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BA in Political Studies
BA in Public Administration

The Department of Political Studies and Public Administration (PSPA) offers two major programs: one leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies, and one leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration. Students wishing to transfer to PSPA must secure and maintain the approval of the department and must satisfy the conditions detailed below. Acceptance to the department is subject to the availability of places.

Mission Statements

The mission of the BA program in Political Studies at AUB is to provide students with an understanding of the political ideas, institutions and processes that inform, shape, and regulate domestic and international politics. The core curriculum is designed to engage students in the critical analysis and assessment of the political world, and help them acquire the intellectual, practical and moral skills that are necessary for their development as future academics, civil servants, and responsible citizens. The program is committed to serving the university's liberal arts model of higher education, and provides students with the intellectual means to understand and reflect on major political issues that define their individual and communal life.

Part time
The mission of the BA program in Public Administration is to educate students, and help them develop knowledge, skills and abilities in the discipline of public administration. This includes teaching students to become innovative leaders by developing their managerial and analytic skills, thereby preparing them for professional success. The program is designed to provide students with in-depth knowledge and training geared towards the building of a generalist, academic, professional, and ethical background, and to enhance students' decision-making, analytical and interpersonal skills. We aim to increase our students' understanding of the political, constitutional, legal, economic, social, cultural, and organizational environments within which they will work.

Graduation Requirements

University Requirements

• **Language requirements:** 6 credits of English and 3 credits of Arabic.

• **General Education requirements:** 12 credits in the humanities including 6 credits of CVSP; 6 credits in the social sciences; 6 credits in the natural sciences, and 3 credits in quantitative thought.

• **Major Courses:** 39 credits of PSPA courses, both for PS and PA majors.

Students majoring in Political Studies are required to complete 39 credits in the department, which must include PSPA 201, PSPA 202, PSPA 203, PSPA 210, PSPA 211, PSPA 213, and either PSPA 253 or PSPA 256. Six additional Political Studies courses, including one senior seminar, are required. These six courses can be selected from PSPA 214-256; PSPA 286; PSPA 288-293; and PSPA 299.

Students majoring in Public Administration are required to complete 39 credits in the department, which must include PSPA 201, PSPA 202, PSPA 203, PSPA 212, PSPA 273, PSPA 276, and PSPA 277. Six additional courses are required. Four courses should be taken in one of the sub-fields (Public Management or Public Policy) and the remaining two courses in the other sub-field. The Public Management courses are PSPA 222, PSPA 257, PSPA 258, PSPA 259, PSPA 272, PSPA 275, PSPA 278, and PSPA 297. The Public Policy courses are PSPA 260, PSPA 261, PSPA 262, PSPA 263, and PSPA 298. One of these courses should be a senior seminar (PSPA 297 or PSPA 298).

PSPA majors are required to take the following courses outside the department: one Economics course from the General Elective list; one course related to information technology (CMPS 206, CMPS 209 or INFO 200); one course related to statistical analysis (STAT 201, STAT 210, EDUC 227 or PSYC 213) and either SOAN 201 or PSYC 202.

All PSPA majors are required to complete PSPA 201, PSPA 202, and PSPA 203 by the end of their second semester in the program. All PSPA students must take ENGL 203 and ENGL 204 by the end of their third semester in the program. Majors are expected to choose, after consultation with their adviser, four courses that count as free electives.

Transfer of Major

**Transfer of Major within the Faculty of Arts and Sciences:** Transfers to the PSPA major require a grade of 70 in PSPA 201 and PSPA 202, plus a minimum of combined grade average of 70 in ENGL 203 and ENGL 204.
Transfer from one Faculty to another within the University: Students who wish to transfer from one faculty to another must complete the application for transfer form available on AUBsis. Students must apply within the deadlines specified in the University Calendar.

**Minor in PSPA**

**Minors for PSPA Majors**

Political Studies majors choosing to minor in Public Administration are required to take a minimum of 15 credits. The requirements are PSPA 212; plus four upper-level courses from the following list: PSPA 222, PSPA 257, PSPA 258, PSPA 259, PSPA 272, PSPA 273, PSPA 275, PSPA 277, PSPA 278, or PSPA 297. No courses taken for a major may be counted toward a minor; and vice versa.

