

Department of Political Science

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Courses in the Department of Political Science meet the needs of many students: those interested in public service, private business, or professional careers; those who wish to go to law school; those interested in international relations and foreign service employment in the public or private sector; and those interested in teaching government and social studies in secondary schools.

To accommodate these needs and interests within the objectives of liberal education, the department offers programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science. The major areas and appropriate degrees follow:

1. a Political Science major (B.A. or B.S.) with either a
 - a. general focus or
 - b. Public Administration concentration or
 - c. Pre-law concentration;
2. an International Relations major (B.S.).

Minors are offered in Political Science, International Relations, and Public Administration. Interdisciplinary minors in Urban Studies, Russian Studies, Paralegal Studies, and African Studies are coordinated by the department.

All students at the University must fulfill the General Education requirements. These courses are primarily in the fields of English, history, science, and mathematics. Following are suggested curricula, but students should study the requirements carefully and consult with their advisors on those courses.

Curricular listings include General Education requirements in Communication, History, Humanities and/or Fine Arts, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Social/Behavioral Sciences categories as outlined on pages 64–67.

Major in Political Science

The major in Political Science requires 33 semester hours of work, including PS 1010, 2010, 4000, and 4800.* All majors must include work in **at least five** of the following groups:

1. American government (PS 2020, 3050, 3060, 3100, 3160, 3170, 3320, 3330, 3340, 3350, 3400, 3420, 4120, 4250, 4360, 4410)
2. Comparative government (PS 3000, 3180, 3190, 3200, 3300, 3310, 3770, 3780, 3790, 3900)

3. International relations (PS 2130, 3000, 3030, 3210, 3220, 3500, 3510, 3780, 3910, 4126, 4210, 4220, 4240, 4250)
4. Public law (PS 2440, 3010, 3370, 3380, 3500, 3530, 4040, 4590)
5. Public administration (PS 3250, 3260, 3400, 3440, 4050, 4290, 4630)
6. Political theory and research methods (PS 4020, 4110, 4230, 4700, 4920, 4930)

*Those with a Pre-law concentration must take PS 1010, 2010, 4800, and two of the four following courses: PS 4000, 4230, 4700, 4920. Those with no concentration must take one of the following courses: PS 4230, 4700, 4920.

Recommended Curriculum

FRESHMAN		SOPHOMORE	
ENGL 1010, 1020 (Comm)	6	ENGL 2020 or 2030 or	
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3	HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3
Mathematics	3	Humanities and/or Fine Arts	
PS 1010 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3	(2 prefixes)	6
PS 2010	3	Social/Behavioral Sciences	3
Natural Sciences (2 prefixes)	8	HIST 2010, 2020, or 2030	6
Foreign Language/Minor*	6	PS area requirements	6
	32	Foreign Language/Minor	6
			30

JUNIOR

PS area requirements	9	PS 4230, 4700, or 4920	3
PS 4000	3	PS 4800	3
Minors	12	PS area requirements	3
Electives	6	Minors	12
	30	Electives	7
			28

*Students pursuing the B.S. degree rather than the B.A. degree should take a second minor.

Concentration: Public Administration

The Public Administration concentration is for those seeking administrative careers in government or public service agencies. A combination of general political science courses, core public administration courses, pertinent political science electives, and courses in related disciplines provides a sound background for an administrative career. Included in the major must be some work in five of the six political science subfields. Required courses are PS 1010, 2010, 4000, 4800 (general); PS 3250, 4290 (core); nine semester hours from PS 2020, 3160, 3260, 3400, 3440, 4050, 4590, 4630 (core); and six or more semester hours of coursework in political science relevant to public administration and the student's interests. In addition the student must complete INFS 3100 and ECON 2410, 2420. ACTG 2110, 2120 are recommended. Recommended minors include Accounting, Business Administration, Criminal Justice Administration, Economics, Finance, English, Information Systems, Psychology, and Sociology.

