

Curriculum Map: BA Political Science

Political science is the study of public power: its mobilization, exercise, and transformation by governments, political parties, interest groups, and media; the causes and effects of political power and institutions in decision-making and governance at various levels, from the local to the global. We employ multiple perspectives and a variety of methodological approaches to analyze political structures and processes in all regions of the world.

Learning Goals:

1. Acquire basic knowledge across the four major fields of political science--American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.

-Students accomplish this goal by taking introductory and "pre-major" classes at the 1000 through 3000 level.

2. Gain deeper knowledge of the scholarly literature in one of the four major fields.

-Students accomplish this goal primarily in courses at the 4000 and 5000 level, although 2000- and 3000-level courses may also contribute to this knowledge base.

3. Become familiar with debates about theories, research methods, and substantive issues, and learn to engage and assess contributions to the literature.

-Students accomplish this goal primarily in courses at the 4000 and 5000 level, although 3000-level courses may also contribute to this knowledge base.

4. Develop analytic and critical thinking skills that will enable them to rigorously evaluate competing arguments and to appraise value-based claims.

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Political science majors will acquire a knowledge foundation and an array of skills enabling them to pursue a wide variety of professional and leadership careers and to be well-informed citizens. We prepare our students for post-graduate studies in numerous areas including public policy, international affairs, law, business, and education. The department's challenging and supportive learning environment gives the students the confidence to assume progressively greater initiative and independence over the years and beyond.

Level Index:

A = Basic

B = Higher-level Introductory

C = Broad-based Advanced

D = Focused Advanced

Overview of Program Learning Goals

Course Number	Course	Field
Pre-Major Courses		
1100	Intro to American Politics	American Politics
1200	Intro to Comparative Politics	Comparative Politics
1300	Global Politics	International Relations
2150	Voters & Elections	American Politics
2300	American Foreign Policy	International Relations
2400	Intro to Political Theory	Political Theory
Field Distribution		
Focus Area		
Course Levels		
1000(A)		
2000(B)		
3000(B)		
4000(C)		
5000(D)		

Program Learning Goals for All Undergraduate Courses

Course Number	Course	Field
Level A		
1100 (H)	Intro to American Politics	American Politics
1105	American Political Controversies	American Politics
1165	Intro to Politics	American Politics
1200	Intro to Comparative Politics	Comparative Politics
1300	Global Politics	International Relations
1910	Introduction to Politics of Identity	International Relations
Level B		
2110	American Government Culture and Behavior	American Politics
2120	Politics of Health	American Politics
2145	Native American Politics	American Politics
2150	Voters & Elections	American Politics
2194.0x	Group Studies	Variable

2240	Indigenous Politics	Comparative Politics
2300	American Foreign Policy	International Relations
2367	Contemp Issues in American Politics	American Politics
2400 (H)	Intro to Political Theory	Political Theory
2496	Study at a Domestic Institution	Variable
3001	Economy, Polity, and Community	Variable
3001	Tradition, Progress, and Utopia	Variable
3005	Political Games	Variable
3100	American Politics & Policy Making	American Politics
3115	Intro to the Policy Process	American Politics
3147	Interesectionality and Identity Politics	American Politics
3160	Political Polarization	American Politics
3170	Political Psychology	American Politics
3191	Internship	American Politics
3220	Politics of the Developing World	Comparative Politics
3225	Post-Conflict Reconstruction	Comparative Politics
3245	Radicalization, Deradicalization	Comparative Politics
3240	Political Violence	Comparative Politics
3260	Global Politics of Health & Disease	Comparative Politics
3280	Politics of Markets	Comparative Politics
3290	Comparative Public Policy	Comparative Politics
3310(H)	Defense Policy & National Security	International Relations
3380	Pol Analysis of Intl Econ Relations	International Relations
3420	Political Theories of Democracy	Political Theory
3430	Political Theories of Freedom	Political Theory
3440	Political Theories of Justice	Political Theory
3450	Ethics and Public Policy	Political Theory
3460	Global Justice	Political Theory
3500	Political Games	Variable
3549	Survey Research in Political Science	Political Theory
3596	Nationalism & Ethnicity	Comparative Politics
3780 (H)	Data Literacy & Data Visualization	Variable
3785	Data Science for the Social and Behavioral Sc	Variable
3798	Field Research Methods: Education Abroad i	Comparative Politics

