

## **POLITICAL SCIENCE**

### **POS 201**

#### **Introduction to American Government**

**(3)**

American political institutions, processes and behavior. The relationships among cultural, legal and social aspects of the political system. Structure, organization and function of political parties, pressure groups and mass media. Application to contemporary issues and events. Satisfies the civic education requirement.

**3 Class Hours**

### **POS 203**

#### **International Relations**

**(3)**

An examination of basic concepts and principles of world politics: international conflict resolution, international organizations, and the struggle for power. Factors affecting the relationships among the major powers. The role of diplomacy, alliances, war and peace in the world arena.

**3 Class Hours**

### **POS 204**

#### **American State and Local Government**

**(3)**

Theory and practice of state and local government, utilizing a problem-solving or “policy” approach. Students are encouraged to explore in depth the workings of city and county governments locally. Satisfies the civic education requirement.

**3 Class Hours**

### **POS 299**

#### **Independent Study**

**(1-3)**

An independent student project which is beyond the scope of courses currently offered by the department, directed by a faculty member with approval of the department chairperson.

**Prerequisite: 3 Semester hours of political science.**