Recommended Curriculum

FRESHMAN		SOPHOMORE	
ENGL 1010, 1020 (Comm)	6	ENGL 2020 or 2030 or	
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3	HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3
Mathematics	3	Humanities and/or Fine Arts	
PS 1010 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3	(2 prefixes)	6
PS 2010	3	ECON 2410 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3
Natural Sciences (2 prefixes)	8	ECON 2420	3
Foreign Language/Minor	6	HIST 2010, 2020, or 2030	6
	32	PS 3250	3
		Foreign Language/Minor	6
			30

JUNIOR		SENIOR	
INFS 3100	3	PS 4800	3
PS 4000	3	PS 4290	3
PS designated courses	6	PS	9
Minors	12	Minors	12
ACTG 2110, 2120	6	Elective	1
	30		28

Concentration: Pre-law

The Pre-law concentration is designed for the student who plans to attend law school. A combination of core political science courses and courses in related disciplines has been found to provide a sound background for law school. Some law schools will not accept any professional or technical courses as part of their minimum requirement. It is essential that the student consult with his or her advisor in instances where such courses will be taken. In addition to meeting the basic requirements for the Political Science major, the Pre-law student must enroll in ECON 2410 (or 2420); PHIL 2110; COMM 3210 (or 2200); and PS 3530 (or ENGL 4605); ACTG 3000 or BLAW 3400; and one upper-division PS law class.

Recommended Curriculum

FRESHMAN		SOPHOMORE	
ENGL 1010, 1020 (Comm)	6	ENGL 2020 or 2030 or	
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3	HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3
Mathematics	3	Humanities and/or Fine Arts	
PS 1010 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3	(2 prefixes)	6
PS 2010	3	ECON 2410 (Soc/Beh Sci) or	
Natural Sciences (2 prefixes)	8	ECON 2420	3
Foreign Language/Minor	6	HIST 2010, 2020, or 2030	6
	32	PS 2440	3
		PHIL 2110	3
		Foreign Language/Minor	6
			30

JUNIOR		SENIOR	
PS 3370, 3380	6	PS Political Theory	6
ENGL 4605 or PS 3530	3	PS cognate course	3
ACTG 3000 or BLAW 3400	3	Minors	12
PS 4800	3	PS area requirement	3
Minors	12	Electives	4
PS area requirement	3		28
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Minor in Political Science

The minor in Political Science requires 18 semester hours of work, including PS 1010 and 2010.

Minor in Public Administration

The minor in Public Administration requires 18 semester hours of work: PS 2010, 3250, and 12 semester hours to be selected from PS 2020, 3160, 3260, 3400, 3440, 4050, 4120, 4290 (maximum 3 hours), 4590, 4630.

Major in International Relations

The major in International Relations requires 33 semester hours of work including PS 1010, 2010, 3210, 3220, and 4240. All majors must choose two courses from each of the following subfields:

1. International Relations (PS 3000, 3030, 3500, 3510, 3780, 3910, 4126, 4220, and 4250)

2. Comparative Government (PS 3180, 3200, 3190, 3300, 3310, 3770, 3780, 3790, and 3900)
3. The remaining six hours may be drawn from any of the courses listed above or from PS 4000, 4200, 4230, 4290 (with prior approval) 4800, 4920, and 4930.

Substitutions may be made with the advisor's consent.

It is preferable that minors and electives be in foreign languages, humanities, or social science offerings that significantly contribute to an understanding of economic, geographical, historical, and cultural factors in international relations or in areas that provide students with substantive skills related to a professional environment such as business and computer science. Recommended related courses in social science are ANTH 2010; ECON 2410, 4440, 4470; GEOG 3420, 3430, 3460, 4330, 4500; HIST 3150, 4530, 4330, 4340; SOC 4510, 4520. Interdisciplinary minors with a cross-cultural or area studies emphasis are also recommended.

Recommended Curriculum

FRESHMAN		SOPHOMORE	
ENGL 1010, 1020 (Comm)	6	ENGL 2020 or 2030 or	
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3	HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3
Mathematics	3	Humanities and/or Fine Arts	
PS 1010 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3	(2 prefixes)	6
PS 2010	3	Social/Behavioral Sciences	3
Natural Sciences (2 prefixes)	8	HIST 2010, 2020, or 2030	6
Minor	6	PS 3210, 3220	6
	32	Minor	6
			30

JUNIOR		SENIOR	
PS subfields (IR/Comp)	6	PS 4240	3
PS designated course	3	PS subfields (IR/Comp)	6
Minor	12	Minor	12
Electives	9	PS designated course	3
	30	Electives	4
			28

Minor in International Relations

The minor in International Relations requires 18 semester hours from PS 1010, 2010, 3000, 3180, 3190, 3210, 3220, 3300, 3310, 3500, 3510, 3770, 3780, 3790, 3900, 3910, 4126, 4200, 4220, 4240, 4920. PS 1010, 2010, and 3210 are mandatory.