Political Studies majors choosing to minor in Public Policy are required to take a minimum of 15 credits. The requirements are PSPA 260 and PSPA 276; plus two upper-level courses from the following list: PSPA 223, PSPA 225, PSPA 238, PSPA 250, PSPA 251, PSPA 252, PSPA 259, PSPA 261, PSPA 262, PSPA 263, PSPA 277, or PSPA 278. No courses taken for a major may be counted toward a minor; and vice versa.

Public Administration majors choosing to minor in Political Studies are required to take a minimum of 15 credits. The requirements are one of the following: PSPA 210, PSPA 211 or PSPA 213; and any four upper-level courses from the following list: PSPA 214, PSPA 215, PSPA 216, PSPA 217, PSPA 218, PSPA 219, PSPA 221, PSPA 222, PSPA 223, PSPA 225, PSPA 228, PSPA 229, PSPA 231, PSPA 232, PSPA 233, PSPA 234, PSPA 235, PSPA 236, PSPA 237, PSPA 238, PSPA 239, PSPA 250, PSPA 251, PSPA 252, PSPA 253, PSPA 254, PSPA 255, or PSPA 256. No courses taken for a major may be counted toward a minor; and vice versa.

**Minors for Non-PSPA Majors**

Non-PSPA majors choosing to minor in Political Studies are required to take a minimum of 15 credits. The requirements are PSPA 201; one of the following: PSPA 210, PSPA 211 or PSPA 213; and any three upper-level courses from the following list: PSPA 214, PSPA 215, PSPA 216, PSPA 217, PSPA 218, PSPA 219, PSPA 221, PSPA 222, PSPA 223, PSPA 225, PSPA 228, PSPA 229, PSPA 231, PSPA 232, PSPA 233, PSPA 234, PSPA 235, PSPA 236, PSPA 237, PSPA 238, PSPA 239, PSPA 250, PSPA 251, PSPA 252, PSPA 253, PSPA 254, PSPA 255, PSPA 256, PSPA 286, PSPA 288, PSPA 289, PSPA 290, PSPA 291, PSPA 292, PSPA 292, and PSPA 299.

Non-PSPA majors choosing to minor in Public Administration are required to take a minimum of 15 credits. The requirements are PSPA 202 and PSPA 212; plus three upper-level courses from the following list: PSPA 222, PSPA 257, PSPA 258, PSPA 259, PSPA 272, PSPA 273, PSPA 275, PSPA 277, PSPA 278, PSPA 297 or PSPA 298.

Non-PSPA majors choosing to minor in Public Policy are required to take a minimum of 15 credits. The requirements are PSPA 202, PSPA 260 and PSPA 276; plus two upper-level courses from the following list: PSPA 223, PSPA 225, PSPA 238, PSPA 250, PSPA 251, PSPA 252, PSPA 261, PSPA 262, PSPA 263, PSPA 277, PSPA 278, PSPA 297 or PSPA 298.
PSPA 101  Issues in Contemporary Politics  3.0; 3 cr.
A course that examines the global context of politics, focusing on the changing world order in the twentieth century. Special attention is given to themes like democratization, civil society, ethnic conflict, human rights, and globalization. Each semester.

PSPA 201  Introduction to Political Science  3.0; 3 cr.
An introduction to the study of politics with emphasis on the basic concepts, ideas, and issues relating to the process of government in the modern state. Each semester.

PSPA 202  Introduction to Public Administration  3.0; 3 cr.
A course on the nature of public administration. Basic concepts, processes, and approaches in the field of public administration are introduced so that the student develops an appreciation for the role of public administration in modern society. Each semester.

PSPA 203  Research Methods  3.0; 3 cr.
A course that focuses on the problems involved in asking and answering questions about political science and public administration. This course presents the various analytical frameworks and methodological tools used for this purpose with emphasis on empirical approach, data collection, and analysis. Students cannot receive credit for both SOAN 210 and PSPA 203. Each semester.

PSPA 210  Introduction to Political Thought  3.0; 3 cr.
An introduction to the main Western and Islamic traditions in political philosophy and political theory. Students cannot receive credit for both PSPA 210 and PHIL 216. Each semester.

