

Department of Political Science

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DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED

BA, major in Political Science
BA, major in Political Science (with Teacher Certification-Social Studies Composite)
BPA, major in Public Administration

MINORS OFFERED

Political Science
Public Administration
Political Communication

Political science is the study of government-the most important decision-making part of society-and of the social, economic, and other institutions and practices that influence this decision-making process. On the one hand, it is a discipline that can trace its roots to the ancient Greek political community, the polis; but it is also a modern social science, which uses techniques such as content analysis, public opinion surveys, and statistical analysis to create and evaluate generalizations about how government and people behave.

As a liberal arts discipline, the department is dedicated to developing analytical skills and promoting critical thinking. Students are encouraged to reflect not simply on their career goals, but also on what type of persons they want to become, and on their rights and duties as citizens. The department offers students the opportunity to earn up to six credit hours in an internship program in which students gain practical experience by working for various federal, state, local or non-profit community agencies.

Political science prepares students for careers in various fields, not only in government, law, and education but also in business, journalism, urban planning, and many fields on which public policies have a significant effect.

Bachelor of Arts
Major in Political Science
Minimum required: 120 semester hours

General Requirements:

1. Majors must take a minimum of 30 hours in political science, including: POSI 3300 or 3301; one advanced course from four of the five groups: I. Political Theory and Methodology; II. American Government; III. Public Law and Public Administration; IV. Comparative Politics; V. International Relations; 6 hours advanced POSI electives, and POSI 4399 (or 4398). POSI 3300 or 3301 serve as corequisites for all advanced courses in political science.
2. The senior seminar courses (POSI 4398 or 4399) have a prerequisite of at least 21 hours of Political Science.
3. Majors are required to complete 6 additional hours of history in Western or World Civilization (HIST 2310 or 2311 and 2312 or 2320).
4. Majors are required to complete 6 hours of a Modern Language (2310, 2320). Most students will complete 1410 and 1420 as prerequisites before attempting 2310.
5. Majors must complete an additional science course known as the BA Science Requirement in addition to the core curriculum science requirement, a minor from the approved list of minors, and general education core curriculum and BA requirements.
6. Majors must complete at least 120 total hours of which 36 hours must be advanced (24 advanced completed at Texas State) and 9 hours must be writing intensive.

Freshman Year - 1st Semester		Freshman Year - 2nd Semester		Sophomore Year - 1st Semester		Sophomore Year - 2nd Semester	
Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr
ENG 1310	3	HIST 1310	3	COMM1310	3	POSI Advanced Group Electives	3
US 1100	1	POSI 2320	3	ENG Literature (ENG 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2359, 2360)	3	Modern Language 2320	3
POSI 2310	3	Modern Language 1420	3	Modern Language 2310	3	Social Science Component	3
MATH 1315 or higher	3	PHIL 1305 or 1320	4	HIST 1320	3	Natural Science Component	3
Modern Language 1410	4		3	POSI 3300 or 3301	3	Minor	3
PFW	1			PFW	1		
Total	15	Total	16	Total	16	Total	15

Junior Year - 1st Semester		Junior Year - 2nd Semester		Senior Year - 1st Semester		Senior Year - 2nd Semester	
Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr
ART, DAN, MU, or TH 2313	3	POSI Advanced Group electives	6	Minor	3	Electives as needed	3
Natural Science Component	4	BA Science Requirement	3	POSI Advanced Group Electives	6	POSI Advanced Group Electives	3
HIST 2310 or 2311	3	HIST 2312 or 2320	3	Minor	6	Minor	3
POSI Advanced Group Electives	3	Minor	3			POSI 4398 or 4399	3
ENG Literature (ENG 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2359, or 2360)	3						
Total	16	Total	15	Total	15	Total	12

Bachelor of Arts
Major in Political Science
(Social Studies Composite Teacher Certification: Geography Minor and History Third Field)
Minimum required: 133 semester hours

General Requirements:

