

Undergraduate Handbook

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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 to enhance your academic experience.

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, each with distinct requirements. Students may pursue one or more of the following degrees: (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

<https://artsandsciences.osu.edu/academics/current-students/advising/ge>.

Students who matriculated between Autumn Quarter 2008 and Summer Semester 2012 should speak with an advisor about the transition to semesters.

A. Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

The BA in Political Science degree program 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 an area of specialization in which they take at least four courses. Students may specialize in one of the four traditional subfields of the discipline (American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations and Political Theory), or in one of the following thematic specializations: democracy and law; political identities and allegiances; political economy and development; cooperation, conflict and violence; inequality and justice; political leadership and reform; and political analysis.

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 one (1) course from each of four subfields 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 one area of specialization. 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.

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

American Politics

- 2150 Voters and Elections
- 2367(H) Contemporary Issues in American Politics
- 3115 Introduction to the Policy Process
- 3170 Political Psychology
- 3905 Political Manipulation
- 4110 The American Presidency
- 4115 Bureaucracy and Public Policy
- 4120 The United States Congress
- 4123 Political Crises and Reform
- 4125 American State Politics
- 4126 Ohio Politics
- 4127 Governing Urban America
- 4130 Law and Politics
- 4132H Supreme Court Decision Making
- 4135 American Constitutional Law
- 4136 Civil Liberties
- 4137 The Politics of Legal Decision Making
- 4138 Women and the Law
- 4139 Gun Politics
- 4140 Black Politics
- 4150 American Political Parties
- 4152 Campaign Politics
- 4160 Public Opinion
- 4164 Political Participation and Voting Behavior
- 4165 Mass Media and American Politics
- 4175 Women, Government and Public Policy
- 4920(H) Politics in Film and Television

Comparative Politics

- 3220 Politics of the Developing World
- 3596(H) Nationalism and Ethnicity
- 4210 Politics of European Integration
- 4212 From Dictatorship to Democracy in Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece
- 4214 Northern European Politics
- 4216 East European Politics
- 4218 Russian Politics
- 4219 European Political Development
- 4236 Southeast Asian Politics

- 4240 Latin American Politics
- 4241 Special Topics in Latin American Politics
- 4242 Incomplete Democracies
- 4249 Domestic Politics and International Conflict
- 4250(H) African Politics
- 4270 The Canadian Political System
- 4280 State and Economy
- 4282 Politics of Income Inequality
- 4285 The Comparative Politics of the Welfare State
- 4597.02(H) Political Problems of the Contemporary World
- 4940 The Politics of Immigration

International Relations

- 2300(H) American Foreign Policy
- 3910 Identity Politics
- 4300 Theories of International Relations
- 4305 International Theory
- 4310 Security Policy
- 4315 International Security and Causes of War
- 4318 The Politics of International Terrorism
- 4320 Strategies for War and Peace
- 4327 Politics of the Middle East
- 4330 Global Governance
- 4331 The United Nations System
- 4332 Globalization
- 4335 International Environmental Politics
- 4380(H) Political Analysis of International Economic Relations
- 4381 Comparative International Political Economy
- 4597.01(H) International Conflict and Cooperation

Political Theory

- 2400(H) Introduction to Political Theory
- 3420 Political Theories of Democracy
- 3430 Political Theories of Freedom
- 3440 Political Theories of Justice
- 3450 Ethics and Public Policy
- 3460 Global Justice
- 4455 Human Rights
- 4465 Feminist Political Theory
- 5411 Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
- 5412 Early Modern Political Thought
- 5413 Modern Political Thought
- 5414 Topics in Contemporary Political Thought

Democracy and Law

- 2367 Contemporary Issues in American Politics
- 3115 Introduction to the Policy Process
- 3420 Political Theories of Democracy
- 3450 Ethics and Public Policy
- 4110 The American Presidency
- 4115 Bureaucracy and Public Policy
- 4120 U.S. Congress
- 4125 American State Politics
- 4126 Ohio Politics
- 4127 City Politics
- 4130 Law and Politics
- 4132H Supreme Court Decision Making
- 4135 American Constitutional Law
- 4136 Civil Liberties
- 4137 Politics of Legal Decision Making
- 4138 Women and the Law
- 4139 Gun Politics
- 4150 American Political Parties
- 4152 Campaign Politics
- 4190 Political Decision-Making and Public Policy
- 4192 Policy Analysis
- 4210 Politics of European Integration
- 4212 From Dictatorship to Democracy in Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece
- 4214 Northern European Politics
- 4216 East European Politics
- 4218 Russian Politics
- 4219 European Political Development
- 4232 Contemporary Politics of South Asia
- 4236 SE Asian Politics
- 4240 Latin American Politics
- 4241 Special Topics in Latin American Politics
- 4242 Incomplete Democracies
- 4270 Canadian Political System
- 4280 State and Economy
- 4285 Comparative Politics of the Welfare State

