POLITICAL SCIENCE

Majors:

- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (p. 1)

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, Watkins
Assistant Professors: Devine, Pruce
Lecturers: Birdsong, Brough, Lin, Neiheisel, Payton, Talbott

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (POL)

Common Academic Program (CAP)  

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Mathematics

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

| Arts | 3 cr. hrs. |
| Natural Sciences 5 | 7 cr. hrs. |

Crossing Boundaries

| 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

| Major Capstone 9 | 0-6 cr. hrs. |

1 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 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 1 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.

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

First Year

Fall
ASI 150
HST 103 (CAP Humanities Commons)
REL 103 (CAP Humanities Commons)

Fall Hours Spring Hours
1 ENG 100 (CAP Humanities Commons) 3
3 PHL 103 (CAP Humanities Commons) 3
3 POL 201 3
3 MTH 114 (Satisfies CAP Mathematics) 3

Second Year

Fall Hours Spring Hours
POL 202 or 214 3 ENG 200 (CAP Writing Seminar) 3
POL 207 3 SSC 200 (CAP Social Science) 3
PSY 101, SOC 101, or SOC 204 (Social Science intro-level) 3 INSS (CAP Natural Science w/lab) 4
INSS (CAP Natural Science w/lab) 4 POL elective 3
Language 201 or contextual course 3 Upper level SOC, PSY, or ECO 3

Third Year

Fall Hours Spring Hours
POL 316, 317, or 319 3 Social Science (Elective not POL) 3
POL elective 3 POL elective 3
CAP Faith Traditions 3 CAP Inquiry 3
CAP Diversity and Social Justice 3 CAP Advanced Philosophy/Religious Studies 3

INSS Natural Science 3 CAP Practical Ethical Action 3

Fourth Year

Fall Hours Spring Hours
POL 499 (Satisfies CAP Major Capstone) 3 POL elective 3
POL elective 3 POL elective 3
CAP Integrative 3 CAP Arts/Performing 3
Social Science - elective 3 CAP Advanced Philosophy/Religious Studies 3

Literature 3 CAP Advanced Historical Studies 3

Total elective 3

Total credit hours: 128

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.
HRS 497. Capstone Seminar in Human Rights Studies. 3 Hours
Examination and reflection of scholarship and experiential learning activity related to interdisciplinary major. Project and public presentation on a contemporary human rights challenge demonstrating practical wisdom and critical evaluation of our times. Exploration of leadership, advocacy and service opportunities in human rights and humanitarian assistance as vocation.

HRS 498. Independent Study. 1-6 Hours
Research or special readings on problems of interest to the student under the guidance of a Human Rights Studies faculty or staff member. Permission of department chairperson.

Political Science Courses

POL 200. Introduction to Political Science. 3 Hours
Study of the dominant theoretical approaches, central questions and concepts, and history of political science. Political Science majors only.

POL 201. The American Political System. 3 Hours
Study of the American political system, its attitudinal and constitutional base, its structure and processes.

POL 202. Introduction to Comparative Politics. 3 Hours
Analysis of major concepts and approaches in the study of comparative government and politics.

POL 207. Political Analysis. 3 Hours
Introduction to the basic concepts and processes of research in political science.

POL 214. Introduction to International Politics. 3 Hours
Analysis of the dynamic forces of conflict and cooperation in world politics.

POL 300. Political Issues. 3 Hours
Introductory examination of contemporary political issues selected by the instructor, such topics as welfare, political morality, political campaigns, institutional reform, and political economy.

POL 301. The American Judicial Process. 3 Hours
Study of the judicial process as part of the political system. Focus on the participants (police, lawyers, judges, interest groups, litigants, jurors) and the process (criminal, civil, and appellate proceedings).

POL 303. State Politics and Policy. 3 Hours
Comparative study of governance in the fifty states with a focus on how socioeconomic, demographic and political differences account for variations in political institutions, processes, and public policies related to issues, such as health, education, voting rights, criminal justice and welfare. Prerequisite(s): SSC 200 (may be taken as a co-requisite).

POL 305. Introduction to Public Administration. 3 Hours
Basic principles of organization and management in executive departments of government at all levels; questions of planning, leadership, and control.

POL 306. Public Policy Analysis. 3 Hours
Introduction to public policy-making systems and the methodology of policy analysis; theories of policy formulation, the policy-making process, means for measuring policy effectiveness, analysis of proposals for policy change.

POL 307. The Politics of Bureaucracy & Regulation. 3 Hours
Examination of the nature and meaning of bureaucracy in contemporary American society, its relationship to the private sector, and the devices for its evaluation and control.

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, Sarte, 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 323. 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 policymaking. 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 and Sophomore standing.

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.