

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIOLOGY

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Mission Statement

Through a study of government, law, public policy, international relations, and area studies, our mission is to prepare students with knowledge and skills for a number of career possibilities, and to instill civic responsibility and leadership.

Courses

PS-598 Special Topics/Special Projects **Credits: 3**

Term Offered: All Terms

Course Type(s): None

Offered occasionally to match the interest of the students' and the professor teaching the course. The instruction will follow classroom lectures and discussions on the topic. The exact nature of the topic covered in any given semester is indicated on the student's transcript. Permission of the program director is required to take this course.

PS-599 Readings and Research **Credits: 3**

Term Offered: All Terms

Course Type(s): None

An independent research study based on relevant research and the writing of a substantial paper designed and executed by the student in consultation with a supervising professor. The subject matter should cover public policy and related areas. Prior permission of the directing professor and department chair is required to take this course.

SO-505 Critical Issues in Crime and Delinquency **Credits: 3**

Course Type(s): None

An overview of some of the major problems confronting criminology and the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Current criminological literature and research will be evaluated in terms of its ability to suggest solutions to these problems.