Political Identities and Allegiances

- 2150 Voters and Elections
- 2367 Contemporary Issues in American Politics
- 2400 Introduction to Political Theory
- 3170 Political Psychology
- 3549 Survey Research in Political Science

- 3910 Identity Politics
- 4138 Women and the Law
- 4140 Black Politics
- 4150 American Political Parties
- 4160 Public Opinion
- 4164 Political Participation and Voting Behavior
- 4165 Mass Media and American Politics
- 4175 Women, Government, and Public Policy
- 4282 The Politics of Income Inequality
- 4465 Feminist Political Theory
- 4597.02 Political Problems of the Contemporary World
- 4597.03 Gender and Democracy in the Contemporary World
- 4940 The Politics of Immigration

Political Economy and Development

- 3220 Politics of the Developing World
- 3460 Global Justice
- 4232 Contemporary Politics of South Asia
- 4236 Southeast Asian Politics
- 4240 Latin American Politics
- 4241 Special Topics in Latin American Politics
- 4242 Incomplete Democracies
- 4250 African Politics
- 4280 State and Economy
- 4282 The Politics of Income Inequality
- 4285 Comparative Politics of the Welfare State
- 4327 Politics in the Middle East
- 4330 Global Governance
- 4331 United Nations System
- 4332 Globalization
- 4335 International Environmental Politics
- 4380 Political Analysis of International Economic Relations
- 4381 Comparative International Political Economy
- 4597.02 Political Problems of the Contemporary World
- 4940 The Politics of Immigration

Cooperation, Conflict and Violence

- 2300 American Foreign Policy
- 3460 Global Justice
- 4249 Domestic Politics of International Conflict
- 4300 Theories of International Relations
- 4305 International Theory
- 4310 Security Policy

- 4315 International Security and the Causes of War
- 4318 The Politics of International Terrorism
- 4320 Strategies for War and Peace
- 4327 Politics in the Middle East
- 4330 Global Governance
- 4331 United Nations System
- 4332 Globalization
- 4335 International Environmental Politics
- 4380 Political Analysis of International Economic Relations
- 4381 Comparative International Political Economy
- 4455 Human Rights

Inequality and Justice

- 2400 Introduction to Political Theory
- 3220 Politics of the Developing World
- 3420 Political Theories of Democracy
- 3430 Political Theories of Freedom
- 3440 Political Theories of Justice
- 3450 Ethics and Public Policy
- 3460 Global Justice
- 4130 Law and Politics
- 4132H Supreme Court Decision Making
- 4135 American Constitutional Law
- 4136 Civil Liberties
- 4137 Politics of Legal Decision Making
- 4138 Women and the Law
- 4139 Gun Politics
- 4140 Black Politics
- 4280 State and Economy
- 4282 The Politics of Income Inequality
- 4285 Comparative Politics of the Welfare State
- 4380 Political Analysis of International Economic Relations
- 4381 Comparative International Political Economy
- 4455 Human Rights
- 4465 Feminist Political Theory
- 4597 .03 Gender and Democracy in the Contemporary World
- 4940 The Politics of Immigration
- 5411 Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
- 5412 Early Modern Political Thought
- 5413 Modern Political Thought
- 5414 Topics in Contemporary Political Thought

Political Leadership and Reform

2400	Introduction to Political Theory
3115	Introduction to the Policy Process
3420	Political Theories of Democracy
3430	Political Theories of Freedom
3440	Political Theories of Justice
3450	Ethics and Public Policy
3460	Global Justice
3912	Political Leadership
4130	Law and Politics
4135	American Constitutional Law
4136	Civil Liberties
4138	Women and the Law
4150	American Political Parties
4152	Campaign Politics
4160	Public Opinion
4164	Political Participation and Voting Behavior
4165	Mass Media and American Politics
4190	Political Decision-Making and Public Policy
4192	Policy Analysis
4335	International Environmental Politics
4455	Human Rights
4465	Feminist Political Theory

Political Analysis

3549	Survey Research in Political Science
3780	Data Literacy & Visualization
3905	Political Manipulation
4553	Game Theory for Political Scientists
4780	Political Science Research Colloquium
4781	Data Analysis in Political Science I
4782	Data Analysis in Political Science II
5411	Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
5412	Early Modern Political Thought
5413	Modern Political Thought
5414	Topics in Contemporary Political Thought

