

# Undergraduate Handbook

## Political Science and World Politics

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## Why should you study Political Science?

These days, an undergraduate education needs to prepare you not for a single career you will keep for a lifetime, but for a lifetime which might include several different careers. Therefore, when choosing a major, a primary consideration should be to find a subject that not only is interesting and exciting, but that can provide you with a flexible skillset and broad knowledge base that will make you attractive to different kinds of employers.

A degree in Political Science is a wise investment in your long term success. Whatever your career trajectory, at many points you will be called upon to problem-solve. This involves understanding the deeper causes of day-to-day events you read about in the news; being able to relate those causes to the values of your organization or society; and learning to think critically, creatively, and outside the box, so that you can frame problems in ways to get traction on them. You also will need to be able to write well. A highly industrialized, complex society moves on written material and the ability to write cogent, well-reasoned prose is widely rewarded across a range of careers. Finally, you will need to be able to design research and to collect and interpret data, both qualitative and quantitative. All of these are broadly applicable skills, taught in many of our courses. These skills will not merely get you a job tomorrow, but will position you to become the kind of person who excels in your chosen career and rises to the highest level.

Political Science is about the study of government, and in our classes you will study many aspects of governing structures and processes. But on a deeper level, what politics is really about is **power**. To study Political Science is to study power: what it is, how it works, where it is found, and how you can better channel it to achieve your own goals. From the perspective of a political scientist, power and politics are found everywhere. By studying political

science, you will learn how decisions get made that affect your day-to-day life, and how policy gets made in ways that shape the choices available to all.

The Political Science Department offers three distinct major programs and eight minors. We also offer several options to enhance your education, such as pathways toward earning Honors and/or Research Distinction, and we can link you up with opportunities to present, fund, and publish your original research. In addition, we can help you find internships and study abroad opportunities. Finally, we offer opportunities to participate in departmental governance.

The Political Science Department has a strong tradition of scholarship in the four main areas of study that constitute the field of Political Science – American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory – as well as in Political Methodology. Our faculty members are active, often path-breaking, researchers who also are committed teachers, actively engaged in advising undergraduates. Our facilities include state-of-the-art computerized teaching and distance learning classrooms, an experimental lab, and a research and teaching consultation lab for faculty and students.

In short, Political Science at the Ohio State University has a wide range of opportunities. Talk to your advisor about the appropriate mix for you.

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## **I. DEGREE PROGRAMS**

The Political Science Department offers three degree options with distinct requirements. Students may opt for a (a) Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, (b) Bachelor of Arts in World Politics, or (c) Bachelor of Science in Political Science.

For the two Bachelor of Arts degrees, students must meet the basic course and credit hour requirements set down by the College of Arts and Sciences for the Bachelor of Arts degree. For the Bachelor of Science degree, students must meet the basic course and credit hour requirements set down by the College of Arts and Sciences for the Bachelor of Science degree. Information on BA and BS curricula is available at <http://ascadvising.osu.edu/gec/curriculum>.

Students who matriculated between Autumn Quarter 2008 and Summer Semester 2012 should see page 37 for degree requirements that take into account the transition to semesters.

### **A. BA Political Science**

The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science offers students a wide range of opportunities to study the many dimensions of politics and government, including elections and electoral behavior, legal and judicial politics, foreign policy and war, political economy and development, the political implications of race, gender and ethnicity, and the moral and ethical issues associated with democracy, global justice, and human rights. Students take at least one course in each of the four main subfields of the discipline: American Politics (the study of political behavior and institutions in the United States), Comparative Politics (the study of non-US political behavior and institutions), International Relations (the study of relationships between states), and Political Theory (the study of the concepts and values that inform political life).

Students also choose a “focus” field in which they take at least four courses.

Prior to declaring this major, a student must have credit for one of the following courses: Political Science 1100, 1165, 1200, 1300, 2150, 2300, or 2400.

Requirements for the undergraduate major in Political Science:

1. An undergraduate major in Political Science consists of a coherent program of courses amounting to a minimum of 33 hours of course work numbered at the 2000 level or higher.
2. (A) At least 24 of the 33 hours of course work must be numbered at the 3000 level or higher. These 24 hours do not include course work taken in other departments that are approved as part of the Political Science major program.  
(B) A minimum of 21 credit hours must be earned at The Ohio State University. This limits to 12 hours the course work that can be earned through study at another domestic or foreign institution or through Ohio State-sponsored off-campus programs, and ensures that more than half of a student’s major is taken from Ohio State instructors. At least 15 of the 21 Ohio State credit hours must be numbered at the 3000 level or higher.
3. Major programs must include at least 1 course from each of four fields in Political Science. The fields are American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory. PS 4781 (Data Analysis in Political Science I) may be counted toward any one of the fields in satisfying this requirement.
4. Major programs must include a 4-course focus in a field, chosen from American Politics, Comparative



Politics, International Relations, or Political Theory. An individualized focus may be created in consultation with an advisor or faculty member.

