

Department of Political Studies and Public Administration (PSPA)

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The Department of Political Studies and Public Administration (PSPA) offers courses covering four sub-disciplines and 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 major in 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.

Undergraduate Program

Graduation as a Political Studies major requires a grade of 70 in each of PSPA 201, PSPA 203, and PSPA 202; for Public Administration students, a grade of 70 in each of PSPA 202, PSPA 203, and PSPA 201. Transfers to the PSPA major need to fulfill the above requirements of PSPA 201 and PSPA 202, plus a minimum of combined grade average of 70 in ENGL 203 and ENGL 204. Transfers are not normally accepted in the senior year.

For purposes of meeting departmental requirements, students are not permitted to take PSPA 201, PSPA 202, and PSPA 203 more than twice. Prospective majors in their first year must complete PSPA 201, PSPA 202, and PSPA 203.

- **University Requirements:**

Language requirements: six credits of English and three of Arabic

General Education requirements: 12 credits in the humanities including six credits of CVSP, six credits in social sciences, six credits in natural sciences and six 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 212, and PSPA 213. Six additional courses, including one seminar, are required; three from one sub-discipline, and any three courses from the other sub-disciplines. The seminar can be selected from any of the three sub-disciplines. These sub-disciplines include political theory: PSPA 215, PSPA 217, PSPA 223, and PSPA 292; international relations: PSPA 225, PSPA 232, PSPA 233, PSPA 234, PSPA 235, PSPA 236, PSPA 237, PSPA 238, PSPA 239, and PSPA 293; and comparative politics: PSPA 250, PSPA 251, PSPA 252, PSPA 253, PSPA 254, PSPA 255, PSPA 256, PSPA 294, and PSPA 296.

Students majoring in Public Administration are required to complete 39 credits in the department, which must include PSPA 201, PSPA 202, PSPA 203, PSPA 210, PSPA 211, PSPA 212, and PSPA 213. Six additional courses are required: four core courses (PSPA 273, PSPA 275, PSPA 276, PSPA 277), and a senior seminar to be selected from (PSPA 297 or PSPA 298). The sixth course can be selected from any upper level public administration course. All PSPA majors are required to complete PSPA 201, PSPA 202, and PSPA 203 by the end of their second semester in the program.

PSPA majors are required to take the following courses outside the department: one economics course numbered 200 or above, CMPS 206 or 209 or EDUC 219, and an introductory course in statistics from STAT 201, PSYC 223, EDUC 227, or ECON 213, and one course from SOAN 201, PSYC 202, or a history course numbered 200 or above. PSPA students may not take an introductory course in statistics until completing PSPA 203. All PSPA majors must complete the introductory course in statistics (PSYC 223, EDUC 227, or ECON 213) by the end of their fourth semester in the program. Majors are expected to choose, in consultation with their advisers, a number of electives from the humanities and social sciences. All PSPA students must take ENGL 203 before the beginning of their second semester in the program; and ENGL 204 by the end of their third semester in the program.

Minor in PSPA

Students choosing a minor in Public Policy are required to take a minimum of 15 credits. The requirements are PSPA 201, PSPA 276, PSPA 298; plus two upper-level courses from the following list: PSPA 223, PSPA 225, PSPA 238, PSPA 250, PSPA 259, PSPA 277, PSPA 278, or PSPA 279.

PS majors choosing to minor in Public Administration are required to take at least 15 credits from any upper-level course in public administration. PS majors choosing to minor in public policy are required to take PSPA 276, PSPA 298, plus three upper-level courses from the following list: PSPA 223, PSPA 225, PSPA 238, PSPA 250, PSPA 259, PSPA 277, PSPA 278, or PSPA 279.

PA majors choosing to minor in Political Studies are required to take at least 15 credits from any upper-level course in political studies. PA majors choosing to minor in public policy are required to take PSPA 298, plus four upper-level courses from the following list: PSPA 223, PSPA 225, PSPA 238, PSPA 250, PSPA 259, PSPA 277, PSPA 278, or PSPA 279.

No courses taken for a major may be counted toward a minor; and vice versa.

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. *Annually.*

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. *Annually.*

- 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. *Annually.*
- 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. Annually*
- PSPA 209 Politics of Language 3.0; 3 cr.**
 A course designed to explore the political aspects of language in a variety of different contexts such as politics, media, gender relations, and ethnicity. This course prepares students for writing and critical thinking activities in upper level PSPA courses. *Annually.*
- PSPA 210 Survey of Political Theory 3.0; 3 cr.**
 A survey of the main issues in the political theory of government, authority, and citizenship from the philosophy of the ancient Greeks to the twentieth-century Western political thinkers. An attempt is made to recapture the dimensions of these problems as understood by some great political thinkers and relate them to our experience and historical context. *Students cannot receive credit for both PSPA 210 and PHIL 216. Annually.*
- PSPA 211 Survey of 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. *Annually.*
- 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. *Annually.*
- PSPA 213 Survey of International Relations 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. *Annually.*
- PSPA 215 Islamic Political Thought 3.0; 3 cr.**
 A survey of Islamic political thought from Ibn Khaldun to the nineteenth century, with special reference to institutional growth. *Annually.*
- PSPA 217 Western Political Thought 3.0; 3 cr.**
A survey of Western political thought from the Renaissance to the present. Annually.
- PSPA 223 Constitutional Law 3.0; 3 cr.**
 A course that examines the constitutions and the development of constitutional practices in selected Middle Eastern and Western states. Constitutional mechanisms in general and institutional variables are discussed as well as their impact on public policy, democracy, and political stability. *Offered occasionally.*

