POLITICAL SCIENCE

Majors:

- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (p. 1)
- Bachelor of Arts, Communication/Political Science, Healthcare Administration Concentration (p. 2)

Minors:

- Political Science (p. 2)

The Department of Political Science offers a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Political Science. A minor in political science is also offered.

- A major in political science requires 39 semester hours of political science courses.
- A minor in political science consists of 15 semester hours. Courses selected by students should strengthen academic or career objectives.

Minors and Teacher Licensure

A student majoring in political science can acquire teacher licensure through the dual-degree B.A. and B.S.E. program conducted in conjunction with the Department of Teacher Education in the School of Education and Health Sciences, or minor in any related discipline within the College of Arts and Sciences. The student must consult with the department administering the discipline for the particular requirements of a minor.

Faculty
Grant W. Neeley, Chairperson
Director of Master of Public Administration: Joshua Ambrosius
Professors Emeriti: Ahern, Fogel, Inscho, Karns, Lapitan, Nelson
Professors: Ghere, Ingram, Pautz, Pierce
Associate Professors: Ambrosius, Bilocerkowycz, Ensalaco, Hudson, Miller, Neeley, Pruce, Watkins
Assistant Professors: Devine
Lecturers: Birdsong, Brough, Lin, Neiheisel, Payton, Talbott

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (POL) minimum 124 hours

Common Academic Program (CAP) 1

First-Year Humanities Commons 2 12 cr. hrs.
HST 103 The West & the World
REL 103 Introduction to Religious and Theological Studies
PHL 103 Introduction to Philosophy
ENG 100 Writing Seminar I 3
Second-Year Writing Seminar 4 0-3 cr. hrs.
ENG 200 Writing Seminar II
Oral Communication 3 cr. hrs.
CMM 100 Principles of Oral Communication

Mathematics

- Social Science 3 cr. hrs.
- SSC 200 Social Science Integrated

Arts 3 cr. hrs.

Natural Sciences 5 7 cr. hrs.

Crossing Boundaries up to 12 cr. hrs.

Faith Traditions

- Practical Ethical Action
- Inquiry 6
- Integrative

Advanced Study

- Philosophy and/or Religious Studies (6 cr. hrs.)
- Historical Studies (3 cr. hrs.) 7

Diversity and Social Justice 8 3 cr. hrs.

Major Capstone 9 0-6 cr. hrs.

The credit hours listed reflect what is needed to complete each CAP component. However, they should not be viewed as a cumulative addition to a student’s degree requirements because many CAP courses are designed to satisfy more than one CAP component (e.g., Crossing Boundaries and Advanced Studies) and may also satisfy requirements in the student’s major.

2 May be completed with ASI 110 and ASI 120 through the Core Program.
3 May be completed with ENG 100A and ENG 100B, by placement.
4 May be completed with ENG 114 or ENG 198 or ASI 120.
5 Must include two different disciplines and at least one accompanying lab.
6 U.S. History AP and CLEP credit will not satisfy this requirement.
7 May be completed with ASI 110 and ASI 120 through the Core Program. U.S. History AP and CLEP credit will not satisfy this requirement.
8 May not double count with First-Year Humanities Commons, Second-Year Writing, Oral Communication, Social Science, Arts, or Natural Sciences CAP components, but may double count with courses taken to satisfy other CAP components and/or courses taken in the student’s major.
9 The course or experience is designed by faculty in each major; it may, or may not, be assigned credit hours.

Liberal Studies Curriculum

Creative and Performing Arts (May include CAP Arts) 3
L2 Proficiency (Proficiency in a language other than English) 0-11
Literature (May include CAP Components) 3
Mathematics, excluding MTH 114, 204, 205 (Satisfies CAP Mathematics) 3
Natural Sciences (Satisfies CAP Natural Science) 11
Social Sciences, excluding POL courses (Includes CAP Social Science) 12

Major Requirements 39
POL 200 Introduction to Political Science 3
POL 201 The American Political System 3
POL 202 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3
or POL 214 Introduction to International Politics 3
POL 207 Political Science Research Methods 3
POL 316 American Political Thought 3
or POL 317 Development of Political Theory 3
or POL 319 Twentieth-Century Political Thought 3
POL 499 Political Science Capstone (Satisfies CAP Major Capstone) 3