PSPA 211  Introduction to Comparative Politics  3.0; 3 cr.
A survey of concepts and issues in comparative politics. This course acquaints the student with basic theoretical frameworks for the study and analysis of political phenomena, and establishes criteria for comparing political systems. This course also closely examines the application of these concepts, frameworks, and criteria in selected countries. Each semester.

PSPA 212  Contemporary Trends in Public Administration and Management  3.0; 3 cr.
A course that deals with the contemporary transformation of the public sector and its relationship with government and society. This course evaluates managerialism in the public sector, privatization, and entrepreneurial government. Each semester.

PSPA 213  Introduction to International Politics  3.0; 3 cr.
A survey of the basic forces and factors determining relations among states, with special emphasis on the international system, foreign policy, national power, the restraints on determinants of state action, contemporary problems and major issues faced by states, and the patterns of interaction that prevail among states. Each semester.

PSPA 214  Early and Mediaeval Islamic Thought  3.0; 3 cr.
The course is an introduction to early and classical Islamic political thought. It focuses on the history, origins, developments and objectives of Islamic political history, theology, jurisprudence and politics as they relate to the state, society, and relations with non-Muslims. The course analyzes the essential concepts and events that make the political core doctrines of Islam: a political system, a political theology and ideology, and a theory of international relations. Comparisons and contrasts between different Islamic schools are to be made and explored. Occasionally.
PSPA 215  Modern Islamic Thought 3.0; 3 cr.
The course is a survey that focuses on major political and ideological issues in the modern world of Islam and deals analytically with the major doctrines, movements, and trends that have been developed during the 19th and 20th centuries. The course starts with the discussion of the ideological and political doctrines of Islamic reformers, then moves to discuss the rise of Islamic movements and their ideologies. Issues like Islamic government, state, religion, revolution, nationalism, and relations with the West, are to be discussed. Annually.

PSPA 216  Western Political Thought from Antiquity to the Renaissance 3.0; 3 cr.
A survey of the main Western traditions, philosophies, and themes in political thought from Greek Antiquity to the Renaissance. The course will combine an in-depth analysis of the main philosophical concepts of the past that are still relevant to contemporary political thought and politics, with a historical analysis of the intellectual, social, and political context in which they emerged and for which they were constructed. Special focus will be given to the Greek polis and the emergence of a discourse on democracy, the relationship between politics and ethics, the search for good government and the just society, and the shift to early Realism in the context of the emergence of the modern state in Europe. Occasionally.

PSPA 217  Modern and Postmodern Western Political Thought 3.0; 3 cr.
A survey of the main Western traditions, philosophies, and themes in political thought from early European Modernity and the Enlightenment to the contemporary era, including Postmodern philosophies. The course will combine an in-depth analysis of the modern and postmodern paradigms in political philosophy, with a historical analysis of the intellectual, social and political context that led to the critique of the modern nation-state, nationalism, and democracy, and the search for new normative orders. Annually.

PSPA 218  Social Theories 3.0; 3 cr.
A survey of the main social theories that have contributed to an empirical understanding of the political at different levels of analysis and from different conceptual frameworks. The course will emphasize an interdisciplinary approach, through a comparison of theories produced in different disciplines (political science, sociology, anthropology, political psychology, economics) that focus on different objects of study (the state, the community, social classes, the individual). Annually.

PSPA 219  Arab Political Thought and Ideologies 3.0; 3 cr.
The aim of the course is to explore various intellectual and political debates in the modern Arab world. The course will provide an overview of the development of modern Arab political thought and will present some of the main political, intellectual, and academic debates in this domain. Topics covered in this course include Arab nationalism, Marxism and Liberalism, modernity and tradition, secularism and Islam, Orientalism and the West, and other topics. Annually.

PSPA 220  Globalization and Culture 3.0; 3 cr.
This course offers a critical exploration of the cultural dynamics of globalization and the politics of the globalization of culture. It also addresses the spread of (and reaction to) American popular culture abroad and the impact of globalization on American culture and identity. Occasionally.

