

Undergraduate Bulletin

Political Science

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Political Science

Bachelor of Arts

The major in Political Science introduces students to the principal fields of inquiry in political science. This major provides a program of study for students considering careers in a variety of fields, including public service, law, community affairs, international relations and politics. Students may select from among four concentrations-of-choice: Law, Courts and Politics which explores the intersection of the legal system and the broader political system; Justice and Politics, which examines the political philosophy and various societal values that underlie contemporary views of justice; American and Urban Politics and Policy, which emphasizes the role of political institutions in shaping solutions to contemporary urban problems; and Comparative/International Politics and Human Rights, which explores the global dimensions of politics and governance.

Learning outcomes. Students will:

- Initiate, develop, and present independent research
- Write effectively, engage in intellectually grounded debate, and form and express cogent arguments
- Develop skills in critical thinking in order to become knowledgeable citizens capable of reasoned judgments on contemporary political issues
- Demonstrate knowledge of the major subfields of political science

Credits required. 36-42

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Prerequisite. POL 101 or GOV 101. This course partially fulfills the general education requirement in the Flexible Core: U.S. Experience in its Diversity area.

Additional information. Students who enrolled for the first time at the College or changed to this major in September 2012 or thereafter must complete the major in the form presented here. Students who enrolled prior to that date may choose either the form shown here or the earlier version of the major. A copy of the earlier version may be obtained at the Office of Undergraduate Studies or at the Lloyd George Sealy Library.

COURSES**PART ONE. FOUNDATION COURSES****CREDITS: 15****Select five courses, only one per category****Category A. Law, Courts and Politics**

POL 235 Judicial Process and Politics

Category B. Political Theory

POL 270 Political Philosophy

POL 273 Western Political Thought

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Category C. Urban Politics and Public Policy

POL 206 Urban Politics

POL 234 Introduction to Public Policy

Category D. International/Comparative

POL 257 Comparative Politics

POL 260 International Relations

Category E. American Politics

POL 214 Political Parties, Interest Groups and Social Movements

POL 215 U.S. Congress

POL 220 The American Presidency

PART TWO. RESEARCH METHODS

CREDITS: 3

Required

POL 225 Introduction to Research in Politics

PART THREE. SUPERVISED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (OPTIONAL)

CREDITS: 0-6

POL 385 Supervised Research Experience in Political Science

PART FOUR. CONCENTRATION-OF-CHOICE

CREDITS: 15

Select one concentration. Students selecting Concentrations **A**, Concentration **B** or Concentration **D**, must take **five** 3-credit courses within their concentration. At least one 400-level and two 300-level political science courses must be completed.

Students selecting Concentration **C**, may **either** take five 3-credit courses, including one 400-level and two 300-level political science courses **OR** may take any of the Public Affairs Internships (POL 406, 407, or 408) and one 300-level course. Students selecting any of the Public Affairs internships must obtain the permission of the instructor before registering.

Concentration A. Law, Courts and Politics

POL 244 The Law and Politics of Immigration

POL 290 Special Topics

POL 301 Constitutional Powers

POL 305 Constitutional Rights and Liberties

POL 308 State Courts and State Constitutional Law

POL 313/LAW 313 The Law and Politics of Race Relations

POL 316 The Politics of Rights

POL 318 Law and Politics of Sexual Orientation

POL 319 Gender and Law

POL 420 Senior Seminar in Law, Courts and Politics

Concentration B. Justice and Politics

AFR 270 History of African-American Social and Intellectual Thought

LAW 310/PHI 310 Ethics and Law

POL 270 Political Philosophy

POL 273 Western Political Thought

POL 278/SOC 278 Political Sociology

POL 290 Special Topics

POL 316 The Politics of Rights

POL 371 American Political Philosophy

POL 375 Law, Order, Justice and Society

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POL 423/PHI 423 Selected Topics in Justice

Concentration C. American and Urban Politics and Policy

POL 203 Municipal and State Government

POL 206 Urban Politics

POL 210 Comparative Urban Political Systems

POL 214 Political Parties, Interest Groups and Social Movements

POL 215 U.S. Congress

POL 220 The American Presidency

POL 232 Media and Politics

POL 234 Introduction to Public Policy

POL 237 Women and Politics

POL 244 The Law and Politics of Immigration

POL 290 Special Topics

POL 302 Voting and Public Opinion

POL 405 Seminar in New York City Politics

POL 406 Seminar and Internship in New York City Government and Politics (6 credits)

POL 407 New York State Assembly/Senate Session Program (12 credits)

POL 408 CUNY Washington, D.C. Summer Internship Program (6 credits)

Concentration D. Comparative/International Politics and Human Rights

LLS 220 Human Rights and Law in Latin America

POL 210 Comparative Urban Political Systems

POL 242/HIS 242 /LLS 242 U.S. Foreign Policy in Latin America

POL 246 Politics of Globalization and Inequality

POL 250 International Law and Justice

POL 257 Comparative Politics

POL 259/LAW 259 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems

POL 260 International Relations

POL 290 Special Topics

POL 320 International Human Rights

POL 325 Politics of Transnational Crime

POL 328 Politics of International Security

POL 331 Government and Politics in the Middle East

POL 362 Terrorism and International Relations

POL 450 Senior Seminar in International Relations and Comparative Politics

PART FIVE. SENIOR REQUIREMENT

CREDITS: 3

POL 409 Colloquium for Research in Government and Politics

CREDITS REQUIRED FOR THE MAJOR: 36–42