B. Bachelor of Arts in World Politics

The BA in World Politics degree program 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
- 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 From Dictatorship to Democracy in Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece
- 4214 Northern European Politics
- 4216 Eastern European Politics
- 4218 Russian Politics
- 4219 European Political Development
- 4232 Contemporary Politics of South Asia
- 4236 Southeast Asian Politics
- 4240 Latin American Government and Politics: An Overview
- 4242 Incomplete Democracies
- 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
- 4232 Contemporary Politics of South Asia
- 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 Political Analysis of International Economic Relations
- 4381 Comparative International Political Economy
- 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
- 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. Bachelor of Science in Political Science

The BS in Political Science degree program 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 BA is the emphasis on methodological training. In the BS program, 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 BS 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 eight 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 seven 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 not also minor in World Politics.

Students who began their minor course of study before June 2012 and have not yet completed it should consult with an advisor on the transition to semesters.

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

4160 Public Opinion

Elective Courses (choose 4)

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

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)

- 3220 Politics of the Developing World
- 4200 Politics of Modern Democracies

Elective Courses (choose 4)

- 3220 Politics of the Developing World
- 3596 Nationalism & Ethnicity
- 3910 Identity Politics
- 4200 Politics of Modern Democracies
- 4210 Politics of European Integration
- 4212 From Dictatorship to Democracy in Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece
- 4214 Northern European Politics
- 4216 Eastern European Politics
- 4218 Russian Politics
- 4236 Southeast Asian Politics
- 4240 Latin American Politics
- 4241 Special Topics in Latin American Politics
- 4249 Domestic Politics of International Conflict
- 4250 African Politics
- 4280 State and Economy
- 4282 Politics of Income Inequality

- 4285 Comparative Politics of the Welfare State
- 4597 .02 Political Problems of the Contemporary World
- 4327 Politics in the Middle East
- 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

- 4130 Law and Politics

Elective Courses (choose 4)

- 2400(H) Introduction to Political Theory
- 3440 Political Theories of Justice
- 4135 American Constitutional Law
- 4136 Civil Rights and Liberties
- 4137 The Politics of Legal Decision Making
- 4138 Women and the Law

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.

Courses counting toward this minor must come from at least three different departments, and students must have at least 9 hours of upper-division course credit. In addition, only three credit hours taken for a student’s major can count toward this minor.

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

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

4120 US Congress

Elective Courses (choose 4)

3115 Introduction to the Policy Process

3910 Identity Politics

3912 Political Leadership

4132H Supreme Court Decision Making

4137 Politics of Legal Decision Making

4160 Public Opinion

4164 Political Participation and Voting Behavior

4175 Women, Government, and Public Policy

4320 Strategies for War and Peace

4331 The United Nations System

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

2400(H) Introduction to Political Theory

Elective Courses (choose 4)

3420 Political Theories of Democracy

- 3430 Political Theories of Freedom
- 3440 Political Theories of Justice
- 3460 Global Justice
- 4455 Human Rights
- 4465 Feminist Political Theory
- 5411 Ancient and Medieval Political Theory
- 5412 Early Modern Political Theory
- 5413 Modern Political Theory
- 5414 Topics in Contemporary 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:

2300(H) American Foreign Policy

Elective Courses (choose 4)

- 3910 Identity Politics
- 4249 Domestic Politics and International Conflict
- 4300 Theories of International Relations
- 4305 International Theory
- 4310 Security Policy
- 4315 International Security and Causes of War
- 4318 Politics of International Terrorism
- 4320 Strategies for War and Peace
- 4327 Politics in the Middle East
- 4330 Global Governance
- 4331 The United Nations System
- 4332 Politics of Globalization
- 4335 International Environmental Politics

4380(H) Political Analysis of International Economic
Relations

4381 Comparative International Political Economy

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 of our eight 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 BS or BA “*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 4 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 4 hours in Political Science 4999. Additional requirements and procedures are described at <http://artsandsciences.osu.edu/academics/current-students/advising-academics/graduation>.

IV. SUPPORTING YOUR RESEARCH

We encourage all of our undergraduate students to engage in research, whether by pursuing an independent project or by assisting one of our faculty members with his or her ongoing research. Students who wish to pursue independent research will find that there are many opportunities to fund and present their research, both within the department and across the university. We encourage interested students to talk with an advisor in the department and visit the Undergraduate Research Office (www.undergraduateresearch.osu.edu) to learn more about opportunities for research.