PSPA 221  Theories and History of the State 3.0; 3 cr.
The aim of the course is to explore “the state” as a political construct and provide a comparative survey of experiences of state-building in the Middle East (including Lebanon). Topics covered include the history of state formation, state-society relations, authoritarianism and democratization, the impact of globalization on the state, and related issues. Occasionally.
PSPA 222  Democracy, Civic Engagement and Leadership  3.0; 3 cr.
The course will introduce students to the principles and processes of civic engagement and leadership within democratic and democratizing systems of governance, and will help them understand the theoretical and practical issues related to the practice of participatory democracy from a comparative perspective. The discussion of the main features of the democratic system will be complemented with an extensive review of specific cases that are relevant to understand the problems that face civic engagement and leadership in different socio-political and cultural contexts. Annually.

PSPA 223  Constitutional Law  3.0; 3 cr.
A course that examines the constitutions and the development of constitutional mechanisms and practices in selected countries, with a focus on the Lebanese constitutional system. Constitutional mechanisms in general and institutional variables are discussed as well as their impact on public policy, democracy, and political stability. Each semester.

PSPA 225  Public International Law I  3.0; 3 cr.
A course introducing the basics of public international law, including its origins, purpose, sources, subjects, and response to international wrongful acts. It explores case studies to illustrate key points. The aim of this course is to build students’ understanding of the modern international legal order and its most important principles, and to contextualize its relationship with international politics. Each semester.

PSPA 226  Public International Law II  3.0; 3 cr.
A course that, building upon PSPA 225’s introduction, deals in more depth with some of the most important fields of public international law such as diplomatic relations, the law of the sea, the regulation of the use of force, international humanitarian law, human rights, international justice or the development of international criminal law. This course makes extensive use of recent case studies and entails an important research component as it deals with some of the most significant developments and debates in contemporary international law. Annually. Prerequisite: PSPA 225.

PSPA 228  International Security  3.0; 3 cr.
A course analyzing major issues in international security, including arms control, disarmament, terrorism and environmental degradation in both theory and practice. It covers both traditional and non-traditional security perspectives. Occasionally.

PSPA 229  Water Politics and Policy  3.0; 3 cr.
Water is the key to life, and yet it is a resource that is exploited unevenly across and within states. This course examines key issues of water conflict, cooperation, security and development in both international and domestic spheres. Occasionally.

PSPA 231  Palestinian and Israeli Politics  3.0; 3 cr.
A survey of Palestinian and Israeli politics—political systems, institutions, parties, and processes of governance—in the historical context of the partition of Palestine, the proclamation of the state of Israel, and the establishment of the Palestinian Authority. The course will cover contemporary issues pertaining to the functioning of both systems, to their relationship at the political, economic, (para)military, and territorial levels, as well as the impact of local, regional, and international negotiations on the future political and legal development of the region. Occasionally.
PSPA 232  Conflict and Conflict Regulation  3.0; 3 cr.
A course that contextualizes and explores domestic, regional, and international conflicts as well as the mechanisms for their management or resolution. It focuses on such issues as the linkages between internal and external sources of conflict, the contested nature of conflict resolution concepts, peacemaking, and peace-building. Each semester.

PSPA 233  International and Regional Organizations  3.0; 3 cr.
This course explores the theories, institutional structures, political processes, role and impact of international and regional organizations within the larger context of world politics. Each semester.

PSPA 234  Transnational Politics  3.0; 3 cr.
This course explores issues of global governance beyond the traditional intergovernmental framework. It focuses on the increasingly visible role of non-state actors (social movements, NGOs, global media, transnational corporations) and transnational politics in shaping contemporary global politics. The course investigates whether the process of contemporary globalization has given rise to global civil society. Annually.

PSPA 235  Human Rights and International Politics  3.0; 3 cr.
A course that examines the development and relevance of institutions and instruments concerned with human rights, and then considers problems of human rights issues in selected countries and their impact on regional and global actors. Each semester.

PSPA 236  The Arab-Israeli Conflict  3.0; 3 cr.
A survey of the conflict over Palestine since the 19th century up to the contemporary period. This course focuses on the origins and evolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict both in its regional and international dimensions, covering topics such as the colonial roots, the formation of the state of Israel, the PLO, the 1967 war, up to the second Intifada. Each semester.

