Course Number PSC-273-01 **Course Description** An investigation of the judicial branch of government in the U.S. that focuses on the role of judges, the functioning of courts, and leading contemporary controversies in the judicial system. Among the primary concerns of this course are: the structure of the American Judiciary, judicial selection processes, how cases originate and move through the judicial system, how judges think about and reach decisions in the cases, and the role law plays in society. In exploring these topics many actual Supreme Court cases are dissected, focusing on such issues as: gay rights, pornography, rights of disabled citizens, the rights of those accused of crimes, and free speech over the Internet, to name only a few areas. Academic Term 22/FA Instructor Hays, Bradley Location & Meeting Time T/TH 09:00AM-10:45AM LEC By Permission of Instructor Y Credits 1.00 Capacity 25 **Total Students** 0 Common Curriculum SOCS Social Science Interdisciplinary Programs **American Studies Environmental Science & Policy** Academic Department **Political Science** Field Of Study Political Science (PSC)