5. A grade of "C-" or better is necessary in order for a course to count as part of a major program. A student must earn a Cumulative Point-Hour Ratio of 2.0 or higher in all courses included on the major.
6. A maximum combined total of 6 credit hours in the major can be included from the following categories: independent study; internships; and relevant research, problems and topics courses.
7. As many as 6 credit hours of the 33 required for the major program may be courses with subject matter related to Political Science in other departments. There is no official list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from an advisor in the department before scheduling such courses as part of their major programs.

## **B. BA World Politics**

The Bachelor of Arts in World Politics provides an in-depth understanding of political institutions and processes around the world at the national, trans-national and international levels. This major will prepare students to live and work in a globalized environment in which international events influence domestic politics, and vice versa, with increasing intensity. The major is organized into four areas of specialization: foreign policy and security, political economy and development, political institutions and processes in countries outside the United States, and international political theory. For breadth, students are required to take at least one course in each of these four areas, and to add depth they are required to take at least four courses in one area.

Prior to declaring a major in World Politics, a student must have credit for one of the following courses: Political Science 1165, 1200, or 1300.

Requirements for the undergraduate major in World Politics

1. An undergraduate major in World Politics consists of a coherent program of courses amounting to a minimum of 33 hours of course work numbered at the 2000 level or higher.
2. (A) At least 24 of the 33 hours of course work must be numbered at the 3000 level or higher. These 24 hours do not include course work taken in other departments that are approved as part of the World Politics major program.  
(B) A minimum of 21 credit hours must be earned at The Ohio State University. This limits to 12 hours the course work that can be earned through study at another domestic or foreign institution or through Ohio State-sponsored off-campus programs, and ensures that more than half of a student's major is taken from Ohio State instructors. At least 15 of the 21 Ohio State

credit hours must be numbered at the 3000 level or higher.

3. Major programs must include at least 4 courses at the 2000 level or higher in one of the 4 specializations, and at least 1 course at the 2000 level or higher in each of the other 3 specializations.

POLITSC 3780 Data Literacy and Data Visualization, POLITSC 4781 Data Analysis in Political Science I, and POLITSC 4782 Data Analysis in Political Science II may be taken as a part of the major, but cannot be counted in one of the substantive course areas.

4. A grade of “C-” or better is necessary in order for a course to count as part of a major program. A student must earn a Cumulative Point-Hour Ratio of 2.0 or higher in all courses included on the major.
5. A maximum combined total of 6 credit hours in the major can be included from the following categories: independent study; internships; and relevant research, problems and topics courses.
6. As many as 6 credit hours of the 33 required for the major program may be courses with subject matter related to World Politics in other departments. There is no official list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from an advisor in the department before scheduling such courses as part of their major programs.

**Specialization Areas and Courses:** (consult a department advisor for availability). Other courses can be applied to the major with approval of the department:

Foreign Policy and Security:

- 2300 American Foreign Policy
- 4135 American Constitutional Law
- 4249 Domestic Politics of International Conflict
- 4310 Security Policy
- 4315 International Security and the Causes of War
- 4318 Politics of International Terrorism
- 4320 Strategies for War and Peace
- 4326 Russian Foreign Policy
- 4330 Global Governance
- 4335 International Environmental Politics
- 4597.01 International Cooperation and Conflict
- 4940 The Politics of Immigration

Political Institutions and Processes:

- 4110 American Presidency
- 4200 Politics of Modern Democracies
- 4210 Politics of European Integration
- 4212 Politics of Southern Europe
- 4214 Northern European Politics
- 4216 Eastern European Politics
- 4218 Russian Politics
- 4219 European Political Development
- 4225H Democracy in Muslim Majority Countries
- 4230 Chinese Political System
- 4231 China: State and Society
- 4232 Contemporary Politics of South Asia
- 4236 Southeast Asian Politics
- 4235 Japanese Politics
- 4240 Latin American Government and Politics: An Overview
- 4242 Incomplete Democracies

4262 New Religious Politics  
4270 The Canadian Political System  
4285 Comparative Politics of the Welfare State  
4331 The United Nations System

Political Economy and Development:

3220 Politics of the Developing World  
4210 Politics of European Integration  
4216 Eastern European Politics  
4219 European Political Development  
4230 Chinese Political System  
4231 China: State and Society  
4232 Contemporary Politics of South Asia  
4235 Japanese Politics  
4236 Southeast Asian Politics  
4240 Latin American Government and Politics:  
An Overview  
4241 Special Topics in Latin American Politics  
4242 Incomplete Democracies  
4250(H) African Politics  
4280 State and Economy  
4282 Politics of Income Inequality  
4285 Comparative Politics of the Welfare State  
4327 Politics in the Middle East  
4380 International Economic Relations  
4381 Comparative Economic Policy  
4940 The Politics of Immigration

International Theory:

3420 Political Theories of Democracy  
3430 Political Theories of Freedom  
3460 Global Justice  
3910 Identity Politics  
3912 Political Leadership  
4300 Theories of International Relations  
4330 Global Governance  
4450H Politics and Ethics  
4455 Human Rights

NOTE: Some courses are listed under more than one specialization. These courses shall be counted **ONLY ONCE** toward one of the specializations.