Major or Minor in Political Science with Teacher Licensure

Students who want to teach government in high school should minor in Secondary Education; complete 12 hours of history (may include General Education requirements); minor in History (highly recommended), Economics, or Geography; and take 33 hours in political science. These must include PS 1010, 2010, 4000, 4800; PS 3210 or 4220; PS 4230, 4700, 4920, or 4930; and 15 elective hours with at least one course in three of four specified areas—American Government, Public Law, Public Administration, and Comparative Government. Students must also complete additional teacher licensure requirements including COMM 2200 and either HIST 1010, 1020, 1110, or 1120.

Students with teacher licensure in History, Geography, and Economics who are seeking an add-on endorsement in Government must take PS 1010, 2010, 2440, 3210 or 3300, 2020 or 4120, and an upper-division class in political theory for a total of 18 hours. Students without licensure in History, Geography, and Economics who are seeking an add-on endorsement in Government must take the classes above plus 3 additional hours of political science (a total of 21 hours).

NOTE: Please see the Educational Leadership Department on page 210 for Secondary Education minor requirements.

Interdisciplinary Minors

Interdisciplinary minors are open to all students in the University. The Department of Political Science coordinates the interdisciplinary minors in African Studies, Urban Studies, Paralegal Studies, and Russian Studies. See Interdisciplinary Minors beginning on page 80.

Courses in Political Science [PS]

*Courses marked with an * are offered infrequently.*

- 1010 Foundations of Government.** Three credits. **Meets part of the General Education Social/Behavioral Sciences requirement.** Comparative theories and institutions of government. Law, constitutions, power, political socialization, ideologies, and the media.
- 2010 American Government and Politics.** Three credits. Constitutional principles, functions, and administration of American federal government; Congress, the presidency, and the Supreme Court. **A General Education Social/Behavioral Sciences course.**
- 2020 State and Local Government.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 2010. Politics and administration at the state and local level. Legislative, judicial, and administrative structures and processes; major issues and problems.
- 2100 Legal Courtroom Procedure.** One credit. For students interested in developing trial advocacy skills; practical course offering preparation for mock trial competition. May be repeated for up to four hours credit. Pass/Fail.
- 2105 Introduction to Latin American Studies.** Three credits. (Same as SPAN 2105, SOC 2105, ART 2105, ANTH 2105, GEOG 2105.) A multidisciplinary, team-taught introduction to Latin America. Covers the cultures and societies of the region: pre-history, history, geography, politics, art, languages, and literatures. Required course for all Latin American Studies minors.
- 2120 Mediation Procedure.** One credit. Prerequisite: PS 2440 or permission of department chair. For students interested in developing skills as mediators and advocates in mediation settings. Practical application of theories, methods, and ethical components of mediation. Participation in intercollegiate mediation competition. May be repeated for up to four hours of credit. Pass/Fail.
- 2130 Model United Nations/Crisis Simulation.** One credit. For students interested in developing skills in negotiation and conflict resolution involving international issues. A practical application of negotiating skills, policy process, and understanding of international conflicts and problems through participation in intercollegiate MUN/crisis simulation competition. Course may be repeated for up to 4 hours of credit.
- 2440 Law and the Legal System.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 2010. A general introduction to American law and the American legal system; focus on the case system.
- 3000 The Political Status of Women in the World.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010 or WMST 2100. Considers both developed and developing countries. Emphasizes ferment and change in the twentieth century in terms of emergent concepts of equality; highlights effects of religion, economy, culture, and psychological behavior on the politics of male-female relationships.
- 3010 Women and the Law.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010 or permission of the department chair. Analysis of the legal treatment of women in the home, school, and workplace. Examines development of law, relationship of law to political movements, and current state of law and legal theory on women's rights and gender equality.
- 3030 Introduction to Human Rights.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010. Fosters critical thinking about human rights by developing skills in weighing powerful but opposing arguments in complex moral situations. Familiarizes students with the role of both national and international organizations in global politics.
- 3050 The U.S. Presidency.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or permission of instructor. A comprehensive analysis of the presidency; includes origins of the presidency, political power, the nature of the institutionalized presidency, campaigns and elections, and a careful look at selected presidents.
- 3060 The U.S. Congress.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 2010. An analysis of the United States Congress; its origins, political power, the nature of the institutionalized Congress, campaigns, and elections.
- 3100 Politics and Film.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010 or permission of instructor. Analysis of political ideas as expressed in motion pictures. Topics include leadership, political biographies, campaigns and elections, ideology, and war.
- 3160 American Public Policy.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010. Examines the public policy-making process in the United States, the stages of policy development and the problems inherent in policymaking. At least one substantive policy area examined in depth; examples: health care, environmental, welfare, agricultural, poverty, or budgetary policies.
- 3170 Civil Rights Policy and Politics.** Three credits. Assesses the institutional impact—past and present—of the civil rights movement on American political institutions (the presidency, Congress, the courts, the executive cabinets, the administrative regulatory agencies, and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights). Events and topics include the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the 1991 Civil Rights Act, voter dilution, felony disenfranchisement and sentencing disparities, campaign finance reform, affirmative action, disability rights, gender discrimination, and majority-minority congressional districts.
- 3180 African Politics.** Three credits. (Same as AAS 3180.) Prerequisite: PS 1010. Comparative study of the political systems, modernization efforts, and development problems of countries with different traditions or colonial pasts, selected from the continent of Africa.
- 3190 Middle East Politics.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010. Emphasis on the Palestinian question, the Arab-Israeli wars, the role of the United Nations; conflicts between and among the Arab nations; the various peace initiatives that have been proposed.

