



PS 401 Research or PS 405 Reading: Guidelines and Procedures

PS 401 and PS 405 are self-directed, individualized study courses designed to allow students the opportunity to explore an area of interest outside of the courses offered through the department. Students are responsible for finding a faculty advisor, arranging the details of their required work, and meeting all deadlines established on the PS 401/405 Contract.

PROCEDURE:

- Identity a faculty advisor to work with. Choose an expert in the field you plan to study.
 - Any Political Science faculty instructor may be a PS 401/405 advisor. This includes adjunct instructors, visiting instructors, and all tenure-related faculty.
- Meet with your faculty advisor during office hours to develop a plan of study that relates to your overall academic program and to develop formal requirements (readings, number and length of required paper(s), timelines, and basis for final grade).
- Submit the PS 401/405 Contract online; at least one week before the registration period closes.
- Your PS 401/405 Contract will be sent to the faculty advisor for approval.
- Next, the Undergraduate Coordinator will send an email with registration instructions. Generally, this email will be sent within 5 business days.
- You are responsible for registering for the correct number of credits and grading option, and for completing the formal requirements as outlined on the approved PS 401/405 Contract.
- The faculty advisor will be assigned as your instructor of record and will input your grade at the end of the term. Any questions about assignments or timelines should be sent directly to your faculty advisor.

GUIDELINES:

- PS 401 and 405 credits count toward upper-division and total credit requirements; not political theory, career paths, or 400 level course requirements.
- Although PS 401 and 405 may be taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, no more than 4 Pass/No Pass credits overall can be counted toward the political science major.

Find the PS 401/405 Contract at <http://blogs.uoregon.edu/polisci/undergraduates/independent-credit/>