Select seven POL courses (May include CAP Components) 1, 2 21

Breadth
ASI 150 Introduction to the University Experience 1
Total Hours to total at least 124

1 POL majors are required to have completed POL 207 by their first semester with Jr. standing.
2 Including twenty-one semester hours at the 300/400 level.
3 Students earning the B.A. in Political Science may count no more than six semester hours earned on internships (POL 495) toward the fulfillment of the degree requirements in POL. Students may, however, take additional hours of internship credit (POL 495) and count them toward the necessary 124 hours needed for graduation.

Bachelor of Arts, Communication/Political Science, Healthcare Administration Concentration

This program joins expertise in health communication with health policy and administration to provide a strong foundation in healthcare administration. This prepares students for an array of careers in healthcare settings. 60-63 credits required. Students will graduate with a double major in Communication and Political Science with a concentration in Healthcare Administration.

Liberal Studies Curriculum
Creative and Performing Arts (May include CAP Arts) 3
L2 Proficiency (Proficiency in a language other than English) 0-11
Literature (May include CAP components) 3
Mathematics (Satisfies CAP Mathematics) 3
Natural Sciences (Satisfies CAP Natural Science) 11
Social Sciences (Includes CAP Social Science) 12

Complete the following foundation courses: 27
POL 200 Introduction to Political Science 3
POL 201 The American Political System 3

Minor in Political Science (POL)

Political Science
Select one POL introductory course (201, 202, 214) 3
Select four POL courses (300/400 level) 12
Total Hours 15
- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (p. 2)
- Bachelor of Arts, Communication/Political Science, Healthcare Administration (p. 3)

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

First Year
Fall Hours Spring Hours
ASI 150 1
ENG 100 (CAP Humanities Commons) 3
HST 103 (CAP Humanities Commons) 3
PHL 103 (CAP Humanities Commons) 3
REL 103 (CAP Humanities Commons) 3
POL 201 3
POL 200 3
Language 101 4
CMM 100 (CAP Communication) 3
MTH 207 (Satisfies CAP Mathematics) 3

Second Year
Fall Hours Spring Hours
POL 202 or 214 3
ENG 200 (CAP Writing Seminar) 3
**Bachelor of Arts, Communication/Political Science, Healthcare Administration Concentration**

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**Human Rights Studies Courses**

**HRS 200. Introduction to Human Rights. 3 Hours**

Exploration of the rights of individuals and groups at global, national and local levels. Examination of basic questions about what humans are and what rights are, and a careful consideration of the foundations of rights claims and the myriad of mechanisms for defending and enforcing rights. Investigation into the key social, political, historical, and economic factors that lead to human rights violations and ways in which human rights research methods inform human rights theory and practice.
POL 308. Morality Policy. 3 Hours
Introduction to the morality-based public policy debate with comparison of morality policy (e.g. abortion, drugs, gay rights, pornography) and traditional forms of public policy; study of the moral basis underlying current political topics and debate.

POL 309. Health Policy. 3 Hours
Introduction to the major policy issues impacting healthcare value today at the federal, state and local levels and the influential role of advocates in the process. Health policies are public policies or authoritative decisions that pertain to health or influence the pursuit of health, and affect or influence groups or classes of individuals or organizations. The course will focus on understanding the basics of health policy, health value, Medicaid, Medicare, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and will examine selected public health issues in greater depth along with the current policy and policy opportunities impacting those issues at the federal, the state and local levels. Prerequisite(s): CMM 100; SSC 200 (may be taken concurrently); or with permission of the department chair.

POL 310. Political Parties, Campaigns & Elections. 3 Hours
Analysis of the history, nature, and function of political parties and their role in the political system in both a domestic and comparative context.

POL 311. Public Opinion & Political Behavior. 3 Hours
The formation, maintenance, change, and impact of public opinion on the American political system; the role of theory and analysis of data in understanding public and political behavior.

POL 313. The American Presidency. 3 Hours
Study of the American presidency, the development of presidential powers, and its leadership role in the political system.