## **C. BS Political Science**

The Bachelor of Science in Political Science provides rigorous training in social scientific methodology and equips students to study and produce empirical research about social and political phenomena. This major allows students who plan to attend graduate school for advanced study in Political Science or another social science discipline, or who are pursuing a second STEM-related major or minor, to pursue their interest in politics while developing and using of their analytical and technical skills.

The main difference between this program and the existing Political Science B.A. is the emphasis on methodological training. Students are required to take a sequence of three core methodology courses as well as a fourth elective methodology course. Students are also required to take at least one course in three out of the four traditional subfields of Political Science: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.

Prior to declaring this major, a student must have credit for one of the following courses: Political Science 1100, 1165, 1200, 1300, 2150, 2300, or 2400.

Requirements for the undergraduate major in Political Science.

1. A Bachelor of Science in Political Science consists of a coherent program of courses amounting to a minimum of 33 hours of course work numbered at the 2000 level or higher.
2. (A) At least 24 of the 33 hours of course work must be numbered at the 3000 level or higher. These 24 hours do not include course work taken in other departments that are approved as part of the Political Science major program.  
(B) A minimum of 21 credit hours must be earned at The Ohio State University. This limits to 12 hours

the course work that can be earned through study at a domestic or foreign institution or through Ohio State-sponsored off-campus programs, and ensures that more than half of a student's major is taken from Ohio State instructors. At least 15 of the 21 Ohio State credit hours must be numbered at the 3000 level or higher.

3. (A) 9 credits must be taken in the required core classes in political methodology: Political Science 3780, 4781, and 4782.  
(B) 3 additional credits must be taken in a specialized class in political methodology: Political Science 3549, 4192, or 4553. A graduate or ITV methods course may also be used to satisfy this requirement with instructor consent.
4. Major programs must include at least 1 course from 3 of the 4 fields in Political Science: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.
5. A grade of "C-" or better is necessary in order for a course to count as part of a major program. A student must earn a Cumulative Point-Hour Ratio of 2.0 or higher in all courses included on the major.
6. A maximum combined total of 6 credit hours in the major can be included from the following categories: independent study; internships; and relevant research, problems and topics courses. Internship experiences must be distinct to count for more than 1 course.
7. As many as 6 credit hours of the 33 required for the major program may be courses with subject matter related to Political Science in other departments. There is no official list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from a political science advisor before scheduling such courses as part of their major programs.



## **II. MINORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

The Political Science Department offers seven distinct minors. Students may choose to minor in Political Science, which is the most flexible and general option; or they may choose a more specialized minor from among six additional options. Students who pursue a BA or BS in Political Science may not also minor in Political Science. Students who pursue a BA in World Politics may minor in options A-F.

Students who began their minor course of study before June 2012 and have not yet completed it should see page 39 for precise degree requirements.

### **A. Political Science**

The general Political Science minor accommodates the interests of students from a variety of majors who want to supplement their major with a coherent educational program in Political Science. It consists of 15 credit hours. Students are expected to organize their program to develop a focus on a particular aspect of the political world. Of the 15 credit hours required, a maximum of 6 may be at the 2000 level; the remaining hours must be at the 3000 level or higher. A maximum of three hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than three hours of transfer credit may apply.

### **B. Campaigns and Elections**

The Campaigns and Elections minor provides students with knowledge and analytical tools necessary to understand the election process and political campaigning in the United States.

*Required Course*

Polit Sc 4160 Public Opinion

*Elective Courses (choose 4)*

Polit Sc 3100 American Politics and Policy Making  
Polit Sc 3115 Introduction to the Policy Process  
Polit Sc 3420 Political Theories of Democracy  
Polit Sc 4150 American Political Parties  
Polit Sc 4152 Campaign Politics  
Polit Sc 4164 Political Participation and Voting Behavior  
Polit Sc 4420H Politics and Ethics

### **C. Comparative Politics**

The Comparative Politics minor provides students with in-depth knowledge of the politics of contemporary nation-states and tools for comparative analysis to prepare them to live and work in an increasingly global environment.