- PSPA 250** **Governments of Post-Industrial Societies** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A survey of post-industrial governments and politics in selected countries such as Great Britain, France, Germany, and Japan against the background of their socio-economic and cultural environment. Their institutional environment is studied with emphasis on the policy-making process and important issues faced by those governments today. *Offered occasionally.*
- PSPA 251** **Politics and Government: United States of America** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A survey of the main features of the American political system. *Annually.*
- PSPA 252** **European Politics** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A course that examines contemporary European politics with special reference to the politics of the European Union and its external relations, particularly in the Middle East. *Alternate years.*
- PSPA 253** **Politics and Government: Middle East** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A survey of political institutions and processes in selected Middle East countries. *Annually.*
- PSPA 254** **Political Development and Social Change** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A survey of major issues and controversies in political development and their relevance to nation-building in developing countries. Various components of this course include the impact of military rule, political parties and elites on political change, and modernization. *Annually.*
- PSPA 255** **Islamic Political Institutions** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A survey of the Shari'a in contemporary political practice against the background of its historical evolution. *Offered occasionally.*
- PSPA 256** **Politics in Lebanon** **3.0; 3 cr.**
An overview of Lebanese politics from the mid-nineteenth century to the present. This course deals with the origins, evolution, and workings of the confessional system with emphasis on the period after independence. Focus is placed on issues of consensus and conflict in Lebanese society. *Annually.*
- 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.**
A survey of the theories of comparative public administration followed by a cross-national comparison of public administration in different cultural and socio-economic settings. *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 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.**
A comparative analysis of formal and informal means aiming at promoting responsiveness and responsibility in public administration. This course covers the importance of administrative ethics and the tools and techniques of administrative, legislative, and judicial controls. This course also emphasizes the controls exercised by the mass media, interest groups, and individuals. *Offered occasionally.*
- PSPA 279** **Information Technology and Public Administration** **3.0; 3 cr.**
This course explores the impact of information and communication technology on information management, government decision-making and communication, service delivery, and public policy in the public sector. *Alternate years.*
- 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. *A student with a general average of at least 83 at the beginning of the 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. Offered occasionally.
- PSPA 291** **Senior Seminar in Western Political Theory** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A special topic of Western political theory selected for intensive examination. *Annually.*
- PSPA 292** **Senior Seminar in Islamic Political Theory** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A specific topic of Islamic political theory selected for intensive examination. *Annually.*
- PSPA 293** **Senior Seminar in the Foreign Policies of
the Great Powers since World War II** **3.0; 3 cr.**
A seminar that concentrates principally on the five permanent members of the Security Council. The current foreign policies of these powers are examined on selected issues for each power against the background of a general assessment of the major determinants of their policies since the end of World War II. *Annually.*

Major in Political Studies

39 Credits in Political Studies

Modes of Analysis	English and Arabic (9)	Humanities (12)	Social Sciences (6+39)	Quantitative Thought (6)	Natural Sciences (6)
Lecture Courses (9+12+6+42+5)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Required Arabic course: ARAB 201A or B, or any upper level course (3) 2. Required English courses: ENGL 203(3), 204(3) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Required credits in the humanities: 12 credits including 6 credits from CVSP (see pp. 152–57) 2. Elective history courses: see column 4 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Required economics course numbered 200 and above (3), SOAN 201(3) or PSYC 202(3) or history courses numbered 200 and above (3) 2. Required PSPA courses: PSPA 201(3), 202(3), 203(3), 210(3), 211(3), 212(3), 213(3) 3. Required^d <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Category A: PSPA 250(3), 251(3), 252(3), 253(3), 254(3), 255(3), 256(3), 294(3), 296(3) Category B: PSPA 215(3), 217(3), 223(3), 292(3) Category C: PSPA 225(3), 232(3), 233(3), 234(3), 235(3), 236(3), 237(3), 238(3), 239(3), 292(3), 293(3), 296(3) 	Required CMPS 206(3), PSYC 223 or EDUC 227(3), or ECON 213(3)	Electives (min. 6)
Seminar (3)					
Laboratory (0)					
Research Project			PSPA 215–217, 223, 225, 233, 234, 236–238, 250–56, 291–96		

Major in Public Administration

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Modes of Analysis	English and Arabic (9)	Humanities (12)	Social Sciences (6+39)	Quantitative Thought (6)	Natural Sciences (6)
Lecture Courses (9+12+6+42+5)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Required Arabic course: ARAB 201 A or B, or any upper level course (3) Required English courses: ENGL 203(3), 204(3) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Required credits in the humanities: 12 credits including 6 credits from CVSP (see pp. 152–57) Elective history courses: see column 4 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Required economics course numbered 200 and above (3): SOAN 201(3) or PSYC 202(3) or history course numbered 200 and above (3) Required PSPA courses: PSPA 201(3), 202(3), 203(3), 210(3), 211(3), 212(3), 213(3), 273(3), 275(3), 276(3), 277(3) Electives¹: PSPA 257(3), 258(3), 259(3), 278(3), 279(3), 297(3), 298(3) 	Required CMPS 206(3), PSYC 223(3) or EDUC 227(3), or ECON 213(3) + unspecified	Electives (min. 6)
Seminar (3)					
Laboratory (0)					
Research Project (75)			PSPA 257–259, 273, 275, 277, 278, 297, 298		