1. This option is designed to prepare students for secondary teacher certification in any of the four social studies disciplines (History, Geography, Government, and Economics). Upon completion of the social studies curriculum and passage of the social studies TExES test, students will receive certification in social studies and eligibility to teach in any of the four disciplines.
2. Majors must select a minor in Geography or History.
3. Majors will complete specific courses in the third social studies discipline not chosen as a major or minor.
4. Students must take ECO 2301 or ECO 2314 as the social science component for the core curriculum, as Economics is another subject tested on the Social Studies Composite TExES exam.
5. Majors must satisfy general education core curriculum, teacher certification, and BA requirements.
6. The Social Studies Composite requires completion of the following:
Political Science major, Geography minor, History third field. Requires 30 hours, including POSI 3300 or 3301, 2310, and 2320; one advanced course from four of the five groups; POSI 4398; and six hours of POSI advanced electives. The certification minor in Geography (16 hours) requires the following: GEO 1309 or 1310, 2410, 3303, 3309 and 3329. The third field in History (15 hours) requires the following: HIST 1310, 1320, 2311, 2312, and 3 hours advanced Group C (U.S. History).
7. In addition to the major, minor, and third field requirements, students must also complete 21 hours of professional sequence courses under the College of Education: CI 4332, CI 3325, CI 4370, CI 4343, RDG 3323, and EDST 4681.

Freshman Year - 1st Semester		Freshman Year - 2nd Semester		Sophomore Year - 1st Semester		Sophomore Year - 2nd Semester	
Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr
ENG 1310	3	ENG 1320	3	COMM1310	3	POSI Advanced Group Electives	3
US 1100	1	HIST 1310	3	ENG Literature (ENG 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2359, 2360)	3	Modern Language 2320	3
POSI 2310	3	POSI 2320	3	Modern Language 2310	3	GEO 1309 or 1310	3
MATH 1315 or higher	3	Modern Language 1420	4	HIST 1320	3	Natural Science Component	3
Modern Language 1410	4	PHIL 1305 or 1320	3	POSI 3300 or 3301	3	HIST 2311	3
PFW	1			PFW	1		
Total	15	Total	16	Total	16	Total	15

Junior Year - 1st Semester		Junior Year - 2nd Semester		Senior Year - 1st Semester		Senior Year - 2nd Semester	
Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr
ART, DAN, MU, or TH 2313	3	POSI Advanced Group electives	6	CI 4332	3	CI 4370, 4343 RDG 3323 (Block)	9
Natural Science Component	4	GEO 2410	4	GEO 3309	3	CI 3325	3
HIST 2312	3	HIST Advanced Group C	3	POSI Advanced Group	6	POSI 4398	3
POSI Advanced Group Electives	3	GEO 3303	3	GEO 3329	3		
ENG Literature (ENG 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2359, or 2360)	3			PFW	1		
Total	16	Total	16	Total	16	Total	15

Senior Year - 3rd Semester	
Course	Hr
EDST 4681	6
Total	6

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Minimum required: 133 semester hours

General Requirements:

1. This option is designed to prepare students for secondary teacher certification in any of the four social studies disciplines (History, Geography, Government, and Economics). Upon completion of the social studies curriculum and passage of the social studies TExES test, students will receive certification in social studies and eligibility to teach in any of the four disciplines.
2. Majors must select a minor in Geography or History.
3. Majors will complete specific courses in the third social studies discipline not chosen as a major or minor.
4. Students must take ECO 2301 or 2314 as the social science component for the core curriculum, as Economics is another subject tested on the Social Studies Composite TExES exam.
5. Majors must satisfy general education core curriculum, teacher certification, and BA requirements.
6. The Social Studies Composite requires completion of the following:
Political Science major, History minor, Geography third field. Requires 30 hours, including POSI 3300 or 3301, 2310, 2320; one advanced course from four of the five groups; POSI 4398; and six hours of POSI advanced electives. The minor in History for certification (21 hours) requires the following: HIST 1310, 1320, 2311, 2312 and 3 hours advanced Group A (World) and 3 hours advanced Group B (European) and 3 hours Group C (American). The third field in Geography (10 hours) requires the following: GEO 1309 or 1310, 2410, and 3303 or 3309.
7. In addition to the major, minor, and third field requirements, students must also complete 21 hours of professional sequence courses under the College of Education: CI 4332, CI 3325, CI 4370, CI 4343, RDG 3323, and EDST 4681.