#### *Required Course (choose 1)*

Polit Sc 3220 Politics of the Developing World  
Polit Sc 4200 Politics of Modern Democracies

#### *Elective Courses (choose 4)*

Polit Sc 3220 Politics of the Developing World  
Polit Sc 3596 Nationalism & Ethnicity  
Polit Sc 3910 Identity Politics  
Polit Sc 4200 Politics of Modern Democracies  
Polit Sc 4210 Politics of European Integration  
Polit Sc 4212 Southern European Politics  
Polit Sc 4214 Northern European Politics  
Polit Sc 4216 Eastern European Politics  
Polit Sc 4218 Russian Politics  
Polit Sc 4230 Chinese Political System  
Polit Sc 4235 Japanese Politics  
Polit Sc 4236 Southeast Asian Politics  
Polit Sc 4240 Latin American Politics  
Polit Sc 4241 Special Topics in Latin American Politics  
Polit Sc 4249 Domestic Politics of International Conflict  
Polit Sc 4250 African Politics  
Polit Sc 4280 State and Economy

Polit Sc 4282 Politics of Income Inequality  
Polit Sc 4285 Comparative Politics of the Welfare State  
Polit Sc 4597.02 Political Problems of the Contemporary  
World  
Polit Sc 4327 Politics in the Middle East  
Polit Sc 4330 Global Governance

### **D. Judicial Politics**

The Judicial Politics minor provides students with foundational knowledge in judicial politics and judicial behavior, from the perspective of the role of law and judicial institutions in the larger political system.

#### *Required Course*

Polit Sc 4130 Law and Politics

#### *Elective Courses (choose 4)*

Polit Sc 2400 or 2400H Introduction to Political Theory  
(required for Polit Sc 3440)  
Polit Sc 3440 Political Theories of Justice  
Polit Sc 4135 American Constitutional Law  
Polit Sc 4136 Civil Rights and Liberties  
Polit Sc 4137 The Politics of Legal Decision Making  
Polit Sc 4138 Women and the Law  
Polit Sc 4910 or 4910H Business-Government Relations

### **E. Legal Foundations of Society**

The multidisciplinary minor in Legal Foundations of Society provides students with an exposure to the legal underpinnings of society from a liberal arts perspective. It is not intended as a “pre-law” program, but rather, as a means of providing a foundational understanding of the ways society constructs and uses its legal systems.

*Required Course*

Sociol 2309 Introduction to Law and Society

*Required Course (choose 1)*

Philos 2400 Political and Social Philosophy

Polit Sc 2400 Introduction to Political Theory

*Elective Courses (minimum 9 credit hours)*

AEDEcon 3170 Agribusiness Law

Afamast 4326 Topics in African Americans and Public Policy

Comm 3404 Media Law and Ethics

Econ 3710 & 3710H Law and Economics

Econ 3790 Economics of Crime

Econ 4700 Government and Business

English 4595 Literature and the Law

History 2015 The History of American Criminal Justice

History 3005 The United States Constitution and American  
Society to 1877

History 3006 – The United States Constitution and American  
Society since 1877

Ling 4597.02 Language and the Law

Philos 2400 Political and Social Philosophy

Philos 3410 Philosophical Problems in the Law

Polit Sc 2400 Introduction to Political Theory

Polit Sc 3440 Political Theories of Justice

Polit Sc 4130 Law and Politics

Polit Sc 4132H Supreme Court Decision Making

Polit Sc 4135 American Constitutional Law

Polit Sc 4136 Civil Liberties

Polit Sc 4137 Politics of Legal Decision Making

Polit Sc 4138 Women and the Law

Polit Sc 4460 American Political Ideas

Psych 4485 Psychology and the Law

Sociol 2209 Introduction to Criminal Justice

Sociol 4507 The Criminal Justice System

Sociol 4509 Sociology of Law

Sociol 4510 Gender, Crime, and the Criminal Justice System

Sociol 4511 Juvenile Delinquency

Sociol 4609 Neighborhoods and Crime

Sociol 4611 Prisons, Jails and Community Correction

## Sociol 4615 Control and Prevention of Crime and Delinquency

### **F. Political Decision Making**

The minor in Political Decision Making provides students with the knowledge necessary to understand the methods by which citizens and elites arrive at solutions to political problems.

#### *Required Course*

Polit Sc 4120 US Congress

#### *Elective Courses (choose 4)*

Polit Sc 3100 American Politics and Policy Making

Polit Sc 3115 Introduction to the Policy Process

Polit Sc 3910 Identity Politics

Polit Sc 3912 Political Leadership

Polit Sc 4132H Supreme Court Decision Making

Polit Sc 4137 Politics of Legal Decision Making

Polit Sc 4160 Public Opinion

Polit Sc 4164 Political Participation and Voting Behavior

Polit Sc 4175 Women, Government, and Public Policy

Polit Sc 4320 Strategies for War and Peace

Polit Sc 4331 The United Nations System

Polit Sc 4910 or 4910H Business-Government Relations

### **G. Political Theory**

The Political Theory minor provides students with foundational knowledge about the concepts and values that inform political life, and will help students to develop informed attitudes on contemporary political issues.