POL 314. Interest Group Politics. 3 Hours
Exploration of the role of interest groups in the American political system through an examination of their internal organization and their roles in the electoral and policy making processes at the national, state and local levels. Prerequisite(s): POL 201.

POL 316. American Political Thought. 3 Hours
An exploration and critical investigation of selected actors, thinkers, texts, ideas and movements in American political thought and theory from the colonial period to the present. Topics may include the founding, the age of Jackson, the Civil War, Progressivism, Women's Suffrage, the New Deal, the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, the 1960s, and others.

POL 317. Development of Political Theory. 3 Hours
Analysis of selected theorists and political doctrines forming the tradition of Western thought on politics. Theorists including Plato, Aristotle, the Stoics, Augustine, Aquinas, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Mill, Marx, Spencer, Lenin, Gasset, and Camus presented in their historical and socio-political contexts.

POL 318. Public Integrity & Political Leadership. 3 Hours
Analysis of contemporary leadership issues related to integrity and values in political office-holding, public service, and global governance contexts. Prerequisite(s): CMM 201 or (POL 201 or POL 202 or POL 214) or permission of instructor.

POL 319. Twentieth-Century Political Thought. 3 Hours
Analysis of selected political theorists, concepts, and movements from the late nineteenth century to the present. Thinkers and concepts may include Marx, Nietzsche, Sartre, Camus, Freud, Arendt, Strauss, the Frankfurt School, Fanon, Foucault, Rawls, Rorty, existentialism, feminism, colonialism, post-modernity, liberalism, neo-conservatism among others.

POL 320. Comparative Politics: Western Europe. 3 Hours
Analysis of governmental institutions and political processes of Western Europe.
POL 321. Comparative Politics: Russia & the New States. 3 Hours
Analysis of governmental institutions and political processes of Russia
and the New States.

POL 322. Comparative Politics: Latin America. 3 Hours
Analysis of governmental institutions and political processes of Latin
America.

POL 331. Nationalism & Ethnopolitics. 3 Hours
An analysis of the politics of nationalism and ethnicity and their impact
on social justice. Diverse case studies (US, Russia, Northern Ireland,
Israeli-Palestinian) and institutions (European Community, United
Nations) will be explored.

POL 333. Politics of Human Rights. 3 Hours
Examines the evolution of international human rights norms and the
creation of the institutions for the protection and promotion of human
rights, and case material relating to each category of internationally
recognized human rights.

POL 334. Politics of Human Rights II. 3 Hours
This research seminar examines select topics related to the protection
and promotion of human rights. This course is required for all Human
Rights Studies majors. The research seminar adopts a case-study
approach that enables students to analyze the complex social,
economic, cultural, and political factors that impede the full realization
of internationally recognized human rights, and to critically evaluate the
effectiveness of the advocacy strategies used by inter-governmental
human rights bodies and non-governmental human rights organizations.
Thus, this seminar is designed to enable students to connect human
rights theory and practice. Part I (Overview) provides a more in-depth
examination of the material covered in POL 333 (the Politics of Human
Rights I). Part II (Case Studies) examines critical contemporary issues
and covers the full range of civil, political, economic, social, and cultural
rights. Students will collaborate on team research projects and produce a
final Human Rights Report containing an analysis of a specific situation
of the violation of human rights, findings of fact, and recommendations
aimed at rectifying the situation. Students will present and defend
their team reports and present in class at the end of the semester.
Prerequisite(s): POL 333.

POL 335. United States National Security Policy. 3 Hours
Analysis of various political, economic, and military issues and problems
relating to U.S. national security.

POL 336. United Nations System: Theory and Practice. 3 Hours
Introduction to the United Nations system with detailed case studies
of specific countries, issues, and policies. Course also serves to
prepare students for participation in the National Model United Nations
Conference. Prerequisite(s): SSC 200.

