

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: As Needed**

**PSCI 4317 African Government and Politics**

**3 Credit Hours**

This is a survey course on contemporary government and politics of Sub-Saharan Africa designed to broaden political perspective through exposure to African political culture and to provide historical background from which the student may examine and analyze political trends and ideologies in contemporary Africa.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Fall/Every Three Years**

**PSCI 4318 Foreign Policy**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of the principles, problems, and issues involved in the formulation and execution of American foreign policy as well as analysis of current trends in foreign policy.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Fall/Every Three Years**

**PSCI 4319 Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course covers introductory concepts, models, and techniques of quantitative analysis designed to facilitate decision making and problem solving for students interested in public management. Topics include project management, simulation, scheduling, and quality control.

**Prerequisite: PSCI 2305**

**Offered: Fall/Every Other Year**

**PSCI 4329 Senior Seminar**

**3 Credit Hours**

This is a capstone course involving a comprehensive review of the discipline including its core competencies. It covers test preparation and test taking techniques and includes a comprehensive departmental examination.

**Prerequisite: Senior status**

**Offered: Spring/Yearly**

## **THE PRE-LAW MINOR**

### **Description and objectives**

In this program students will take an interdisciplinary course of study that will help prepare them to gain admission to, and graduate from, accredited law schools in the United States.

### **Requirements for the Minor in Pre-Law Studies**

A grade of "C" or better is required in all minor courses.

The minor comprises 18 hours of courses beyond the Core Curriculum from the list of courses below:

PSCI 3310 American Constitutional Law

PSCI 3328 Ancient Political Theory

ENGL 3353 Advanced Composition

ENGL 3363 Advanced Rhetoric and Argumentation

ENGL 3393 Introduction to Technical Writing

HIST 1302 U.S. History II

PHIL 2307 Logic

ECON 2301 Principles of Microeconomics

## COURSES IN THE PRE-LAW MINOR

### **PSCI 3310 American Constitutional Law** **3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of the origin and development of American constitutional principles, law, and practices; judicial review; and the impact of constitutional law and practice on policy development and execution. Case materials consist of leading constitutional decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Fall/Every Other Year

### **PSCI 3328 Ancient Political Theory** **3 Credit Hours**

This course is an examination of the classical foundations of political thought.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Spring/Yearly

### **ENGL 3353 Advanced Composition** **3 Credit Hours**

This is an advanced writing course combining theory and practice of modern research with an examination of modern standard American English that stresses rhetorical and pragmatic approaches to the use of writing conventions and appropriate grammar and usage. Students learn to use the tools of revision, rhetoric, and technology. The difference between first draft writing and writing for publication is stressed.

**Prerequisite:** ENGL 1302 or its equivalent

**Offered:** Fall Yearly

### **ENGL 3363 Advanced Rhetoric and Argumentation** **3 Credit Hours**

This course offers a survey of the history of rhetoric from classical to contemporary and the analysis of significant argumentation, particularly law and politics. The study is sensitive to the historical and cultural contexts in which arguments are produced and received and considers how rhetorical theory and practice change over time.

**Prerequisite:** ENGL 1302; **Recommended:** ENGL 3353

**Offered:** Spring Yearly

### **ENGL 3393 Introduction to Technical Writing** **3 Credit Hours**

This course helps students gain understanding, experience, and skill in scientific, technical, and business communication. They learn basic theories of scientific and technical writing and explore how to use logic, arrangement, and style in writing for various scientific and technical audiences. Major writing assignments, class discussions, and other coursework introduce students to principles and contexts of specific types of scientific, technical, and professional documents. Genres might include research proposals, research reports, lab reports, professional resumes, and job application letters. Assignments model real-world scientific and professional writing and include team projects and oral presentations. The course reinforces general principles of good writing. Students assess, revise, and edit their own writing. By the end of the course, students should have the ability to write clearly and succinctly on technical subjects.

**Prerequisite:** Completion of the English core curriculum courses;

**Offered:** Yearly

**Recommended:** completion of Advanced Composition

### **HIST 1302 United States History II** **3 Credit Hours**

An introduction to United States history from Reconstruction to the present. *It is required of all teacher certification candidates.*

**Prerequisite:** HIST 1301 or Instructor approval

**Offered:** Fall/Spring Yearly

### **PHIL 2307 Logic** **3 Credit Hours**

This course rigorously introduces students to central forms of argumentation. The emphasis is on helping students improve oral and written argumentative skills. These skills help students express

themselves in a more efficacious and convincing manner. We discuss three systems of logic: categorical logic, propositional logic, and predicate logic.

**Prerequisite: ENGL 1301**

**Offered: Once Every Two Years**

**ECON 2301 Principles of Microeconomics**

**3 Credit Hours**

An introduction to the basic descriptive, analytical, and policy problems at the microeconomic level. Emphasis is placed on the roles of supply, demand, and price in the allocation of scarce resources.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Fall/Spring Yearly**

## **THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC)**

### **Mission**

The Psychology curriculum is flexible and may be tailored to meet each student's needs and interests to prepare them for careers and/or advanced study in psychology or other areas of interest.

Psychology is a relevant field of study for many professions and careers in psychology as well as other professions such as social work, counseling, education, medicine and health, business and industry, and law and criminal justice.

### **Requirements for a Major in Psychology**

Students pursuing a major in psychology must complete at least 36 credit hours.

1. 27 required hours consisting of the following:
  - PSYC 2313 or SOCI 2313 Statistics I
  - PSYC 1301 Introduction to Psychology
  - PSYC 2302 Human Growth and Development
  - PSYC 3314 Theories in Psychology
  - PSYC 4308 Counseling Theory and Applications
  - PSYC 4316 Abnormal Psychology
  - PSYC 4319 Field Placement
  - PSYC 4327 Senior Seminar
  - PSYC 3329 or PSYC 3319 Program Evaluation
2. 9 hours of psychology electives are to be taken from the psychology offerings. One course may be substituted for another with the major advisor's approval.
3. A student, who chooses not to select a minor, must also take SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology and ENGL 3353 Advanced Composition.