#### *Required Course*

Polit Sc 2400 or 2400H Introduction to Political Theory

#### *Elective Courses (choose 4)*

Polit Sc 3420 Political Theories of Democracy  
Polit Sc 3430 Political Theories of Freedom  
Polit Sc 3440 Political Theories of Justice  
Polit Sc 3460 Global Justice  
Polit Sc 4411 Ancient and Medieval Political Theory  
Polit Sc 4412 Early Modern Political Theory  
Polit Sc 4413 Modern Political Theory  
Polit Sc 4414 Topics in Contemporary Political Theory  
Polit Sc 4420H Debating Democracy  
Polit Sc 4450H Politics and Ethics  
Polit Sc 4455 Human Rights  
Polit Sc 4460 American Political Ideas  
Polit Sc 4465 Feminist Political Theory

## **H. World Politics**

The World Politics minor provides students with foundational knowledge in international relations, including the political and economic interactions of the global system and relations between countries and international institutions, in order to prepare them to live and work in an increasingly globalized environment.

### *Required Course:*

Polit Sc 2300 OR 2300H American Foreign Policy

### *Elective Courses (choose 4)*

Polit Sc 3910 Identity Politics  
Polit Sc 4249 Domestic Politics and International Conflict  
Polit Sc 4300 Theories of International Relations  
Polit Sc 4310 Security Policy  
Polit Sc 4315 International Security and Causes of War  
Polit Sc 4318 Politics of International Terrorism  
Polit Sc 4320 Strategies for War and Peace  
Polit Sc 4327 Politics in the Middle East  
Polit Sc 4330 Global Governance  
Polit Sc 4331 The United Nations System

Polit Sc 4332 Globalization

Polis Sc 4335 International Economic Relations

Polit Sc 4380 or 4380H Political Analysis of International  
Economic Relations

Polit Sc 4381 Comparative International Political Economy

Polit Sc 4597.01 International Cooperation and Conflict

### III. ENHANCING YOUR DEGREE

The Political Science Department offers two pathways to enhancing the academic side of your degree, honors and research distinction.

#### A. Honors in Political Science.

Students in the Honors Program majoring or minoring in any of our degrees may choose to pursue that degree “*With Honors*,” which is a designation that appears on the student’s final transcript.

1. As a Political Science Major, whether through the BS or one of our BA degree programs, to receive the designation “*With Honors*,” you must complete the major requirements as outlined above, AS WELL AS the following:
  - a. At least 12 hours of credit must be in Political Science Honors courses at the 3000-level or higher.
  - b. In order to graduate with honors, a student’s cumulative point-hour ratio must be at the minimum set by the Honors Office (currently 3.4); the student’s major point-hour ratio must be a 3.5.
2. Students who minor in one our 7 Political Science minors may choose to pursue the designation of graduating “*with Honors*” in that minor. Honors minor programs must include the following:
  - a. 15 or more credit hours in 2000 level honors courses, and other Political Science courses at the 3000-level or higher.



- b. Honors minor programs must include
  - i. at least 12 hours of graded credit in Political Science courses at the 3000 level or higher,
  - ii. at least one course in each of two different fields, and
  - iii. at least 6 credit-hours in upper division Political Science honors courses or seminars.
- c. Honors minor programs may include 3 credit-hours in another department, with approval of an honors advisor.
- d. In order to graduate with honors, a student must have an overall GPA of 3.4, and a Political Science GPA of 3.5.

## **B. Research Distinction**

Students majoring in any of our degrees may choose to pursue that degree with research distinction in political science, which is a designation that appears on the student's final transcript.

1. Honors Research Distinction. Honors students may elect to do an Independent Honors Research project leading to the B.S. or B.A. "*with Honors Research Distinction in Political Science.*" Departmental expectations for these students are as follows: an overall GPA of 3.4 is required, the student's major point-hour ratio must be a 3.5, and students must take a minimum of 3 hours in Political Science 4999H. Additional requirements and procedures are described at <http://aschonors.osu.edu/honors/research-thesis>.

2. Research Distinction. Students who are not honors students may graduate “*with Research Distinction in Political Science*” by writing a thesis. Departmental expectations for these students are as follows: a minimum GPA of 3.0 is required and students must take at least 6 hours in Political Science 4999. Additional requirements and procedures are described at <http://aschonors.osu.edu/honors/research-thesis>.