POL 340. Gender, Women’s Rights and Global Politics. 3 Hours
Overview of the ways international relations scholars study gender and
use gender as a lens on world politics. Course includes a foundation in
feminist theory as it relates to other international relations theories as
well as investigation of political topics such as war, labor, human rights,
political participation, and violence. Course is intersectional in approach,
examining how the power of gender operates to maintain interlocking
inequalities based on gender, nationality, race, class, and sexuality and
how these inequalities result in problematic gender equality policy-
making. Prerequisite(s): POL 214 or permission of instructor.

POL 341. Power, Gender & Performance. 3 Hours
Consideration of performances of identity and advocacy at the
intersection of political power and gender as constructive responses to
gender inequality. Performance protests for gender equality, and cultural
performances of gender are examined in historical case studies and
current events.

POL 350. Legislative Politics. 3 Hours
Study of the U.S. Congress, its organization and procedures, and its
powers and influence in the political system.

POL 354. Political Campaign Communication. 3 Hours
Examination of theory and research on the role, processes and effects
of communication in political campaigns with emphasis on mass media,
public speaking, debates, advertising, and interpersonal communications.
Prerequisite(s): CMM 100 and Sophomore standing.

POL 355. Media and Democracy. 3 Hours
Examination of the ways media influences politics and how politicians
use media to get elected, stay in power, and achieve policy goals. In this
course, students will investigate how political behavior and public opinion
are shaped by media in a critical-analytic approach integrated across
fields such as communications, economics, psychology, and sociology.
Prerequisite(s): CMM 100; SSC 200 (may be taken at the same time).

POL 360. Urban Politics & Policy. 3 Hours
Study of the nature of urban political systems in the U.S. with emphasis
on explanation of differences in their policy responses.

POL 361. Leadership in Nongovernmental Organizations. 3 Hours
Examination of management skills required of professionals in various
types of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and how leaders
integrate agency values and management processes to promote rights-
related missions. HRS and POL majors or minors only or permission of
the department chairperson.

POL 365. Disaster Policy & Administration. 3 Hours
Exploration of policy approaches and administrative response strategies
related to various phases of disasters and security crises in the U.S.
and international settings with attention to human rights issues.
Prerequisite(s): POL 201 or permission of instructor.

POL 371. Environmental Policy. 3 Hours
Examination of environmental public policymaking and implementation
in the United States. Students will apply knowledge of government and
policy processes to specific environmental issues, analyze governmental
response, and consider how action on those issues may be pursued.
Prerequisite(s): SSC 200.

POL 381. Film & Politics. 3 Hours
Exploration of film as a medium for both reflecting societal opinions
and influencing those opinions. In this course, students will investigate
various political topics and issues and explore how American narrative
film has dealt with these topics integrated across fields such as history,
economics, communications and sociology.

POL 391. The Politics of International Economic Relations. 3 Hours
Examination of the relationship among governments, non-state actors,
and the global economy. Topics include trade, investment, and finance,
highlighting the role of international organizations such as World Trade
Organization, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank, as
well as transnational corporations in shaping the international economy.

POL 404. United States - Latin American Relations. 3 Hours
This course examines the foreign relations of the United States with other
countries of the Western hemisphere. Political, economic and security
issues are examined from both theoretical and historical perspectives.
Prerequisite(s): (POL 210 or POL 214) or permission of instructor.
POL 406. International Law & Organization. 3 Hours
Study of rules governing the community of nations; their nature, sources, and development; the international agencies responsible for their development, interpretation, and administration. Prerequisite(s): POL 214 or permission of instructor.

POL 408. American Foreign Policy. 3 Hours
Critical study of the American foreign policy process and evaluation of the sources of American foreign policy. Prerequisite(s): (POL 201, POL 214) or permission of instructor.

POL 409. Russian Foreign Policy. 3 Hours
Analysis of the internal and external factors shaping the foreign policies of Russia and the independent republics.

POL 410. Comparative Foreign Policy. 3 Hours
Comparative analysis of the foreign policies of major states with emphasis on the process of policy development and on the national and international determinants of policy behaviors. Prerequisite(s): (POL 202 or POL 217) or permission of instructor.

POL 411. Constitutional Law. 3 Hours
Analysis of the role of the U.S. Supreme Court in its interpretation of the Constitution. Emphasis on the various methods of judicial interpretation as they affect such provisions as the commerce clause, the taxing and spending powers, due process, the dimensions of presidential and congressional authority, and the doctrine of judicial review. Prerequisite(s): POL 301 or permission of instructor.