Freshman Year - 1st Semester		Freshman Year - 2nd Semester		Sophomore Year - 1st Semester		Sophomore Year - 2nd Semester	
Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr
ENG 1310	3	ENG 1320	3	COMM1310	3	POSI Advanced Group Electives	3
US 1100	1	HIST 1310	3	ENG Literature (ENG 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2359, 2360)	3	Modern Language 2320	3
POSI 2310	3	POSI 2320	3	Modern Language 2310	3	GEO 1309 or 1310	3
MATH 1315 or higher	3	Modern Language 1420	4	HIST 1320	3	Natural Science Component	3
Modern Language 1410	4	PHIL 1305 or 1320	3	POSI 3300 or 3301	3	HIST 2311	3
PFW	1			PFW	1		
Total	15	Total	16	Total	16	Total	15

Junior Year - 1st Semester		Junior Year - 2nd Semester		Senior Year - 1st Semester		Senior Year - 2nd Semester	
Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr
ART, DAN, MU, or TH 2313	3	POSI Advanced Group electives	6	CI 4332	3	CI 4370, 4343 RDG 3323 (Block)	9
Natural Science Component	4	GEO 2410	4	HIST Advanced Group B	3	CI 3325	3
HIST 2312	3	HIST Advanced Group A	3	POSI Advanced Group	6	POSI 4398	3
POSI Advanced Group Electives	3	GEO 3303 or 3309	3	HIST Advanced Group C	3		
ENG Literature (ENG 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2359, or 2360)	3			PFW	1		
Total	16	Total	16	Total	16	Total	15

Senior Year - 3rd Semester	
Course	Hr
EDST 4681	6
Total	6

**Bachelor of Public Administration
Major in Public Administration
Minimum required: 120 semester hours**

General Requirements:

1. Major requires 33 semester hours in political science with a public administration focus.
2. Majors are strongly encouraged, but not required, to choose 12 hours of their free electives from the following career support areas: Local Government: POSI 3319; GEO 3310, 3320, or 3360; International: POSI 4345, 4356, or 4357; ECO 3317; Social Services: SOCI 3328; SOWK 2375, 4310, or 4355; Legal Services: POSI 3310, 3311, or 4304; CJ 2360; Health Services: HA 3308, 4307, or 4302; HIM 3380.
3. Enrollment in the required internship requires completion of 24 hours of Political Science and the following minimum GPA's: a Texas State GPA of 2.25 and a major GPA of 2.25.
4. There is no foreign language requirement for those who have completed two years of the same foreign language in high school.
5. Majors must satisfy general education core curriculum and additional BPA requirements.

Freshman Year - 1st Semester		Freshman Year - 2nd Semester		Sophomore Year - 1st Semester		Sophomore Year - 2nd Semester	
Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr
ENG 1310	3	ENG 1320	3	COMM1310	3	POSI 3316	3
US 1100	1	HIST 1310	3	ENG Literature (ENG 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2359, 2360)	3	ENG 3303 or 3304	3
POSI 2310	3	POSI 2320	3	Elective	3	Social Science Component	3
MATH 1315 or higher	3	Modern Language 1420	4	HIST 1320	3	Natural Science Component	3
Modern Language 1410	4	PHIL 1305 or 1320	3	POSI 3301	3		
PFW	1			PFW	1		
Total	15	Total	16	Total	16	Total	12

Junior Year - 1st Semester		Junior Year - 2nd Semester		Senior Year - 1st Semester		Senior Year - 2nd Semester	
Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr	Course	Hr
ART, DAN, MU, or TH 2313	3	POSI 3328	3	Minor	6	GEO 3313 or 3340 or 4338	3
Natural Science Component	4	POSI 3377	3	POSI 3314 or 3319	3	Minor	6
HIST 2310 or 2311	3	SOCI 3353	3	POSI 3320, 4303, 4320, 4322, 4304, 4331, 4337A, 4337B, 4357, 4361, 4362 (select two courses)	6	POSI 4381	3
POSI 3318	3	HIST 2312 or 2320	3			Electives	3
Elective	3	Minor	3				
Total	16	Total	15	Total	15	Total	15

Minor in Political Science

A minor in Political Science requires 24 hours, including POSI 3300 or 3301, 2310 and 2320, at least one course from 4 of the 5 groups, and one POSI advanced elective course.

Minor in Public Administration

A minor in Public Administration requires 24 hours, including POSI 2310, 2320, 3316, and 3377. In addition, they must take 12 hours from the following courses: POSI 3310, 3311; 3314 or 3319; 3318, 3320, 3328, 4322, 4357, 4361, 4362, or 4381.