#### **IV. SUPPORTING YOUR RESEARCH**

- A. Funding. Undergraduates who wish to pursue independent research projects will find there are many opportunities to fund and present that research. Talk to a political science advisor about opportunities that might work for you. For information on specific programs and deadlines for applications, follow these links:
  - i. <http://artsandsciences.osu.edu/sbsundergradresearchgrant>
  - ii. <http://mershoncenter.osu.edu/grants/research-grants/student-grants.html>
  - iii. <http://aschonors.osu.edu/opportunities/scholarships/undergrad>
- B. Presenting. Students also have the opportunity to present their independent research at the Denman Undergraduate Research Forum, which is coordinated by the Undergraduate Research Office and supported by the Office of Research, the Office of Undergraduate Education, Mr. and Mrs. Denman, and other corporate and private donors. The Forum showcases outstanding student research, scholarship, and creative activity. Each year several Political Science students participate. For additional

information, talk to a political science advisor and see:  
<https://denman.osu.edu/describe.aspx>.

## **V. SUPPLEMENTING YOUR STUDIES**

### **A. Internships**

The Department of Political Science encourages students to experience the practical side of their academic endeavors by becoming involved in internships (paid or unpaid) for which they can earn credit toward their BA or BS degree. Because Columbus is the seat of state government and Ohio is consistently a pivotal swing state, many of our students have found exciting local applied learning opportunities at the Ohio Statehouse and with political campaigns and lobby organizations. Students also have pursued internships with local law firms and non-profits for academic credit. And The John Glenn School of Public Affairs sponsors semester-long internships in Washington, D.C., which are popular among our majors. To get a sense of the available options and find what might be a good fit for you, check this link:

<https://polisci.osu.edu/undergraduate/internships>. Talk to the Political Science Internship Coordinator about how to earn academic credit.

### **B. Study Abroad**

The Ohio State University has established ties with a large number of universities in Europe, Asia and Latin America, and Political Science credit can be earned for participating in these and other exchange programs. Students planning to receive Political Science credits from study abroad programs should consult with political science advisors both prior to departure and immediately upon returning to Columbus. Students also should retain syllabi, exams, papers, etc., for the purpose of helping in the evaluation of course credits. To get a sense of the range of possibilities and find a program that might be a good fit for you, talk to a political science advisor. In addition, visit the Office of International Affairs in Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Avenue, and/or follow this link,

<http://oia.osu.edu/study-abroad.html>, where you can search by country, host university, or subject.

Political Science majors participate in a range of programs. Perhaps the most popular are:

1. **Sciences Po** offers a bilateral exchange program based on an agreement between The Ohio State University and Sciences Po in France. Sciences Po is a highly competitive and diverse French university that specializes in the humanities and social sciences. Courses are taught in English with occasional French instruction. Located in the heart of Paris, the campus is nestled just a short walking distance from the Seine River and major attractions such as Notre Dame de Paris, the Grand Palais, the Panthéon, and the Assemblée Nationale. Sciences Po offers courses in Political Science, economics, history, sociology, law, finance, business, communication, social and urban policy, management and journalism.
2. The **Canadian Parliament Internship Program** is a five-week program during which interns work in the office of a Member of the Canadian Parliament. Students may choose which party and what area of expertise the Member represents. Students may be asked to answer constituency mail, assist in writing and editing materials to be sent to the Member's Riding, research issues of importance to the Member, write a statement/question for Question Period, write speeches, conduct tours of Parliament, and general office work. Interns will live and socialize at the University of Ottawa with other students from the U.S., Canada, and other countries.

## **VI. GETTING INVOLVED**

The Political Science Department sponsors several extra-curricular activities that focus especially on interests of our majors. Information on additional opportunities to get involved in the University can be found at:

[https://ohiounion.osu.edu/get\\_involved/student\\_organization](https://ohiounion.osu.edu/get_involved/student_organization)  
[S](#)

### **A. Student Representatives to Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC)**

The Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Political Science Department deals with matters pertaining to the undergraduate curriculum and undergraduate-student problems. The Committee is composed of faculty members and two student representatives appointed by the department chair. The USC welcomes student ideas and suggestions concerning undergraduate studies in Political Science; these can be passed to the committee through the department office.

### **B. Collegiate Council on World Affairs (CCWA)**

Our CCWA is ranked among the top 25 model UN teams in the country. Students participate in Model United Nations, Model European Union and Model African Union. CCWA sends members to intercollegiate model UN competitions across the country.

### **C. Mock Trial**

Undergraduate Mock Trial replicates all aspects of the legal process. Students learn how to prepare witnesses for and portray them at trial. Student attorneys also learn to prepare witness examinations and statements for trial and the rules of evidence and procedure used in actual courtrooms. Students compete at invitational and regional competitions.

#### **D. Alexander Hamilton Society (AHS)**

AHS is an independent, non-partisan, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting constructive debate on basic principles and contemporary issues in foreign, economic, and national security policy.

#### **E. Journal of Political and International Affairs (JPIA)**

JPIA, a journal comprised of undergraduate papers on a range of subjects from across the subfields, is published biannually by the Political Science Department.

