CU Denver Political Science Course Offerings: Spring 2026

In Person		Online	
	**PSCI 1001 Intro to Political Science** *Explore Humans as Political Animals, seeking freedom, justice & common good* MW 9:30-10:45 Jim Walsh		**PSCI 1001 Intro to Political Science** *Explore Humans as Political Animals, seeking freedom, justice & common good* ONLINE Harv Bishop
	**PSCI 1101 Intro to American Politics** *Is America Exceptional? Explore American history, political institutions, party values, and current affairs* MW 11:00-12:15 Jim Walsh		**PSCI 1101 Intro to American Politics** *Is America Exceptional? Explore American history, political institutions, party values, and current affairs* ONLINE Harv Bishop
	**PSCI 3000 Conference Participation** *If you are attending an academic conference or similar significant community event, you may receive 1 credit* See any PSCI Faculty to Sign up		**PSCI 2011 Logic of Political Inquiry** *How do we learn political truths? How can we tell facts from values? Learn to create and evaluate political knowledge* ONLINE Karen Breslin
	**PSCI 3022 World Political Systems** *Socialists & Capitalists, Strong States & Free Markets: Examine different approaches to the common good.* TuTh 11:00-12:15 Thorsten Spehn		**PSCI 3022 World Political Systems** *Socialists & Capitalists, Strong States & Free Markets: Examine different approaches to the common good.* ONLINE Thorsten Spehn
	**PSCI 3034 Race, Gender, Law and Public Policy** *How have racial and gender dynamics shaped, and been shaped by, law and public policy in the USA?* Tu 2:00-4:50 Lily Griego		**PSCI 2006 Global Political Issues** *Studies major forces shaping world events, such as economics, military conflicts, human rights, & environmental concerns.* ONLINE Martin Widzer
	**PSCI 3042 World Politics** *How does the international system work? Which nations have more power and why? What explains war and peace?* MW 12:30-1:45 Bassem Hassan		**PSCI 3042 World Politics** *How does the international system work? Which nations have more power and why? What explains war and peace?* ONLINE Betcy Jose
	**PSCI 3914 The Urban Citizen** *Get out of the classroom and into the Community! Join classmates in civic engagement projects in community settings* MW 2:00-3:15 James Walsh		**PSCI 3347 Film and Politics** *Study films as a political force. From propaganda to subversion, how have films shaped and reflected society?* ONLINE Harvey Bishop
	**PSCI 4002 Trump and the Law** *How has the Trump administration challenged traditional legal frameworks? Can legal principles and court power restrain the ambitious President?* TuTh 3:30-4:45 Everett Martinez		**PSCI 4002 Indigenous Positionality** *Explore indigenous identity and how it is shaped by cultural, social, and political forces, including experiences of colonization and its resistance* ONLINE

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	**PSCI 4075 Gentrification** *Causes and consequences of urban gentrification. Explore racial dynamics, global capital, targeted policing, etc.* Search "Extended Studies" Campus Weekend Intensive Course! T. Robinson		**PSCI 4206 Social Movements, Democracy, & Global Politics** *How are social movements transforming global affairs? Are the world's politics becoming more or less democratic?* ONLINE Karen Sugar
	**PSCI 4084 Local Govt & Admin** *How do local govts work in a federal structure to address issues like public safety, poverty, health, transit, housing.* "Extended Studies" Campus Weekend Intensive Course! C. Doon		**PSCI 4226 UN in World Affairs** *How does the UN pursue global goals of peace, human rights, and environmental protection? What is likely future of UN?* ONLINE Martin Widzer
	**PSCI 4156 Arab-Israeli Peace Process** *Analysis of Arab & Israeli perspectives on regional peace initiatives Historical background + religious-cultural aspects.* MW 11:00-12:15 Bassem Hassan		**PSCI 4245 Populist Movements** *Effects/Dangers of global populism, including case-study focus on the US, Europe, Middle-East, Latin Am, & Asia* ONLINE Thorsten Spehn
	**PSCI 4207 Theories of Social/Pol Change** *How does real change happen in society? From reform to revolution, explore the roots of social transformation.* TTH 9:30-10:45 Basim Mahmood		**PSC 4365 Global Ecological Crisis** *Study political, economic, and cultural forces shaping climate change, global pollution, loss of bio-diversity, etc.* ONLINE Karen Breslin
	**PSCI 4487 Constitutional Law II** *Case Method exploration of critical issues in US Constitutional law. Constitutional Law I is NOT a pre-requisite.* TuTh 2:00-3:15 Omar Swartz		**PSCI 4407 Early Political Thought** *Currents of political thought from Plato to Machiavelli, with a critical evaluation of their continuing value today* ONLINE Harv Bishop
	**PSCI 4807 Political Violence** *Examine genocide, ethnic and religious conflict, revolution, terrorism, state repression and other episodes of individual, collective and institutional violence* TuTh 12:30-1:45 Basim Mahmood		**PSCI 4414 Non-Profits & Social Change** *Can non-profits advance social justice? What factors shape non-profits as transforming or system stabilizing forces?* ONLINE Karen Sugar
	**PSCI 4934 CU at the Capitol** *Work with the CO General Assembly as a legislative intern. Experience lawmaking from the inside and build professional skills.* Fri 12:30-2:30 Tony Robinson		**PSCI 4840 Independent Study** *Student-designed readings and independent course of study on a subject of special interest to them.* Independent/Online Consult Any Faculty
	**PSCI 4960 Capstone** *Upper-Division project experience where students explore and integrate their cumulative knowledge in the major.* Wed 2:00-4:50 Michael Berry		**PSCI 4880 Directed Research** *Pursue an original research project supervised and mentored by faculty.* Independent/Online Consult Any Faculty
	**PSCI 3939 Internship** *Earn credit and learn political lessons in the field while building your professional skills as you work with a community group, non-profit, or government agency* Consult Any Faculty Member		**Honors Thesis** *If you are graduating soon, and have a GPA over 3.65, you are honors eligible. An honors thesis is required.* Consult any faculty member for guidanc