

Department of Political Science

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Field Description

Our lives, our communities, and our world are to a considerable degree shaped by political events. Political science provides students with an understanding of the multifaceted ideas, structures, and processes of politics in the United States and abroad. Courses are designed to accomplish three principal objectives: to help the student acquire and establish habits of critical and creative thinking about public issues; to enlarge and broaden the students understanding of significant data, major ideas, and activities regarding politics; and to prepare students for careers in law, government, journalism, and education.

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The Major

All courses in the lists below are 3 credits.

Base Course

POL 1101	American Government: Practices and Values
Required Course	
POL 4900	Political Science Capstone Seminar
Electives	21 credits
Students are to select 21 credits from among all the courses offered by the department, with at least one course from four of the six areas listed below.	
American Government and Political Institutions	
POL 2001	The United States in an Age of Globalization
POL 3008	Religion and Politics in the United States (HIS 3008 , REL 3008)
POL 3101	Political Psychology (PSY 3101)
POL 3102	American Conservatism: Origins, Development, and Contemporary Controversies (HIS 3102)
POL 3310	Public Opinion
POL 3311	Political Parties and Elections
POL 3312	Congress and the Legislative Process
POL 3313	Constitutional Law
POL 3314	Civil Liberties
POL 3316	The Presidency
POL 3318	Immigration and Integration in the United States
POL 3340	Political Socialization
POL 3417	Case Studies in American Government
Comparative Politics	
POL 2260	Introduction to Comparative Government
POL 3086	Modern Middle East and North Africa (HIS 3086)
POL 3104	Politics of the Third World
POL 3361	Comparative Politics in Selected Areas of the World
POL 3362	Western European Political Systems
POL 3364	Latin American and Caribbean Political Systems
POL 3365	Asian Political Systems
POL 3366	African Political Systems
POL 3367	Comparative Revolutions
POL 3368	Communist Political Systems

POL 3842	Making of Modern India (AAS 3842), (HIS 3842)
International Politics	
POL 2240	Introduction to International Relations
POL 3341	International Relations in the Middle East
POL 3342	American Foreign Policy
POL 3343	International Relations in Selected Areas of the World
POL 3344	The United Nations in World Politics
POL 3345	Contemporary International Conflict
POL 3346	The Rise of Asia in World Affairs (AAS 3346), (HIS 3346)
Political Theory and Methodology	
POL 2332	American Political Thought
POL 3062	Political Sociology (SOC 3062)
POL 3201	Topics in Politics and Literature (ENG 3201)
POL 3233	Political and Administrative Research
POL 3333	Political Behavior
POL 3334	American Radicalism
POL 3335	Early Political Theory
POL 3336	Modern Political Theory
POL 3337	Contemporary Political Ideologies
POL 3500	Political Analysis
Public Policy	
POL 2353	Public Policy
POL 3001	Women: Politics and Policy
POL 3005	Social Welfare Policy (HIS 3005)
POL 3103	Political Economy
POL 3315	Government and the American Economy
POL 3317	The Politics of Energy and the Environment
POL 5452	Field Work in Government and Politics
Urban Politics	

POL 2220	State and Local Government
POL 2321	Urban Government
POL 3323	Politics and Government of New York City
POL 3422	Urban Public Policy

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Honors Program in Political Science

The honors program in political science is designed for the outstanding student. Each student conducts research in an area specific to his or her interest and works closely with a faculty advisor. Registration requires permission from the department. Six credits are necessary for graduation with honors in political science.

To be eligible for honors work in political science, students shall have

1. completed 90 credits,
2. completed 15 credits in political science, including [POL 1101](#),
3. compiled at least a 3.2 grade point average in their total academic work and a 3.4 average within political science, and
4. an honors advisor assigned in advance.

The students thesis will be evaluated and graded by two faculty members in addition to the advisor, one from political science and one from another appropriate department. This committee of three will have the authority to recommend that the student be graduated with honors.

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The Minor

A minor in political science will help students to flourish in the political environment in which their future economic and

Selection of a minor must be made with the consultation and approval of the department. To suit the special educational needs and objectives of individual students, appropriate substitution of designated courses may be made after consultation with the departmental advisor. Students may minor by taking two 3000-level courses plus [POL 4900](#) Political Science Capstone Seminar.

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Courses

Courses in Political Science

POL 1101	American Government: Practices and Values	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 2001	The United States in an Age of Globalization	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 2220	State and Local Government	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 2240	Introduction to International Relations	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 2260	Introduction to Comparative Government	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 2280	The Great Political Debates: The Individual and Society	3 hours; 3 credits

POL 2321	Urban Government	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 2332	American Political Thought	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 2353	Public Policy	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3001	Women: Politics and Policy	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3005	Social Welfare Policy (HIS 3005)	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3008	Religion And Politics In The United States (HIS 3008), REL 3008)	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3062	Political Sociology (SOC 3062)	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3086	The Modern Middle East and North Africa (HIS 3086)	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3101	Political Psychology (PSY 3101)	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3102	American Conservatism: Origins, Development, And Contemporary Controversies (HIS 3102)	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3103	Political Economy	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3104	The Politics of the Third World	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3201	Topics in Politics and Literature (ENG 3201)	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3233	Political and Administrative Research	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3310	Political Opinion	3 hours; 3 credits
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POL 3316	The Presidency	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3317	The Politics of Energy and the Environment	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3318	Immigration and Integration in the United States	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3323	Politics and Government of New York City	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3333	Political Behavior	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3334	American Radicalism	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3335	Early Political Theory	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3336	Modern Political Theory	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3337	Contemporary Political Ideologies	3 hours; 3 credits

POL 3340	Political Socialization	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3341	International Relations in the Middle East	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3342	American Foreign Policy	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3343	International Relations in Selected Areas of the World	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3344	The United Nations in World Politics	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3345	Contemporary International Conflict	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3346	The Rise of Asia in World Affairs (AAS 3846), HIS 3846)	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3347	Seminar on Political Globalization	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3361	Comparative Politics in Selected Areas of the World	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3362	Western European Political Systems	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3364	Latin American and Caribbean Political Systems	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3365	Asian Political Systems	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3366	African Political Systems	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3367	Comparative Revolutions	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3368	Communist Political Systems	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3417	Case Studies in American Government	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3422	Urban Public Policy	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3456	American Intellectual History	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3500	Political Analysis	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3842	The Making of Modern India (AAS 3842), HIS 3842)	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 3999	Special Topics in Political Science	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 4900	Political Science Capstone Seminar	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 5000	Independent Study in Political Science I	Hours and credits to be arranged
POL 5001	Independent Study in Political Science II	Hours and credits to be arranged
POL 5002	Independent Study in Political Science III	Hours and credits to be arranged
POL 5452	Field Work in Government and Politics	3 hours; 3 credits
POL 6001H	Political Science Honors I	3 hours; 3 credits per semester
POL 6002H	Political Science Honors II	3 hours; 3 credits per semester

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