- 3200 British Government and Films.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010 or permission of instructor. The evolution of parliamentary government in the United Kingdom and its current distinctive characteristics, processes, and functions in contrast to other parliamentary regimes.
- 3210 International Relations.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010. The state system and national power, balance of power, balance of terror, game theory, psychological aspects of international conflict, decision making, diplomacy and negotiation, war, disarmament, and collective security.
- 3220 International and Comparative Politics in Theory and Practice.** Three credits. Prerequisites: PS 1010 and 3210. A reading and discussion seminar; theoretical approaches to studying international relations and comparative politics. Offers preparation for upper-division international relations and comparative politics courses; helps in choice of career goals.
- 3250 Public Administration.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010. Fundamentals of public management—organization theory, leadership, policy making, planning, budgeting, personnel, administrative law, bureaucratic behavior.
- 3260 Applied Public Administration.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 3250 or permission of instructor. Emphasizes selected issues, agencies, and problems. Normally entails the application of administrative concepts to administrative problems and learning by doing.
- 3300 Comparative European Governments.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010. Comparative analysis of the governmental forms and practices of England, France, Germany, the European community, and others.
- 3310 Comparative Asian Governments.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010. Comparative analysis of the governmental forms and practices of China, Japan, and India.
- 3320 Public Opinion.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010. The nature of public opinion and its role in the political and social process. How opinion is shaped, created, and measured.
- 3330 Political Parties.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010. The nature of democracy, politics, and political parties; party organization and role in government; campaigning; primaries, conventions, general elections; the Electoral College; voting behavior and pressure groups.
- 3340 Political Campaign Management.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010 or permission of instructor. An analysis of applied politics; how to plan and manage a modern political campaign. Readings, discussions, and hands-on projects; students will learn the strategies, tactics, and varied techniques of political campaigning.
- 3350 Interest Groups and Social Change.** Three credits. Prerequisite: Upper-level standing required. Examines role of interest groups in American politics and the policymaking process, including the role of lobbyists, money, and politics, and case studies of several specific interest groups.
- 3370, 3380 American Constitutional Law.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 2010; PS 2440 recommended. The Supreme Court as a policy-making body in the governmental system. Emphasis on case studies in major areas of conflict including federalism, civil liberties, criminal procedure, and economic regulation.
- 3400 Municipal Government.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010. Powers, functions, and politics of municipal governments from the standpoint of city management. Attention is given to problems related to the execution of municipal policy.*
- 3420 African American Politics.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 2010 or permission of instructor. The unique history, content, and form of African American political participation; examines the nature of consequences of African American influence within, or exclusion from, the workings of various American political institutions; the nature and types of issues that influence contemporary discussions in American and African American politics related to the socioeconomic conditions of African Americans. Students who have taken PS 4390 Special Topics (Black Politics in America) may not take PS 3420 for credit.
- 3440 Governmental Budgeting and Finance Administration.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010; PS 3250 recommended. Analysis of the legal and social nature of government budgets emphasizing the procedures and administrative methods of fiscal control. Budget documents at state and local levels.*
- 3490 Alternative Dispute Resolution.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 2440 or permission of the department chair. Theory, methods, and ethical components of alternative dispute resolution (ADR); emphasis on various forms of mediation, but including other ADR formats such as arbitration, negotiation, and summary jury trial.
- 3500 International Law.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010. General principles of modern international law taught by the case study method in a seminar format encouraging debate and discussion. Issues concerning the development of international law and human rights will be studied.
- 3510 International Political Economy.** Three credits. Prerequisites: PS 1010 and 3210 or permission of instructor. The relation between politics and economics in international affairs and its implications for global peace, security, ecology, and social welfare.
- 3530 Legal Writing and Research.** Three credits. Prerequisite: Junior status. A specialized composition course for the student planning to attend law school or paralegal school or to become a legal secretary. Practice in legal research, documentation, and a variety of legal problems.
- 3770 The Former Soviet Union.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010. In-depth study of the development, nature, and future of the nations of the former Soviet Union.
- 3780 Study Abroad.** Three or six credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or permission of instructor. Supervised study in a foreign country; familiarizes students with foreign cultures and political systems. Three to six hour classes may be repeated once if country of destination varies. No more than 6 hours may count toward a political science major. Pass/Fail.
- 3790 Eastern European Politics.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010. Comparative study of Eastern Europe states and societies. Emphasis on post-Communist transition, democratization, and interethnic relations.
- 3900 Latin American Politics.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010. Emphasis on the comparative analysis of structures, functions, and aspects of Latin American political cultures and systems.
- 3910 International Organization.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010; PS 3210 recommended. Development and prospects of the United Nations Organization and its major approaches to

