

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 mass behavior. Political scientists examine 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 both scientific and humanistic 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.
-Students accomplish this goal primarily in courses at the 4000 and 5000 level, although 1000-, 2000- and 3000-level courses may also contribute to this knowledge base.

Political science majors will acquire a knowledge foundation and an array of skills enabling them to pursue a wide variety of professional and leadership roles and to become responsible and well-informed citizens. We prepare our students for post-graduate studies in numerous areas including public policy, international affairs, law, business, and political science. Our department's challenging and supportive learning environment gives the students the confidence to assume progressively greater initiative and independence through their undergraduate 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	Credit Hours	Learning Goals			
				1	2	3	4
Pre-Major Courses							
1100	Intro to American Politics	American Politics	3	x			x
1200	Intro to Comparative Politics	Comparative Politics	3	x			x
1300	Global Politics	International Relations	3	x			x
2150	Voters & Elections	American Politics	3	x	x		x
2300	American Foreign Policy	International Relations	3	x	x		x
2400	Intro to Political Theory	Political Theory	3	x	x		x
Field Distribution				x	x	x	x
Focus Area					x	x	x
Course Levels							
	1000(A)			x			x
	2000(B)			x	x		x
	3000(B)			x	x	x	x
	4000(C)				x	x	x
	5000(D)				x	x	x

Program Learning Goals for All Undergraduate Courses

Course Number	Course	Field	Credit Hours	Learning Goals			
				1	2	3	4
Level A							
1100 (H)	Intro to American Politics	American Politics	3	x			x
1105	American Political Controversies	American Politics	3	x			x
1165	Intro to Politics	American Politics	3	x			x
1200	Intro to Comparative Politics	Comparative Politics	3	x			x
1300	Global Politics	International Relations	3	x			x
1910	Introduction to Politics of Identity	International Relations	3	x			x
Level B							
2110	American Government Culture and Behavior	American Politics	3	x	x		x
2120	Politics of Health	American Politics	3	x	x		x
2128	Politics of Policing	American Politics	3	x	x		x
2145	Native American Politics	American Politics	3	x	x		x
2150	Voters & Elections	American Politics	3	x	x		x

2194.0x	Group Studies	Variable	3	x	x			x
2240	Indigenous Politics	Comparative Politics	3	x	x			x
2300	American Foreign Policy	International Relations	3	x	x			x
2367	Contemp Issues in American Politics	American Politics	3	x	x			x
2400 (H)	Intro to Political Theory	Political Theory	3	x	x			x
2496	Study at a Domestic Institution	Variable		x	x			x
3001	Economy, Polity, and Community	Variable	3	x	x	x		x
3001	Tradition, Progress, and Utopia	Variable	3	x	x	x		x
3005	Political Games	Variable	3	x	x	x		x
3100	American Politics & Policy Making	American Politics	3	x	x	x		x
3115	Intro to the Policy Process	American Politics	3	x	x	x		x
3147	Interesectionality and Identity Politics	American Politics	3		x	x		x
3160	Political Polarization	American Politics	3	x	x	x		x
3170	Political Psychology	American Politics	3	x	x	x		x
3191	Internship	American Politics	1		x	x		x
3220	Politics of the Developing World	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x		x
3225	Post-Conflict Reconstruction	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x		x
3245	Radicalization, Deradicalization	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x		x
3240	Political Violence	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x		x
3260	Global Politics of Health & Disease	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x		x
3275	Politics of Sports	Variable	3		x	x		x
3280	Politics of Markets	Comparative Politics	3		x	x		x
3290	Comparative Public Policy	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x		x
3310(H)	Defense Policy & National Security	International Relations	3	x	x	x		x
3380	Pol Analysis of Intl Econ Relations	International Relations	3		x	x		x
3420	Political Theories of Democracy	Political Theory	3	x	x	x		x
3430	Political Theories of Freedom	Political Theory	3	x	x	x		x
3440	Political Theories of Justice	Political Theory	3	x	x	x		x
3450	Ethics and Public Policy	Political Theory	3	x	x	x		x
3460	Global Justice	Political Theory	3	x	x	x		x
3500	Political Games	Variable	3	x	x	x		x
3549	Survey Research in Political Science	Political Theory		x	x	x		x
3596	Nationalism & Ethnicity	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x		x
3620	Big Data, AI and the State	Variable	3	x	x	x		x