PSPA 237  The Modern Middle East in International Politics  3.0; 3 cr.
This course examines the place of the “Middle Eastern” system of states in the international system and in relation to US foreign policy towards the region. It covers the legacies of Western colonialism, Arab nationalism, the Cold War and the continuing intervention of external powers (especially the US), the geopolitics of oil, and the rising influence of Islamist movements and non-state actors. Annually.

PSPA 238  International Political Economy: From Imperialism to Globalization  3.0; 3 cr.
This course examines the development of the modern world economic system, through an analysis of its main characteristics and an overview of the theories relevant to its understanding. Issues covered in this course include imperialism, colonialism, the international market, globalization, the influences of the world economic system on states and the North-South divide. Annually.

PSPA 239  International Environmental Politics  3.0; 3 cr.
This course serves as an introduction to the field of international environmental politics, exploring the relationship between global political forces and environmental change. A central goal is to critically analyze how environmental problems are framed and solutions found. The course examines the rise of environmentalism in both the North and the South; the emergence of liberal and radical environmental discourse; and the formulation, negotiation and implementation of international environmental regimes and sustainable development policies. Relevant case studies include the international trade in hazardous waste and endangered species; the politics of whaling, ecotourism, GMOs, and climate change; the management of biodiversity, fisheries, ocean and forest regimes; and the relationship between environment and security. Annually.
PSPA 250  Politics of Emerging Countries  3.0; 3 cr.
A survey of politics in key emerging economies such as the BRIC states (Brazil, Russia, India, and China) and others including South Africa and Mexico. The course examines the role of these emerging economies in world politics and their policy-making structures. *Annually.*

PSPA 251  Politics and Government: United States of America  3.0; 3 cr.
A survey of the main features of the American political system, including the foreign policy making process. *Annually.*

PSPA 252  European Politics  3.0; 3 cr.
A course that examines contemporary European politics with an emphasis on the European Union, its governance structure, and external relations (particularly toward the Middle East). *Occasionally.*

PSPA 253  Politics and Government: Middle East  3.0; 3 cr.
A survey of political institutions and processes in the Middle East, with an emphasis on social and political development, the policy-making process and international affairs. *Annually.*

PSPA 254  Political Development and Social Change  3.0; 3 cr.
A survey of major issues and controversies in political development, theories of social change, and their relevance to developing countries. Topics covered by this course include modernization, state-building, democratization, revolutions, conflicts, authoritarianism, social movements and civil society. *Occasionally.*

PSPA 255  Islamic Political Institutions  3.0; 3 cr.
A survey that introduces the manner in which Islamic Shari’a was introduced into the political life of the nation-states in the Middle East. It focuses on the causes for its inclusion or exclusion in the constitutions, political institutions and processes, and courts in the Middle East, with an emphasis on legislative process, personal status code, criminal code, as well as social and political development, and their impact on policy-making processes and international relations. *Occasionally.*

PSPA 256  Politics in Lebanon  3.0; 3 cr.
An overview of Lebanese politics in Mount Lebanon from the mid-nineteenth century to the formation of the Republic of Lebanon. This course deals with the origins, evolution, and workings of the confessional system with emphasis on the period after independence, from the civil war to the present. In addition, it focuses on the main political and social movements that marked Lebanese politics. *Each semester.*

PSPA 257  Regional and Local Administration  3.0; 3 cr.
A course that deals with the legal aspects, organization, and theories of regional and local administration. This course examines issues of centralization-decentralization, central-regional-local government relations, and balanced development at the national level. *Annually.*

PSPA 258  Comparative Public Administration  3.0; 3 cr.
An introduction to the governmental, administrative, and political systems of both developed and underdeveloped countries with a focus on political systems and their manifestation in administrative systems. The objectives of this course center upon comparing and contrasting issues and concerns central to public administration systems within a selected set of countries worldwide. To attain these objectives the course will explore an array of interrelated questions and issues such as governance in contemporary societies, including administrative reforms, privatization, ‘empowerment’, the impact of globalization on state administrative structures and policies, devolution, and other concerns relevant to public sector administrators. *Annually.*
PSPA 259 Public Administration in Lebanon 3.0; 3 cr.
A course that examines the legal aspects, environment, scope, structure, and problems of public administration in Lebanon, with special emphasis on administrative reforms and their institutional products. *Annually.*

