PSC 5199 Non-Thesis Degree Completion (1)
To fulfill requirements for non-thesis master's students who need to complete final degree requirements other than coursework during their last semester. This may include such things as a comprehensive examination, oral examination, or foreign language requirement. Students are required to be registered during the semester they graduate.

PSC 5310 Seminar in American Politics (3)
Examination of American politics, institutions, and behavior. Topics will vary within the subfield of American politics. May be repeated three times for graduate credit when topics differ.

PSC 5311 Readings from the Philosophers (3)
Cross-listed as PHI 5311
See PHI 5311 for course information.

PSC 5312 Social Science Data Analysis (3)
Cross-listed as SOC 5312
See SOC 5312 for course information.

PSC 5315 Development of International Relations Thought (3)
A study of major thinkers on international politics through history, with reference to contemporary international relations thought.

PSC 5320 Seminar in Comparative Public Policy (3)
Modern industrial state in Western democracies from a comparative policy perspective, with selected emphasis on such topics as economic management, re-industrialization, social welfare, environmental protection, education, health care, defense, and housing/transportation.

PSC 5321 Seminar in Public Law (3)
Role(s) of the judiciary in American politics and administration. Areas examined may include American constitutional development, constitutional and legal interpretation, judicial behavior and politics, including the role of interest groups and public opinion, and judicial recruitment. May be repeated three times for graduate credit when topics differ.

PSC 5322 Seminar in Public Administration (3)
Special topics, including organizational theory, administrative behavior, and personnel management, financial management and budgeting, program management and evaluation, and quantitative analysis. May be repeated for credit when topics differ.

PSC 5323 Research Design and Research Methods (3)
Cross-listed as ENV 5323
Introduction to the discipline of political science, focusing particularly on research methods, research design, and questions relating to the philosophy of science.

PSC 5324 Seminar in Comparative Politics (3)
Political culture, institutions, processes, and policies from a cross national perspective. Emphasis on role of political, economic, social, and cultural factors relating to political development, stability, and organization. Research topics and primary country analyses may vary.

PSC 5325 Seminar in International Relations (3)
Theories concerning relations among nations, foreign policy formation and administration, cases of cooperation and conflict within the society of nations. Research topics vary so as to cover a broad range of contemporary issues, problems, and diplomatic practice.

PSC 5330 American Political Development (3)
Cross-listed as AMS 5330
Study of the development and reform of political institutions and practices over the course of American history.

PSC 5333 Seminar in Political Philosophy (3)
Cross-listed as PHI 5333
Select topics and issues in contemporary political theory developed and explored with an emphasis on the seminal writings of original thinkers and on the contemporary debates surrounding these writings. Possible themes of this course include postmodern political thought, neo-Kantian and neo-Hegelian political theory, contemporary liberal and communitarian thought, theories of justice, contemporary relevance of ancient political philosophy.

PSC 5335 Seminar in National Security Decision Making (3)
Analysis of the components of national security strategy and those international and domestic factors that shape it. Seminar covers the process, factors, institutions, and issues in national security decision making.

PSC 5340 The American Founding (3)
Cross-listed as AMS 5340
Study of the debates on the proper structure, institutional arrangements, and purposes of government during the Founding period focusing on the creation and ratification of the American constitution.

PSC 5342 Seminar on Religion, Law, and Politics (3)
Cross-listed as PHI 5342, REL 5340
See PHI 5342 for course information.

PSC 5343 Classical Political Thought (3)
Cross-listed as PHI 5343
Study of selected major texts in classical (Greek and Roman) political thought, with an emphasis on the origin of political philosophy in the thought of Socrates and its development in the works of Plato and Aristotle. This course may be repeated, for a maximum of nine credit hours, when content differs.

PSC 5344 Comparative Constitutional Law (3)
Comparative analysis of constitutional theory and development, the link between democracy and constitutionalism, and the role of judicial review. Different constitutional approaches to issues such as executive-legislative relations, federalism, political participation, and civil liberties will be considered.

PSC 5345 American Foreign Policy (3)
Course examines the theory and practice of American foreign policy. Emphasis is on major issues in United States diplomacy and basic ideas governing American foreign policy.