3905	Political Manipulation	American Politics
3910	Identity Politics	International Relations
3912	Political Leadership	American Politics
3950	Careers in Political Science	Variable
	Level C	
4110	The American Presidency	American Politics
4115	Bureaucracy & Public Policy	American Politics
4120	US Congress	American Politics
4123	Political Crisis & Reform	American Politics
4125	American State Politics	American Politics
4126	Ohio Politics	American Politics
4127 (H)	Governing Urban America	American Politics
4130	Law & Politics	American Politics
4131	American Supreme Court	American Politics
4132H	Supreme Court Decision Making	American Politics
4135(E)	American Constitutional Law	American Politics
4136	Civil Liberties	American Politics
4137	Politics of Legal Decision Making	American Politics
4138	Women & the Law	American Politics
4139 (E)	Gun Politics	American Politics
4140	Black Politics	American Politics
4143	Race, Ethnicity and American Politics	American Politics
4145	Asian American Politics	American Politics
4150	American Political Parties	American Politics
4152	Campaign Politics	American Politics
4160	Public Opinion	American Politics
4162	Religion & American Politics	American Politics
4164	Pol Participation & Voting Behavior	American Politics
4165	Mass Media & American Politics	American Politics
4170	Gender & Politics	American Politics
4175	Women, Government & Public Policy	American Politics
4190	Pol Decision Making & Public Policy	American Politics
4191	Internship	American Politics
4192	Policy Analysis	American Politics

4193	Individual Studies	American Politics
4200	Politics of Modern Democracies	Comparative Politics
4210	Politics of European Integration	Comparative Politics
4212	Dictatorship to Democracy	Comparative Politics
4214	Northern European Politics	Comparative Politics
4216	East European Politics	Comparative Politics
4218	Russian Politics	Comparative Politics
4219	European Political Development	Comparative Politics
4225H	Dem in Muslim Majority Countries	Comparative Politics
4230	Chinese Political System	Comparative Politics
4231	China: State & Society	Comparative Politics
4232	Contemporary Politics of South Asia	Comparative Politics
4235	Japanese Politics	Comparative Politics
4236	Southeast Asian Politics	Comparative Politics
4240	Latin American Politics	Comparative Politics
4241	Special Topics in Latin American Politics	Comparative Politics
4242	Incomplete Democracies	Comparative Politics
4245H	Democratic Erosion	Comparative Politics
4249	Domestic Politics of Intl Conflict	Comparative Politics
4250(H)	African Politics	Comparative Politics
4262	The New Religious Politics	Comparative Politics
4270	The Canadian Political System	Comparative Politics
4282	Politics of Income Inequality	Comparative Politics
4285	Comparative Pol of the Welfare State	Comparative Politics
4300	Theories of International Relations	International Relations
4305	International Theory	International Relations
4310	Security Policy	International Relations
4315	International Security & Causes of War	International Relations
4318	Politics of International Terrorism	International Relations
4320	Strategies for War & Peace	International Relations
4326	Russian Foreign Policy	International Relations
4327	Politics in the Middle East	International Relations
4330	Global Governance	International Relations
4331	The United Nations System	International Relations

4332	Politics of Globalization	International Relations
4335	International Environmental Politics	International Relations
4381	Contemp Intl Political Economy	International Relations
4385(E)	Quantitative Studies of International Conflict	International Relations
4420H	Debating Democracy	Political Theory
4450	Politics & Ethics	Political Theory
4455	Human Rights	Political Theory
4460	American Political Ideas	Political Theory
4465	Feminist Political Theory	Political Theory
4553	Game Theory for Political Scientists	Political Theory
4591	Seminar in Public Policy	American Politics
4597.01	International Cooperation & Conflict	International Relations
4597.02	Political Problems of Contemp World	Comparative Politics
4597.03	Gender & Democracy in Contemp World	Comparative Politics
4780	Thesis Research Colloquium	Variable
4781	Data Analysis in Political Science I	Variable
4782	Data Analysis in Political Science II	Variable
4784(E)	Complexity Science and the Study of Politics	Variable
4891	Topics in American Politics	American Politics
4892	Topics in Comparative Politics	Comparative Politics
4893	Topics in International Relations	International Relations
4894	Topics in Political Theory	Political Theory
4895	Topics in Public Policy	Public Policy
4910(H)	Business-Government Relations	American Politics
4920(H)	Politics in Film & Television	American Politics
4940	Politics of Immigration	Comparative Politics
Level D		
4998	Undergraduate Research	Variable
4999(H)	Thesis Research	Variable
5000	Quantum Mind and Social Science	Political Theory
5124	Urban Politics	American Politics
5140	Ethnic Politics in American Cities	American Politics
5411	Ancient & Medieval Political Thought	Political Theory
5412	Early Modern Political Thought	Political Theory

5413 19th Century Political Thought
5414 20th Century Political Thought

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