POL 412. Comparative Law. 3 Hours
Explores how foreign judicial systems protect and promote civil and political rights through different constitutional designs. Prerequisite(s): POL 301.

POL 413. The Politics of Bureaucracy & Regulation. 3 Hours
Examination of the nature and meaning of bureaucracy in contemporary American society and the devices for its evaluation and control.

POL 421. Seminar in Political Science. 3 Hours
Seminar on current problems and issues in political science. May be taken more than once when content changes. Prerequisite(s): Political Science major; completed POL core courses.

POL 426. Leadership in Building Communities. 3 Hours
Investigation of the processes by which urban neighborhoods develop themselves from the inside out. Students cultivate their own interdisciplinary appreciation of urban communities through extensive interaction with one neighborhood’s visioning process. Topics include asset-based community development, social capital, citizenship, adaptive leadership, and community building strategies and tools.

POL 431. Independent Study & Research. 0-6 Hours
Individual reading and research on selected topics under faculty direction. Recommended for seniors only. Prerequisite(s): POL 207 and permission of instructor or department chairperson.

POL 450. Civil Liberties. 3 Hours
Analytical examination of civil liberties in the U.S. with emphasis on the Supreme Court as arbiter in the endless conflict between the demand for individual liberty and the needs of constitutional authority. Prerequisite(s): (POL 301 or POL 411) or permission of instructor.

POL 452. Political Violence. 3 Hours
Consideration of theoretical approaches to understanding violent change in political institutions; the continuum between violence and nonviolence; revolution, revolt, campus dissent, and political assassination. Prerequisite(s): (POL 202 or POL 333) or permission of instructor.

POL 477. Honors Thesis Project. 3 Hours
First of two courses leading to the selection, design, investigation, and completion of an independent, original Honors Thesis project under the guidance of a faculty research advisor. Restricted to students in the University Honors Program with permission of the program director and department chairperson. Students pursuing an interdisciplinary thesis topic may register for three semester hours each in two separate disciplines in consultation with the department chairpersons. Prerequisite(s): Approval of University Honors Program.

POL 478. Honors Thesis Project. 3 Hours
Second of two courses leading to the selection, design, investigation, and completion of an independent, original Honors Thesis project under the guidance of a faculty research advisor. Restricted to students in the University Honors Program with permission of the program director and department chairperson. Students pursuing an interdisciplinary thesis topic may register for three semester hours each in two separate disciplines in consultation with the department chairpersons. Prerequisite(s): Approved 477, approval of University Honors Program.

POL 479. Selected Topics in Public Policy. 3 Hours
Intensive examination of policy process, outcomes, and impact in an area or areas of American public policy selected by the instructor; such topics as transportation, education, welfare, national defense, urban and community development, civil rights, and science and technology. May be repeated once when topic changes.

POL 495. Internship. 1-9 Hours
Supervised experience in government agencies and programs. Prewill students are assigned to law firms and judicial chambers. Prerequisite(s): Permission of supervising professor.

POL 496. Public Service Practicum. 1-6 Hours
Individualized mentorship course integrating professional development and a critical analysis of applied experience related to public service. Includes an integrative presentation which connects students’ internship to political science theories and concepts presented in coursework. Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.

POL 497. Service Learning Experience. 1 Hour
Supervised community research or service experience that complements a specific upper division course in Political Science. Repeatable up to three semester hours. No more than three semester hours of Social Science 497 credits can count toward graduation. Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor. Corequisite(s): A 300-400 Political Science course.

POL 498. Political Science and Vocation. 0 Hours
Political Science as Vocation reflects on the purposes of life and proposed work through the language of vocation. For those majors writing an honors thesis, independent study, or completing a capstone in a second major. All others must take POL 499. Prerequisite(s): Senior standing and permission of the department chair.

POL 499. Political Science Capstone. 3 Hours
Project and presentation in the scholarship, activity and/or practice related to the major. Students will present their work in a forum appropriate to the major. Senior standing. Prerequisite(s): POL 207.