## **VII. AFTER GRADUATION**

### **A. Careers**

The Career Services Office of the College of Arts and Sciences in Denny Hall offers a variety of services to students. Career exploration and advising is provided throughout students' academic career, and can continue for several semesters after graduation. Interview schedules arranged by the Office are available to students who register with the Office. Moreover, the Office has extensive information from both the private and public sectors pertaining to career opportunities. Their web address is <http://asccareerservices.osu.edu>

### **B. Law School**

The primary source for information on law school and application to law school is the Law School Admissions Council, found at [www.lsac.com](http://www.lsac.com). For more information about law school and legal careers, speak with one of the Political Science advisors. The College of Arts and Sciences' pre-law advisors also have materials on law school and the LSAT examination.

### **C. Post-Graduate Fellowships and Scholarships**

- 1. The Rhodes Scholarships** are the oldest and most celebrated international fellowship awards in the world. Each year 32 young Americans are selected as Rhodes Scholars, through a decentralized process representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. These students are selected for 2-3 years of study at the University of Oxford. OSU typically nominates 1-3 students for the competition. To learn more about the Rhodes process, visit



<http://honors-scholars.osu.edu/fellowship-office/rhodes>.

2. **The Marshall Scholarship**, awarded to 30-40 exceptional students from the country, provides the opportunity to study for 2-3 years at any university in the United Kingdom. Scholars are selected on the basis of distinction of intellect (3.7+ GPA) and character, potential to significantly contribute to society, strong motivation, and seriousness of purpose. OSU typically nominates 1-3 students for this competition. To learn more about the Marshall Scholarship, visit <http://honors-scholars.osu.edu/fellowship-office/marshall>.
  
3. **The Fulbright U.S. Student Program** offers over 1,900 opportunities for students to study, research, or teach abroad while promoting cross-cultural interaction and mutual understanding. Candidates looking to study or conduct research abroad will need to develop an independent program proposal and secure an in-country affiliation. Grants will fund project and living expenses for an 8-12 month period. To learn more about the Fulbright process, visit <http://honors-scholars.osu.edu/fellowship-office/fulbright>.

#### **D. Graduate School**

If you plan to pursue graduate study in Political Science or other fields you should consult with Political Science faculty and advisors about your plans. You also should work closely with Political Science advisors to plan an appropriate course of study. Your best chance for admission will come through careful planning of a strong curriculum, well-developed study habits, good examination scores on tests such as the GRE

or GMAT, strong reference letters, and appropriate extra-curricular activities.

## VIII. APPENDICES

### A. Recent Department of Political Science Course List

<u>Number</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Title</u>
2150	AP	Voters and Elections
2150H	AP	Honors Voters and Elections
2194	varies	Group Studies
2300	IR	American Foreign Policy
2300H	IR	Honors American Foreign Policy
2367	AP	Contemporary Issues in American Politics
2367H	AP	Honors Contemporary Issues in American Politics
2400	PT	Introduction to Political Theory
2400H	PT	Honors Introduction to Political Theory
3100	AP	American Politics and Policy Making
3115	AP	Introduction to the Policy Process
3170	AP	Political Psychology
3220	CP	Politics of the Developing World
3420	PT	Political Theories of Democracy
3430	PT	Political Theories of Freedom
3440	PT	Political Theories of Justice
3450	PT	Ethics and Public Policy
3460	PT	Global Justice
3549	*	Survey Research in Political Science
3596	CP	Nationalism and Ethnicity
3596H	CP	Honors Nationalism and Ethnicity
3780	*	Data Literacy and Data Visualization
3905	AP	Political Manipulation
3910	IR	Identity Politics
3912	AP	Political Leadership
4110	AP	The American Presidency
4115	AP	Bureaucracy and Public Policy
4120	AP	The United States Congress
4123	AP	Political Crises and Reform
4125	AP	American State Politics
4126	AP	Ohio Politics
4127	AP	City Politics

4130	AP	Law and Politics
4132H	AP	Supreme Court Decision Making
4135	AP	American Constitutional Law
4136	AP	Civil Liberties
4137	AP	The Politics of Legal Decision Making
4138	AP	Women and the Law
4139	AP	Gun Politics
4140	AP	Black Politics
4150	AP	American Political Parties
4152	AP	Campaign Politics
4160	AP	Public Opinion
4164	AP	Political Participation and Voting Behavior
4165	AP	Mass Media and American Politics
4170	AP	Gender and Politics
4175	AP	Women, Government and Public Policy
4191	*	Student Internship in Politics and Public Policy
4192	*	Policy Analysis
4193	*	Individual Studies
4200	CP	Politics of Modern Democracies
4210	CP	Politics of European Integration
4212	CP	Southern European Politics
4214	CP	Northern European Politics
4216	CP	East European Politics
4218	CP	Russian Politics
4219	CP	European Political Development
4236	CP	Southeast Asian Politics
4240	CP	Latin American Politics
4241	CP	Special Topics in Latin American Politics
4242	CP	Incomplete Democracies
4249	CP	Domestic Politics and International Conflict
4250	CP	African Politics
4250H	CP	Honors African Politics
4270	CP	The Canadian Political System
4280	CP	State and Economy
4282	CP	Politics of Income Inequality
4285	CP	The Comparative Politics of the Welfare State
4300	IR	Theories of International