peace—pacific settlement, collective security, international law, arms control, trusteeship, preventive diplomacy, international conferences, functionalism.*

- 4000 Quantitative Methods of Research.** Three credits. Prerequisite: 9 hours of political science. Fundamentals of quantitative methods in empirical research problems in the social sciences.
- 4020 Political Science Laboratory.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 4000 or permission of instructor. Studies of a research, statistical, data processing, or simulation nature as related to political and social questions.
- 4040 Pre-Law Internship.** Three credits. Prerequisites: Senior standing, competitive selection, PS 2440, or by permission of instructor. Familiarizes pre-law students with general law office procedures and an active law environment.
- 4050 Introduction to City and Regional Planning.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010; PS 2020 recommended. Analysis of the basis of particular forms in urban settlements and regions; introduction to planning history, theory, methods, processes, and current trends.
- 4110 Quantitative Methods of Research.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 4000. Intermediate quantitative methods.
- 4120 Tennessee Government.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 2010; PS 2020 recommended. Structure, functions, and processes of Tennessee's governmental and political institutions. Policy issues studied.
- 4126 Contemporary Issues in World Affairs.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010; PS 3210 recommended or permission of instructor. Issue oriented; explores and analyzes the leading issues facing the international community and actions that various actors in world politics have employed to deal with the issues and with what results.
- 4200 Problems in Government.** Three credits. Prerequisites: PS 1010 or 2010 and at least 12 hours of PS classes. Work done under the close direction of a professor on a tutorial basis. Student expected to present a sound proposal for departmental consideration and acceptance before enrolling in this course.
- 4210 International Conflict: Causes, Consequences, and Responses.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010; PS 3210 recommended. Theoretical and empirical approaches to understanding the causes of interstate war, intrastate war, and transnational terrorism as well as the social consequences of and policy responses to international conflict.
- 4220 World Politics.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010; 3210 recommended. Experiencing contemporary international politics through the medium of simulation. Particular focus areas include the U.S., F.S.U., People's Republic of China, the Middle East, South Asia, and Southern Africa.
- 4230 Classical Political Theory.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010. Western political theory from the ancient Greeks through the medieval Christians. Includes Sophocles, Aristophanes, Plato, Aristotle, stoicism, skepticism, Lucretius, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Thomas More.
- 4240 American Foreign Policy.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010; PS 3210 recommended. Foreign policies in the nuclear age from Kennan and Containment to the present with particular emphasis on contemporary problems and policies.
- 4250 U.S. National Security Policy.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010; PS 3210 recommended. The concept of national security, nature of the U.S. security experience, decision-making process, policymaking process, threats to security, and analysis of specific policy areas such as military and strategic doctrines, force postures, arms control, and budgetary decisions.
- 4270 Political Campaign Internship.** One to six credits. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing, PS 2010, and a 2.50 minimum GPA. Students work for a political campaign as an employee under the joint administration of the campaign and the department. Only six hours may count toward a political science major and three hours toward a political science minor. Arrangement for this course must be made in advance. Pass/Fail.
- 4280 The Washington Experience.** Twelve credits. A cooperative program with the Washington Center that provides for student service with a governmental office in Washington, D.C., on a full-time basis during the fall or spring semester. On-the-job training will be supplemented with lectures and other activities. Students selected on a competitive basis. Only six hours count toward a Political Science major or minor.
- 4290 Public Service Internship.** One to twelve credits. Prerequisites: Junior standing and 2.50 minimum GPA. Student assigned to a public service agency as an employee under the joint administration of the agency and the department. Only six hours may count toward a political science major or minor. Arrangement for this course must be made in advance. Pass-Fail course.
- 4360 Legislative Internship.** Twelve credits. A cooperative program with the State of Tennessee that provides for student service with the legislature on a full-time basis during the spring semester. Students selected on a competitive basis. Only six hours may count toward a Political Science major or minor.
- 4390 Special Topics in Political Science.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010 or permission of the instructor. An in-depth study of a special topic significant in contemporary political developments or political science literature. May be taken more than once, as topics change, with up to six credit hours applied to a Political Science major.
- 4410 American Political Economy.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010. Interaction of politics and economics in the United States. Three primary topics: (1) the connection between the American political system and U.S. economic goals and performance; (2) the relationship between the American state and private economic interests in determining American economic and business policies; (3) the politics surrounding the major current economic issues facing America.
- 4590 Administrative Law.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 2010; PS 3250 recommended. Procedural aspects, substantive issues, judicial review of the type of law concerned with the powers and procedures of government agencies and the rights of citizens affected by them.
- 4630 Personnel Management.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 3250 or permission of instructor. Human resources administration in government agencies. Patterns of position classification, compensation, recruitment, selection, training, performance appraisal, promotion, discipline, separation, collective bargaining.*
- 4690 Comparative Foreign Policies and International Relations of the Middle East.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010, 3210, 3190 or MES 2100. Examines framework within which to understand Middle East international relations. Includes Arab/Israeli conflict;

