

PSCI 4992 302
Citizenship, Patriotism, & Identity
Ian MacMullen, Spring 2024
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1.45 – 3.15pm

This course introduces students to fundamental moral questions about countries and individuals' membership in them. Do people owe more to their compatriots than to foreigners? Is it desirable – or at least permissible – for countries to have and promote a national identity? What different forms can patriotism take, and in which (if any) of these forms is it a virtue? Should we all be “citizens of the world”? These questions will be explored primarily through readings in contemporary moral and political philosophy.

The course will be taught as a seminar. Students will be expected to: contribute substantively and thoughtfully to class discussions [25% of course grade]; write at least two short papers [50%], and; prepare and deliver one ten-minute oral presentation [25%]