

## **Course Descriptions:**

### **PS 501—Methods of Political Inquiry (Core Course)**

*Analysis and descriptions of the logic and procedures necessary for valid political inquiry.*

### **PS 511—Seminar in State Government**

*Selected problems in state governments and their sub-units.*

### **PS 538—Ethics and Bureaucracy (Core Course)**

*Examines the ethical side of public decision making and the values or the ends the American political system is designed to promote and protect.*

### **PS 540—Seminar in Public Sector Organizations (Core Course)**

*Analysis of behavior and problems of public sector organizations in democratic environments. Links societal values to administration structure and behavior.*

### **PS 541—Public Personnel Administration (Core Course)**

*A systematic survey of public personnel administration in the U.S. Discusses the development of modern personnel systems in the public sector and emphasizes contemporary trends at the state and local levels as well as the national level of government.*

### **PS 542—Government Financial Administration (Core Course)**

*A study of the financial administration process of government, with emphasis on local government. Subjects covered range from budgeting to risk management.*

### **PS 545—Seminar in Political Analysis (Core Course)**

*Theoretical approaches to the analysis of public policy, policy-making and policy implementations and to such topics as health and welfare, poverty, education and urban affairs.*

### **PS 546—Public Policy Evaluation (Core Course)**

*Seminar examining the various approaches and techniques for evaluating public problems.*

### **PS 549—Special Problems in Public Administration**

*Seminar approach to contemporary problems in public organizations reflecting political/managerial developments; topics reflect both student and professional needs.*

### **COMM 581—Applied Organizational Communication**

*Provides opportunities for students to apply theoretical concepts to various functions of organizational communication in industry and corporate contexts.*

### **COMM 561—Multi-national Business Communication**

*This course provides an in-depth study of internal and external communication behaviors in business organizations operating in multinational environments.*

**COMM 586—Group Communication**

*Practice in the group communication processes that lead toward successful team work in organizational contexts.*

**COMM 564—Crisis Communication**

*Role of communication in crisis prevention, crisis readiness and crisis resolution.*