Minor in Political Communication

A minor in Political Communication requires 24 hours, including 12 hours of POSI and 12 hours of COMM. This minor is administered by the Department of Communication Studies; please refer to the Department section of this catalog for more information.

Recognition of Student Scholarship

The Annual Professor Henderson Award: The Department of Political Science annually presents the Professor Henderson Award to the graduating Political Science major with the highest overall GPA (the award may be for either a December or May graduate of the current academic year). The award has the purpose of recognizing and honoring a student of Political Science who has, as a

student at Texas State, displayed academic excellence and character in the tradition and values cherished and exhibited by Richard B. Henderson, Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

The Howard M. "Prof" Greene Award: This award honors an academic mentor in politics to Lyndon B. Johnson and thousands of other Texas State alumni and goes to one or more graduating Political Science majors who have earned overall Texas State grade-point averages of 3.9 or above.

Interested students who believe they may be eligible for these awards should consult with the Department Chair.

Lower-level Courses in Political Science (POSI)

2310 (GOVT 2301) Principles of American Government. (3-0) A survey of the principles of political science, of the American system of government, and of the origins and development of the constitutions of the United States and Texas. Satisfies the legislative requirements for teacher certification.

2320 (GOVT 2302) Functions of American Government. (3-0) A study of functions performed in the American system of government, both national and state, with special reference to Texas. Prerequisite: POSI 2310 or equivalent.

- 3300 Basic Political Ideas. (3-0) Introduction to the fundamental ideas of the Western political tradition including conservatism, liberalism, socialism, democracy, and totalitarianism. This course (or 3301) is required of all Political Science majors and minors, and it serves as a co-requisite for other advanced courses in Political Science.
- 3301 Basic Political Institutions. (3-0) The study of political institutions emphasizing the fundamentals of political science research and analysis, the tools used in bibliographical research, and methods of locating and presenting data for comparing political institutions. This course is required of all public administration majors and is a co-requisite for other advanced political science courses.

Group I-Political Theory and Methodology

- 3331 American Political Thought. (3-0) The development of American political ideas from the colonial period to the present. (WI)
- 3332 Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (Greeks to 1600). (3-0) A study of the masters of classical and medieval political theory from Plato to Machiavelli. (MC) (WI)
- 3333 Modern Political Theory (1600-1900). (3-0) The development of modern political ideas; the meaning and relationships of the significant ideologies of our time; democracy, capitalism, the welfare state, socialism, fascism, and totalitarian communism. (MC) (WI)
- 3334 Contemporary Political Theory. (3-0) A study of selected theories, ideologies, and movements in 20th century political theory. (WI)
- 3377 Analytical Techniques. (3-0) Examines basic scientific methods, including problem definition, hypothesis testing, explanation and prediction, and theory construction. Statistical analysis is applied to problems in political science. Prerequisites: MATH 1315 or higher with a grade of C or better, POSI 330 and 3316 with a grade of C or better.
- 4328 The Holocaust. (3-0) An undergraduate seminar on The Holocaust. Among the topics covered are: efforts to understand The Holocaust; the evolution of anti-Semitism in Germany; ordinary Germans and ordinary Poles and The Holocaust; and representing The Holocaust in fiction, film, and poetry. (may be used to satisfy group IV requirement.)(WI) (MC/MP)
- 4335 Politics and Personality. (3-0) An introduction to the relationship between political behavior and human motivation. Topics include psychological perspectives and political theory; personality and political orientation; the political personality, and the politically relevant insights into these areas offered by fiction. (WI)

Group II-American Government

- 3305 The American Founding. (3-0) An examination of the origins, nature, and foundations of the American Constitutional system with special emphasis on the Federalist/Anti-federalist debates and the writing of the constitution.
- 3306 Religion and American Public Life. (3-0) An examination of the ways in which religious beliefs and groups have influenced the course of American democratic experience; and the on going debates in constitutional law and democratic theory regarding the proper role of religion in American public life. (WI)

