reserve Board), and some policies (such as taxes).

## **NEW REQUIREMENTS:**

PSC 210: Research Methods has been eliminated and replaced with two required courses, PSC 201: Applied Qualitative Research Methods and PSC 202: Applied Quantitative Research Methods. It is recommended that students take these methods courses during alternating semesters of the sophomore year. Students who matriculated prior to Fall 2010 who have not yet taken PSC 210, must take both new methods courses; however, they can count one course towards the research methods requirement, and the other course will replace one of the 7 electives in your major (in any of the three categories). Any student entering the department in Fall 2010 or later, has both PSC 201 and PSC 202 courses required in addition to the 7 electives. Remember, if you have not yet taken PSC 210, you will need to take both PSC 201 and PSC 202. **Questions???** **Speak to your advisor ASAP**

## **Welcome New Students- Freshman/Transfer Information**

If you are new, we welcome you to the program and hope you find all you need here. Please see your advisor with any questions.

Freshmen, be aware that you need to complete the appropriate Math, English, HPE, and Colloquium (LAP 130) requirements in your first thirty credits, otherwise the university will freeze your registration.

## **Fall 2011 Political Science Courses**

PSC 110-01	American Government/Politics	Easton, Whitney	MWF	01:00 P.M.– 1:50 P.M.
PSC 110-03	American Government/Politics	Easton, Whitney	MWF	02:00 P.M.-02:50 P.M.
PSC 110-9A	American Government/Politics	Krassas, Nicole	MWF	10:00 A.M.-10:50 P.M.
PSC 110-9B	American Government/Politics	Krassas, Nicole	MWF	09:00 A.M.-09:50 A.M.
PSC 110-9C	American Government/Politics	Salka, William	TR	09:30 A.M.-10:45 A.M.
PSC 140-01	International Relations	Vasillopulos, Christopher	TR	11:00 A.M-12:15 P.M.
PSC 140-02	International Relations	Vasillopulos, Christopher	TR	12:030 P.M.-01:45 P.M.
PSC 140-03	International Relations	Staff, *	MWF	11:00 A.M.-11:50 A.M.
PSC 140-04	International Relations	Staff, *	MWF	12:00 P.M.-12:50 P.M.
PSC 201-01	Applied Qualitative Methods	Krassas, Nicole	MWF	11:00 A.M.-11:50 A.M.

PSC 202-01	Applied Quantitative Methods	de Vries, Helma G.	TR	11:00 A.M.-12:15 P.M.
PSC 202-02	Applied Quantitative Methods	de Vries, Helma G.	TR	02:00 P.M.-03:15 P.M.
PSC 205-01	Public Administration	Vasillopulos, Christopher	TR	02:00 P.M.-03:15 P.M.
PSC 208-01	Comparative Gov't And Politics	Staff, *	MWF	10:00 A.M.-10:50 P.M.
PSC 310-01	European Politics	de Vries, Helma G.	TR	09:30 A.M.-10:45 A.M.
PSC 311-01	International Development	de Vries, Helma G.	T	04:00 P.M.- 06:45 P.M.
PSC 320-01	American Foreign Policy	Staff, *	M	07:00 P.M.- 09:45 P.M.
PSC 326-01	Politics Of Race/Class/Gender	Dudas, Mary	S	08:30 A.M.- 04:30 P.M.
PSC 340-01	Constitnl Law II-Civil Liberty	Dudas, Mary	MWF	02:00 P.M.-02:50 P.M.
PSC 350-01	Public Policy/Decision Making	Rappa, John	S	08:30 A.M.- 04:30 P.M.
PSC 355-01	Nuclear Threat/Peaceful Change	Staff, *	MWF	02:00 P.M.-02:50 P.M.
PSC 357-01	Nationalism And Imperialism	Vasillopulos, Christopher	W	04:00 P.M.- 06:45 P.M.
PSC 400-01	Political Communication	Krassas, Nicole	TR	09:30 A.M.-10:45 A.M.
PSC 460-01	The Challenges of Democracy	Salka, William	M	04:00 P.M.- 06:45 P.M.



**Political Science Honor Society Inductees at their Induction Ceremony**

### **University Writing Requirements**

ECSU no longer requires students to submit a portfolio to complete the second level writing requirement.

Students still need to complete the seminar, PSC 460, to receive the 3rd level writing requirement (300-400 level)

### **Graduation Audits:**

Audits are due. You can still graduate even if you don't turn in the audit on time, but you may not be listed in the program so it is a good idea to get the paperwork in. The forms are available on-line or in the History Office and have to be turned into the Registrar's Office. You can "walk" at graduation even if you plan to finish up your coursework in the summer as long as you don't need more than 6 additional credits.

### **LAC Tier III Requirement:**

Those students who fall under the LAC and are planning to graduate in the next year will need to take PSC 400. This newly created course will fulfill both the Tier III LAC requirement and the Theory/Methods section of the Political Science major requirements.