PSC 5350 Seminar in Presidential Rhetoric (3)
Cross-listed as CSS 5350
Survey of the genres of presidential rhetoric and theories of the rhetorical presidency; critical analysis of presidential discourse in selected eras, with focus on texts in context; methods of evaluating presidential communication.

PSC 5353 Medieval Political Thought (3)
Cross-listed as PHI 5353
Study of selected major texts in medieval political thought, with an emphasis on either major thinker(s), or theme(s). Themes may include nature and grace, politics and salvation, theology and practical wisdom. This course may be repeated, for a maximum of nine credit hours, when content differs.
PSC 5355 Development of Strategic Thought (3)
This seminar will examine the ideas of strategic thinkers who lived in a variety of historical periods. Students will read works by major strategists including Thucydides, Sun Tzu, Machiavelli, and Clausewitz.

PSC 5363 Modern Political Thought (3)
Cross-listed as PHI 5363
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to graduate program at Baylor University or consent of instructor
Study of selected major texts in modern political thought, from Machiavelli to Nietzsche. Course may be repeated, for a maximum of nine credit hours, when content differs.

PSC 5373 Contemporary Democratic Theory (3)
Study of themes, issues and debates defining the contemporary conversation about democracy among political theorists. Texts will include works of major importance to recent democratic theory.

PSC 5391 Reading Course in Political Science (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Graduate standing and consent of instructor
A tutorial course designed for advanced graduate study in political science to supplement other course requirements. The nature, limits, and requirements will be established in each instance after consultation between professor and student. May be repeated under a different topic for a total of six hours credit.

PSC 5392 Professional Paper in Public Policy and Administration (3)
Satisfies the non-thesis option for the Master of Public policy and Administration degree and the Master of Arts degree in international relations. A problem or topic in either public policy or administration will be selected, and the student will write a substantial paper for submission to the faculty. May not be taken if PSC 5V12 (Internship) is required.

PSC 5393 Advanced Seminar in Political Philosophy (3)
Cross-listed as PHI 5393
Concentrated study of major thinkers or texts in the history of political philosophy. This course may be taken more than once, for a maximum of eighteen credit hours, when content differs.

PSC 5395 Professional Paper in International Relations (3)
Under the direction of a supervising professor, a problem or topic in international relations to be selected and a substantial paper to be written. This is one of the options for the master's degree in international relations.

PSC 5396 Teaching Political Science (3)
Directed readings done in conjunction with an undergraduate course for which the student serves as a teaching apprentice. Course requirements include graduate-level research paper and annotated bibliography of undergraduate course materials. May be taken three times for graduate credit, in conjunction with different undergraduate courses.

PSC 5V12 Graduate Internship (1-6)
Pre-requisite(s): Consent of Director of Graduate Studies required
Internship of a minimum of three months of supervised, full-time employment. The experience combines practical field experience and research. Completion of the course requires a written report on the work done during the internship. Students seeking the MA in International Relations must work in a public or private concern involved in international affairs. Students seeking the MA in Public Policy Administration or the JD/MPPA must work in a public sector agency. All students must secure the permission of the Director of Graduate Studies to take this course.

PSC 5V99 Thesis (1-6)
Research, data analysis, writing, and oral defense of an approved master's thesis. At least six hours of PSC 5V99 are required.

PSC 6V10 Prospectus Research (1-6)
Pre-requisite(s): Completion of regular coursework
Supervised research for developing and writing a dissertation prospectus that will be the subject of an oral defense that will admit students to candidacy. A student may repeat this course for credit with a maximum of twelve total hours. Registration for this course is the equivalent of full-time status for graduate students.

PSC 6V99 Dissertation (1-12)
Pre-requisite(s): Consent of the student’s supervisory committee and admission to candidacy
Supervised research for the doctoral dissertation with a minimum of twelve semester hours required. Three to six of these hours may be taken in a section of 6V99 designed for the purpose of discussion and criticism of dissertation chapters and journal articles. Dissertation writing group will also serve as a forum for research presentations for job interviews when appropriate.