For a list of funding resources, visit polisci.osu.edu/undergraduate/research/funding

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. Education Abroad

The Ohio State University offers more than 100 education abroad programs in over 40 countries around the world. Political Science students participate in a range of these programs. Perhaps the most popular are the bilateral exchange programs with Sciences Po in France, the University of Mannheim in Germany and Leiden University in the Netherlands, and the five-week Canadian Parliament Internship Program.

Students planning to receive political science credits from study abroad programs should consult with their political science advisor both prior to departure and immediately upon returning to Columbus. Students should also retain syllabi, exams, papers, etc., for the purpose of helping in the evaluation of course credits.

For more information on education abroad, visit <https://oia.osu.edu/education-abroad.html>.

VI. GETTING INVOLVED

The Political Science Department sponsors several extra-curricular activities that focus particularly on the interests of our majors. These student groups include:

The Collegiate Council on World Affairs (CCWA)

Mock Trial at Ohio State

The Journal of Politics and International Affairs (JPIA)

The Alexander Hamilton Society

Information on these groups and on additional opportunities to get involved in the University can be found at

https://ohiounion.osu.edu/get_involved/student_organization
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VII. AFTER GRADUATION

A. Careers

Graduates of the political science program receive a degree from a nationally-ranked department, in a discipline that is well-known for instilling strong critical reasoning, research and writing skills. Recent graduates have pursued advanced degrees at top graduate programs across the nation, and have pursued careers in a variety of fields including law, business, political analysis and consulting, public policy, secondary and higher education, and journalism.

The Career Services Office of the College of Arts and Sciences can help students explore the value of their degree, prepare for the job market, and connect with potential employers. More information on their services can be found at <https://asccareerservices.osu.edu>.

The Buckeye Careers program also offers career development services and hosts several internship and job fairs throughout the year. More information can be found at careers.osu.edu/students/.

B. Law School

Many political science students hope to attend law school and pursue a career related to the law. For information about law school and legal careers, talk with your political science advisor. The pre-law advisors in the College of Arts and Sciences also have materials on law school and the LSAT examination. The primary source for information about the law school application is the Law School Admissions Council, found at www.lsac.org.

C. Graduate School

A political science degree can open the door to graduate study in a number of other fields. For example, in addition to political science, our graduates have earned advanced degrees in education, public policy and management, business administration, journalism, international relations and the health professions.

Because admission to the top graduate programs is highly competitive, you should work closely with your faculty adviser as soon as you begin to consider graduate school. Your best chance for admission will come through a strong and carefully-planned course curriculum, good scores on exams such as the GRE or GMAT, strong reference letters, and appropriate extra-curricular activities. Students who plan to pursue a graduate degree in political science should consult with their faculty advisor(s) and other professors about the course of study that is best suited to the field that they wish to pursue.

VIII. APPENDICES

A. Recent Department of Political Science Course List

<u>Number</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Title</u>
2150(H)	AP	Voters and Elections
2300(H)	IR	American Foreign Policy
2367(H)	AP	Contemporary Issues in American Politics
2400(H)	PT	Introduction to Political Theory
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(H)	CP	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	Governing Urban America
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
4175	AP	Women, Government and Public Policy
4191	*	Student Internship in Politics and Public Policy
4192	*	Policy Analysis
4193	*	Individual Studies
4210	CP	Politics of European Integration
4212	CP	From Dictatorship to Democracy in Spain, Portugal, Italy & Greece
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(H)	CP	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
4305	IR	International Theory
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(H)	IR	Political Analysis of International Political Economy
4381	IR	Comparative Economic Policy
4455	PT	Human Rights
4465	PT	Feminist Political Theory
4553	*	Game Theory for Political Scientists
4597.01(H)	IR	International Cooperation and Conflict
4597.02(H)	CP	Political Problems of the Contemporary World
4780	*	Thesis Research Colloquium
4781(H)	*	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
4920(H)	AP	Politics in Film and Television
4940	CP	The Politics of Immigration
4998	*	Undergraduate Research
4999	*	Undergraduate Thesis Research
4999H	*	Undergraduate Honors Thesis Research
5411	PT	Justice, Sin, and Virtue
5412	PT	Life, Liberty, and Property
5413	PT	Democracy, Equality, and Revolution
5414	PT	Liberalism, Totalitarianism, and Empire

*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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Acree, Brice	Methods	2126 Derby	
Acs, Alex	American	2008 Derby	
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
Lin, Erin	Comparative	2104 Derby	
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
Murphy, Christina	Outreach	2140C Derby	2-1359
Smith, Charles	Coordinating Advisor	2140B Derby	2-1484