- 3307 Parties and Party Politics. (3-0) The American political system, including its history and organization, suffrage, nominations and elections, campaigns, and the related areas of public opinion and pressure group activities. (WI)
- 3308 Congress and the Legislative Process. (3-0) The dynamics of lawmaking and legislative politics in the United States. The structure, party organization, rules of procedure, and actual operation of the Congress and of selected state legislatures (including Texas) are analyzed, compared, and evaluated. (WI)
- 3309 The American Presidency. (3-0) A comprehensive examination of both the presidency and the men who have held it. (WI)
- 3314 State and Local Government. (3-0) A study of the organization, functions, and powers of state, county, and municipal government in the United States with particular reference to patterns of such governments in Texas. (May be substituted for POSI 2310) (WI)
- 3319 Metropolitan Politics. (3-0) An examination of the political institutions and processes of urban and suburban America, including such topics as urban sprawl, reform movements, ethnic politics, and city-county consolidation. (MC) (WI)
- 3395 Ethnicity and Nation Building. (3-0) This course serves as an introduction to the politics of ethnic and gender issues and organizations and introduces the student to basic concepts involved in dealing with the diversity that is the American nation. (MC) (WI)
- 4301 Politics in Film. (3-0) This course will expose the students to films which explicitly address political issues such as racism in the United States, the conflict between public duty and private conscience, and politics and media manipulation, and the role of perception in all the actions people take. (WI)
- 4320 Issues and Interest Groups: Power and Pressure in America. (3-0) An examination of selected issues at the state and national level and the interest groups which attempt to influence governmental decisions about them. The goal of the course is to promote a better understanding of the process of government and an informed opinion on the question, "Is there a Public Interest?" Prerequisite: POSI 2310. (WI)
- 4330 Women in Politics. (3-0) A study of the role of women in political life. The course will examine women's influence on politics as well as how various public policies affect women. Topics may include feminism, electoral politics, political representation, and the internal politics of women's groups. (WI)
- 4331 Minority Politics. (3-0) This course examines and analyzes the political participation of American minorities (Blacks, Hispanics, women, and other minorities) in the American political system and the impact of various public policies on minority groups. The course will emphasize the following topics: electoral participation; public policy participation, representation and implementation; protest politics; and political behavior. Some reference will be to Texas and the Southwest. May be repeated once with different emphasis. (MC) (WI)
- 4336 Campaigns and Elections. (3-0) An examination of the dynamics of American political campaigns and elections, including an analysis of federal and state elections as well as voting behavior and party and interest group influence. (WI)
- 4337 Topics in American and State Politics. (3-0) This course will address specific issues, ideas, political cultures, and/or institutions that are prevalent in American and state politics.

- 4337A Texas Politics. (3-0) This course focuses on the history, culture, institutions, issues, and policies of the Texas political systems. (WI)
- 4337B The Politics of the American Working Class. (3-0) This course engages students in an intensely focused examination of the social, cultural, and political reasons why Americans vote at a lower rate than do citizens of most other Industrial Democracies. We will examine policy consequences of this phenomenon and consider whether or not policy change is warranted. (WI)
- 4337C Media and Public Opinion. (3-0) This class will cover how the media influences public opinion and voting behavior. Specific topics include media functions in campaigns and elections, media bias, new media, and media effects on political attitudes and behaviors. This course uses lectures, discussions, with active participation, and group projects. (WI)
- 4345 American Foreign Policy. (3-0) This course focuses on how foreign policy is made. The major institutions involved in the decision-making process as well as the ideological setting in which they function are examined. Topics studied include the foreign policy roles of Congress, Interest Groups, the State Department and the Secretary of State, the Military Establishment, the Intelligence Community, the Presidency, and Public Opinion. Specific foreign policy decisions will be examined to illustrate the various roles of these institutions in the decision-making process. (May be used to satisfy Group V requirement) (WI)
- 4362 Government and American Business. (3-0) An overview of the relationship of American business to public policy as a whole. Focus is on several factors affecting the relationship between the public and private sectors including political ideology and culture, pluralism, political party development, political business cycles, monetary policy, and the domestic economy and political accountability. May be repeated once with different emphasis.