PSPA 260 Introduction to Policy Analysis 3.0; 3 cr.
This is an introductory course to policy analysis. Students should be familiar with the basic concepts and terminology of public policy and public administration. This course provides students with both essential and more advanced methods used in public policy analysis. It covers important components of the process of policy analysis such as identifying data sources and weighing the utility of data; establishing criteria for analyzing policies; assessing policy alternatives; choosing among policies; monitoring policy implementation; and evaluating policies. *Annually.*

PSPA 261 Applied Research Methods in Public Policy 3.0; 3 cr.
This course covers the fundamentals of research design in the social sciences in general. It introduces students to the several quantitative methods utilized in the field of public policy in addition to the use of computer resources in policy analysis. The students are assumed to have a prior basic knowledge of the scientific methodologies. *Annually.*

PSPA 262 Political and Agency Management Aspects of Public Policy 3.0; 3 cr.
The purpose of this course is to introduce the students to the different organizational and political factors that are involved in the policy making process. This course is interdisciplinary in nature. It draws upon different theoretical frameworks and empirical scholarly works from several disciplines, and includes case studies. The course focuses on organizational, communicative, and controlling techniques and relevant core competencies for the analysis and solution of problems. *Annually.*

PSPA 263 Public Policy and the Legal Framework 3.0; 3 cr.
This course introduces students to the legal framework of policy formulation and policy implementation. The students will become familiar with legal materials related to the different aspects of the public policy making process. In addition, the course focuses on the relationships among the lawmaking agencies on the one hand and their relation to the policy-making entities. Specific case studies are included to explore these relationships. *Annually.*

PSPA 272 The Non-Profit Sector: Formation, Leadership and Governance 3.0; 3 cr.
This course focuses on the economic, social, and legal foundations of the nonprofit sector. The ways in which nonprofit organizations relate to the public and private sectors and the diversity and scope of the nonprofit sector are examined with primary focus on the functions performed by nonprofit organizations and on various patterns of community actions taken in different societies. *Annually.*

PSPA 273 Human Resources and Personnel Administration 3.0; 3 cr.
A course that examines theories, practice, and problems relating to human resources and personnel administration. This course focuses on key aspects of human resources, planning, and their implications on public policy. *Annually.*

PSPA 275 Organization and Management 3.0; 3 cr.
A survey of the concepts, principles, and techniques of organization and management with special emphasis on questions of applicability. In this course students will develop attitudes and acquire skills that should enable them to administer organizations effectively and efficiently. *Students cannot receive credit for both MNGT 215 and PSPA 275. Annually.*
PSPA 276  Public Policy  3.0; 3 cr.
A course that analyzes the nature, scope, and performance of public policy. This course examines
the different approaches and models of public policy as well as the actors, instruments, and
problems involved; it draws on specific case studies. Annually.

PSPA 277  Public Budgeting  3.0; 3 cr.
A survey of the principles and problems of financial organization and management in the
public service with emphasis on fiscal planning, formulation and execution of the budget,
financial accountability, control, and other aspects related to the role of the budget in
development. Annually.

PSPA 278  Administrative Ethics and Controls  3.0; 3 cr.
This course addresses the moral challenges facing leaders in the public sector. It analyzes the
formal and informal means aiming at promoting responsiveness and responsibility in Public
Administration. It examines the values and virtues important to sustain ethical leadership, as well
as strategies to build strong institutional cultures and support ethical practices in institutions.
Students will learn how to identify moral issues in public life and public management. Occasionally.

PSPA 286/287  Tutorial in Political Studies/ Public Administration  3.0; 3 cr.
This course is designed to allow PSPA students to pursue a course of directed study with PSPA
faculty members. It may consist of independent research, original creative compositions, or
directed reading, and includes the presentation of a report or thesis. Students that are beginning
their senior year may petition the department for course approval. Annually.

PSPA 288/289  Special Topics  3.0; 3 cr. (each)
May be repeated for credit. Special Topics courses do not count as a Senior Seminar. Each
semester.

