

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

Electives

24 credits

Students are to select 24 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
POL 3101	Political Psychology
POL 3102	American Conservatism: Origins, Development, and Contemporary Controversies
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
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	Modern India

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
POL 3201	Topics in Politics and Literature
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
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

PO L 22 20	State and Local Government	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 22 40	Introduction to International Relations	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 22 60	Introduction to Comparative Government	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 22 80	THE GREAT POLITICAL DEBATES: THE INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 23 21	Urban Government	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 23 32	American Political Thought	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 23 53	Public Policy	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 30 01	Women: Politics and Policy	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 30 05	Social Welfare Policy	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 30 08	Religion And Politics In The United States	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 30 62	Political Sociology	3 hours; 3 credits

PO L 30 86	The Modern Middle East and North Africa	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 31 01	Political Psychology	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 31 02	"American Conservatism: Origins, Development, And Contemporary Controversies"	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 31 03	Political Economy	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 31 04	The Politics of the Third World	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 32 01	Topics in Politics and Literature	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 32 33	Political and Administrative Research	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 10	Political Opinion	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 11	Political Parties and Elections	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 12	Congress and the Legislative Process	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 13	Constitutional Law	3 hours; 3 credits

PO L 33 14	Civil Liberties	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 15	Government and the American Economy	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 16	The Presidency	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 17	The Politics of Energy and the Environment	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 18	Immigration and Integration in the United States	"3.0 Hours, 3.0 Credits"
PO L 33 23	Politics and Government of New York City	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 33	Political Behavior	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 34	American Radicalism	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 35	Early Political Theory	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 36	Modern Political Theory	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 37	Contemporary Political Ideologies	3 hours; 3 credits

PO L 33 40	Political Socialization	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 41	International Relations in the Middle East	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 42	American Foreign Policy	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 43	International Relations in Selected Areas of the World	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 44	The United Nations in World Politics	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 45	Contemporary International Conflict	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 46	The Rise of Asia in World Affairs	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 47	Seminar on Political Globalization	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 61	Comparative Politics in Selected Areas of the World	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 62	Western European Political Systems	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 64	Latin American and Caribbean Political Systems	3 hours; 3 credits

PO L 33 65	Asian Political Systems	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 66	African Political Systems	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 67	Comparative Revolutions	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 68	Communist Political Systems	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 34 17	Case Studies in American Government	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 34 22	Urban Public Policy	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 34 56	American Intellectual History	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 35 00	Political Analysis	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 38 42	The Making of Modern India	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 39 99	Special Topics in Political Science	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 49 00	Political Science Capstone Seminar	3 hours; 3 credits

PO L 50 00	Ind Stud Pol I	Hours and credits to be arranged
PO L 50 01	Ind Stud Pol II	Hours and credits to be arranged
PO L 50 02		Hours and credits to be arranged
PO L 54 52	Field Work in Government and Politics	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 11 01H	Hon Amer Gov Prac	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 20 01H	Hon U.S. Age of Glob	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 23 13H	Hon Constitut Law	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 23 14H	Hon Civil Liberty	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 30 08H	Hon Rel & Pol in US	3 hours; 3 credits
PO L 33 46H	Hon The Rise of Asia in World Affairs	3 hours; 3 credits

PO L 60 01H	Hon Pol Sci I	"Prerequisite: A minimum of four courses in Political Science, with at least two at the 3000 level or above. Open only to students who have earned at least 3.5 GPA in Political Science and also have a 3.5 cumulative GPA and who have submitted a written proposal that has been approved by the prospective mentor, the Chair of Political Science, and the Chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Honors."
PO L 60 02H	Hon Pol Sci II	3 hours; 3 credits per semester

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