3780 (H)	Data Literacy & Data Visualization	Variable	3	x	x	x	x
3785	Data Science for the Social and Behavioral Sc	Variable	3	x	x	x	x
3798	Field Research Methods: Education Abroad i	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x	x
3905	Political Manipulation	American Politics	3	x	x	x	x
3910	Identity Politics	International Relations	3	x	x	x	x
3912	Political Leadership	American Politics	3	x	x	x	x
Level C							
4110	The American Presidency	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4115	Bureaucracy & Public Policy	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4120	US Congress	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4123	Political Crisis & Reform	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4125	American State Politics	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4126	Ohio Politics	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4127 (H)	Governing Urban America	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4130	Law & Politics	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4131	American Supreme Court	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4132H	Supreme Court Decision Making	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4135(E)	American Constitutional Law	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4136	Civil Liberties	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4137	Politics of Legal Decision Making	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4138	Women & the Law	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4139 (E)	Gun Politics	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4140	Black Politics	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4143	Race, Ethnicity and American Politics	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4145	Asian American Politics	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4150	American Political Parties	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4152	Campaign Politics	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4160	Public Opinion	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4162	Religion & American Politics	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4164	Pol Participation & Voting Behavior	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4165	Mass Media & American Politics	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4170	Gender & Politics	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4175	Women, Government & Public Policy	American Politics	3		x	x	x
4190	Pol Decision Making & Public Policy	American Politics	3		x	x	x

4191	Internship	American Politics	3	x	x	x
4192	Policy Analysis	American Politics	3	x	x	x
4193	Individual Studies	American Politics	3	x	x	x
4200	Politics of Modern Democracies	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4210	Politics of European Integration	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4212	Dictatorship to Democracy	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4214	Northern European Politics	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4216	East European Politics	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4218	Russian Politics	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4219	European Political Development	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4225H	Dem in Muslim Majority Countries	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4230	Chinese Political System	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4231	China: State & Society	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4232	Contemporary Politics of South Asia	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4235	Japanese Politics	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4236	Southeast Asian Politics	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4240	Latin American Politics	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4241	Special Topics in Latin American Politics	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4242	Incomplete Democracies	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4245H	Democratic Erosion	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4249	Domestic Politics of Intl Conflict	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4250(H)	African Politics	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4262	The New Religious Politics	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4270	The Canadian Political System	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4282	Politics of Income Inequality	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4285	Comparative Pol of the Welfare State	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4300	Theories of International Relations	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4305	International Theory	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4310	Security Policy	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4315	International Security & Causes of War	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4318	Politics of International Terrorism	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4320	Strategies for War & Peace	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4322	Psychology of War and Peace	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4326	Russian Foreign Policy	International Relations	3	x	x	x

4327	Politics in the Middle East	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4330	Global Governance	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4331	The United Nations System	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4332	Politics of Globalization	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4335	International Environmental Politics	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4381	Contemp Intl Political Economy	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4385(E)	Quantitative Studies of International Conflict	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4420H	Debating Democracy	Political Theory	3	x	x	x
4450	Politics & Ethics	Political Theory	3	x	x	x
4455	Human Rights	Political Theory	3	x	x	x
4460	American Political Ideas	Political Theory	3	x	x	x
4465	Feminist Political Theory	Political Theory	3	x	x	x
4553	Game Theory for Political Scientists	Political Theory	3	x	x	x
4591	Seminar in Public Policy	American Politics	3	x	x	x
4597.01	International Cooperation & Conflict	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4597.02	Political Problems of Contemp World	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4597.03	Gender & Democracy in Contemp World	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4780	Thesis Research Colloquium	Variable	3	x	x	x
4781	Data Analysis in Political Science I	Variable	3	x	x	x
4782	Data Analysis in Political Science II	Variable	3	x	x	x
4784(E)	Complexity Science and the Study of Politics	Variable	3	x	x	x
4891	Topics in American Politics	American Politics	3	x	x	x
4892	Topics in Comparative Politics	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
4893	Topics in International Relations	International Relations	3	x	x	x
4894	Topics in Political Theory	Political Theory	3	x	x	x
4895	Topics in Public Policy	Public Policy	3	x	x	x
4910(H)	Business-Government Relations	American Politics	3	x	x	x
4920(H)	Politics in Film & Television	American Politics	3	x	x	x
4940	Politics of Immigration	Comparative Politics	3	x	x	x
Level D						
4998	Undergraduate Research	Variable	variable	x	x	x
4999(H)	Thesis Research	Variable	variable	x	x	x
5000	Quantum Mind and Social Science	Political Theory	3	x	x	x
5124	Urban Politics	American Politics	3	x	x	x

5140	Ethnic Politics in American Cities	American Politics	3	x	x	x
5411	Ancient & Medieval Political Thought	Political Theory	3	x	x	x
5412	Early Modern Political Thought	Political Theory	3	x	x	x
5413	19th Century Political Thought	Political Theory	3	x	x	x
5414	20th Century Political Thought	Political Theory	3	x	x	x