PSPA 290  Senior Seminars in Social and Political Thought

PSPA 290A  Senior Seminar in Political and Social Theory  3.0; 3 cr.
The seminar aims to explore specific schools of thought, theories, and paradigms that are
relevant for empirical research, such as Critical Theory, Cultural Theory, Constructivism,
Marxism, and others. Occasionally.

PSPA 290B  Senior Seminar in Western Political Thought  3.0; 3 cr.
A seminar that explores special topics and/or traditions in Western political philosophy. Occasionally.

PSPA 290C  Senior Seminar in Arab and Islamic Political Thought  3.0; 3 cr.
A seminar that explores special topics and/or traditions in Arab and/or Islamic political
thought. Occasionally.

PSPA 291  Senior Seminar in Middle Eastern Politics

PSPA 291A  Senior Seminar in Arab Politics  3.0; 3 cr.
A seminar that deals with the political systems and ideological currents that emerged in the
Arab world after the breakup of the Ottoman Empire. The seminar will deal with the various
nationalist and ideological trends that characterized Arab politics, Islamism, the emergence of
civil society and contemporary debates in Arab politics. Occasionally.

PSPA 291B  Senior Seminar on Contemporary Debates in Lebanese Politics  3.0; 3 cr.
A seminar that examines critical issues in the politics of modern Lebanon. Topics might include
the Lebanese civil war, sectarianism and the power-sharing system, historiography and
memory, peace-building and reconstruction, among others. Occasionally.
PSPA 292  Senior Seminars in Comparative Politics
PSPA 292A  Senior Seminar on Energy and Environment Policies 3.0; 3 cr.
This seminar explores energy and environment policies in selected countries in both the North and South, including the Arab region. The course will focus on contemporary issues and challenges, and analyze the political and socio-economic context facing policy-makers and the policy-making process. Occasionally.

PSPA 293  Senior Seminars in International Politics
PSPA 293A  Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy 3.0; 3 cr.
This seminar analyzes the foreign policy of selected states with a focus on human decision makers, multiple levels of analysis, and an interdisciplinary approach. It explores the material and ideational determinates of foreign policy and state behavior in the international domain. Occasionally.

PSPA 293B  Senior Seminar in Public International Law 3.0; 3 cr.
A seminar that explores the link between international law and international relations, tackling the legal aspects of key areas within world politics such as the use of force, development of international human rights law, and international justice. Occasionally.

PSPA 293C  Senior Seminar on the United Nations 3.0; 3 cr.
A seminar that explores contemporary issues on the United Nations within the context of global politics and major theoretical debates. It will examine topics such as UN peacekeeping and peace-building, international criminal tribunals, and the UN role in global negotiations and constructing ideas and norms. Occasionally.

PSPA 293D  Senior Seminar on the US in the Middle East 3.0; 3 cr.
This seminar explores the political, economic, and cultural relations between the United States and the Middle East. It seeks to survey and explain the nature of American policy and the role of American non-state actors through an examination of media representations, changing strategic outlooks, and ideological trends in the US. Occasionally.

PSPA 297  Senior Seminar in Organization Theory 3.0; 3 cr.
This senior seminar provides an examination of the development, theoretical structure, major concerns, areas of emphasis and debates in the field of organization theory, from its origins to the present. It takes an interdisciplinary approach and covers the body of empirical findings relevant to organization and management theory, practices and prescriptions. It puts emphasis on those ongoing findings and elements of theory that impact the contemporary study, research, and philosophy in the field of public administration. Annually.

PSPA 298  Senior Seminar in Public Policy and Administration 3.0; 3 cr.
This course focuses on particular public policy issues. It explores the major debates, both theoretical and applied that frame contemporary discussions about public policy. The seminar addresses several topics such as Human Rights policy, Poverty policy, Environmental policy, and Political advocacy. Annually.

PSPA 299  Internship Program 3.0; 3 cr.
A practicum course that explores politics and public administration through a variety of work experiences, both governmental and nongovernmental. Students are expected to perform work for academic credit and submit, as part of their course requirements, written evaluative reports based on their experiences under the guidance of PSPA instructors, as well as an oral presentation at the end of the internship. Students with a general average of at least 78 at the beginning of the senior year may petition the department for internship approval. Annually.
Major in Political Studies: 39 Credits in Political Studies

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