		Relations
4310	IR	Security Policy
4315	IR	International Security and Causes of War
4318	IR	The Politics of International Terrorism
4320	IR	Strategies for War and Peace
4327	IR	Politics of the Middle East
4330	IR	Global Governance
4331	IR	The United Nations System
4332	IR	Globalization
4335	IR	International Environmental Politics
4380	IR	International Economic Relations
4380H	IR	Honors International Economic Relations
4381	IR	Comparative Economic Policy
4411	PT	Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
4412	PT	Early Modern Political Thought
4413	PT	Modern Political Thought
4414	PT	Topics: Contemporary Political Thought
4420H	PT	Debating Democracy
4450H	PT	Politics and Ethics
4455	PT	Human Rights
4460	PT	American Political Ideas
4465	PT	Feminist Political Theory
4553	*	Game Theory for Political Scientists
4597.01	IR	International Cooperation and Conflict
4597.01H	IR	Honors International Cooperation and Conflict
4597.02	CP	Political Problems of the Contemporary World
4597.02H	CP	Honors Political Problems of the Contemporary World
4780	*	Thesis Research Colloquium
4781	*	Data Analysis in Political Science I
4781H	*	Honors Data Analysis in Political Science I
4782	*	Data Analysis in Political Science II

4891	*	Topics in Political Science
4891H-4895H	*	Honors Seminars in Political Science
4910	AP	Business-Government Relations
4910H	AP	Honors Business-Government Relations
4920	AP	Politics in Film and Television
4920H	AP	Honors Politics in Film and Television
4940	CP	The Politics of Immigration
4998	*	Undergraduate Research
4999	*	Undergraduate Thesis Research
4999H	*	Undergraduate Honors Thesis Research
5124	AP	Urban Politics
6194	*	Contemporary Political Problems [Group Studies]

\*undergraduate methods course; all decimal sub-divisions count for major  
H denotes "honors" courses; to enroll, students must be in the honors program or have permission of the instructor.

## **B. Faculty Directory**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Field</u></b>	<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Phone</u></b>
Asher, Herb	American	2116 Derby	2-0803
Baum, Lawrence	American	2026 Derby	2-6088
Beck, Paul	American	2032 Derby	2-7087
Box-Steffensmeier, Janet	American	2049S Derby	2-9642
Braumoeller, Bear	International	2168 Derby	2-9499
Brooks, Sarah	Comparative	2052 Derby	2-7102
Caldeira, Gregory	American	2052 Derby	2-4476
Cranmer, Skyler	Methods	2032 Derby	2-4529
Gelpi, Christopher	International	2176 Derby	2-1631
Gunther, Richard	Comparative	2032 Derby	2-6266
Herrmann, Richard	International	2030 Derby	2-8196
Holland, Bradley	Comparative	2084 Derby	
Kogan, Vladimir	American	2004 Derby	2-9498
Kurtz, Marcus	Comparative	2049D Derby	2-0952
MacGilvray, Eric	Theory	2127 Derby	2-3710
McGraw, Kathleen	American	2066 Derby	2-3913
McKean, Benjamin	Theory	2114 Derby	2-3049
Minozzi, William	American	2137 Derby	7-7017
Mitzen, Jennifer	International	2036 Derby	2-7400
Mughan, Anthony	Comparative	2048 Derby	2-7838
Neblo, Michael	Theory	2058 Derby	2-7839
Nelson, Thomas	American	2044 Derby	2-6408
Rehm, Philipp	Comparative	2186A Derby	2-8196
Pierskalla, Jan	Comparative	2147 Derby	2-9026
Ripley, Randall	American	2116 Derby	2-0803
Robinson, Amanda	Comparative	2080 Derby	2-1047
Schweller, Randall	International	2106 Derby	2-5357
Thompson, Alexander	International	2038 Derby	2-9491
Valdez, Inés	Theory	2072 Derby	7-8729
Verdier, Daniel	International	2068 Derby	2-8130
Watson, Sara	Comparative	2125 Derby	8-0341
Wendt, Alexander	International	2105 Derby	2-9219
Wood, Thomas	American	2008 Derby	2-4478
Wright, Jack	American	2062 Derby	2-9025

### **C. Political Science Advisors**

Klimpel, Jill	Academic Advisor	2140A Derby	2-3653
Kloss, Elizabeth	Internship Coordinator & Academic Advisor	2140D Derby	8-3804
Christina Murphy	Outreach	2140C Derby	2-1359
Smith, Charles	Coordinating Advisor	2140B Derby	2-1484