oil and Middle East international relations; political Islam; the war on terror; and United States, European, Chinese, and Russian policies in the Middle East.

- 4700 American Political Thought.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 2010. Major thinkers and movements in American political thought from colonial times to the twentieth century with special emphasis on the thoughts of the framers of the American Constitution and their contemporaries.
- 4800 Senior Seminar.** Three credits. Prerequisites: PS 1010, 2010, and senior standing. A reading and discussion seminar designed to integrate knowledge of the subfields of political science through critical reflection on politics, law, ideology, and culture from both a domestic and global perspective.
- 4920 Modern Political Theory.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010 or 2010. Western political theory from the Renaissance to the twentieth century. Includes Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, J.S. Mill, Marx and Engels, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, facism, existentialism, Strauss, Arendt, and contemporary thought.
- 4930 Introduction to Contemporary Political Philosophy.** Three credits. Prerequisite: PS 1010. Aims to foster critical thinking about contemporary political philosophy by introducing students to four main approaches: Aristotelianism, Utilitarianism, Contractarian Liberalism, and Marxism. Familiarizes students with certain philosophical arguments about important issues in both national and global politics such as multiculturalism, justice, democracy, and freedom.

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Courses in Paralegal Studies [PLEG]

- 3010 Litigation.** Three credits. Prerequisites: PS 2010 and 2440. Legal procedures required for introducing and pursuing cases in the judicial system.
- 3410 Family Law.** Three credits. Prerequisites: PS 2010 and 2440. The law of marriage, divorce, child custody and support, adoption, paternity, and related issues.
- 3420 Torts.** Three credits. Prerequisites: PS 2010 and 2440. The law of injury to legally protected interests in personal safety, liberty, and property.
- 4010 Internship.** Three credits. Supervised work in a law office or agency as a paralegal assistant.

Honors College

The department offers these courses in Honors:

- Political Science 1010 (Fall)
- Political Science 2010 (Spring)
- Political Science 4230 (Fall)

Graduate Study

A graduate minor is offered in Political Science. Requirements and a list of the courses offered for graduate credit are published in the Graduate Catalog.