Group III-Public Law and Public Administration

- 3310 Constitutional Law: Basic Structures and Principles. (3-0) A case study approach to an analysis of fundamental principles of governmental structure with an emphasis on the office and powers of the President and inter-governmental relationships in the main body (Articles I through VII) of the U.S. Constitution.
- 3311 Constitutional Law: Individual Liberties. (3-0) An examination of that area of Constitutional interpretation commonly known as Civil Liberties or the relations between the individual and the government. (May be used to satisfy Group II requirements)
- 3316 Introduction to Public Administration. (3-0) The organization and management of the machinery for executing public policies, with particular emphasis upon the Federal bureaucracy. (WI)
- 3318 Public Personnel Administration. (3-0) A study of public personnel systems in the United States with major concentrations on the national civil service system. Special emphasis is given to current research in the areas of leadership, informal organization, motivation, and small group theory. (WI)
- 3320 Comparative Public Administration. (3-0) A survey of the field of Public Administration that will emphasize those aspects of

- administration that are common to all administrative systems. (May be used to satisfy Group IV requirements.) (WI)
- 3328 Public Finance Administration. (3-0) Focuses on planning, organization, and implementation of budgeting including fund accounting, auditing, and debt management in the public sector. Prerequisites: MATH 1315 or higher with a grade of C or better, POSI 3301 and 3316 with a grade of C or better. (WI)
- 4302 Legal Theories and Research. (3-0) This course examines the American Legal System at both the state and federal levels involving civil and criminal procedure. Emphasis is on the process of these systems and the framework within which disputes are resolved. Students will become familiar with legal research methods to better understand the composition of legal options.
- 4303 Civil Law in American Society. (3-0) This course considers the structure and functions of government together with the law regulating private social relations, i.e., contract law, property law, tort law, and the causal relations between legal policies and societal goals and regulations.
- 4304 Issues in Law and Public Policy. (3-0) This course examines contemporary legal issues by focusing on their relationship to public policy. Selected topics will vary, i.e., AIDS, abortion, affirmative action/reverse discrimination, capital punishment, environmental protection, euthanasia, and surrogate motherhood. In connection with these controversial issues we will address: (1) alternative views; (2) social consequences; and (3) political responses to and legal issues resulting from alternative positions.
- 4311 The Supreme Court and the Judicial Process. (3-0) An intensive examination of the judiciary, focusing upon the politics of judicial selection and the decision-making process of the judiciary as well as the position of the judiciary in the entire political process. (WI)
- 4322 Public Policy Formulation. (3-0) Intensive analysis of theories and processes of both policy formation and policy enforcement in the American administrative system, emphasizing the regulatory function. Prerequisite: POSI 2310 and 3301. (WI)
- 4361 Administrative Law. (3-0) Course stresses the legal principles and practical doctrines involved in the work of administrative tribunals vested with quasi-legislative or quasi-judicial powers or both. Primary focus on development, practice, and procedures of federal administrative agencies. (WI)

Group IV-Comparative Government

- 4313 Islamic Law and Politics. (3-0) This course is a study of the law, origins, development, divisions, and politics of Islam. Special emphasis will be given to law, political thought, history, and the culture of the Middle East. Topics covered include Muslim law and political institutions; the Arab and Persian roles in Islam; the Islamic Community as a political system; major points of the Islamic faith and their political significance and the political and historical significance of Muslim mysticism. (This course may be used to satisfy Group I requirements.) (MC) (WI)
- 4314 Revolution and Nationalism. (3-0) This course examines the phenomena of modern revolution and nationalism focusing on different countries in various geographical areas such as the

- Middle East, Latin America, and others. This course is repeatable for credit twice with different emphasis. (MC) (WI)
- 4327 Theories of International Politics. (3-0) This course focuses on theories and concepts in the study of international relations. Major theoretical works and illustrative case studies will be critically examined. Prerequisite: POSI 3322. (WI)
- 4338 Government and Politics of Latin America. (3.0) A comparative analysis of political systems in Latin America, examining the impact of sociocultural and economic factors on political attitudes and behaviors. Special emphasis on Mexico, Cuba, and Brazil. (MC) (WI)
- 4339 Canadian Government and Politics. (3-0) An introduction to Canadian government and politics. The class will include the historical, ethical, constitutional, and political culture background to and the political issues dominant in contemporary Canadian government and politics.
- 4340 Government and Politics of Europe. (3-0) An in-depth analysis of the political systems of the states of Europe and the emerging European Union, with special emphasis on Great Britain, France, Italy, and Germany. (MC) (WI)
- 4341 Government and Politics of Russia. (3-0) A comprehensive study of the domestic and foreign policy of the former Soviet Union, examined both historically and analytically. (MC) (WI)
- 4349 Special Topics in Comparative Politics. (3-0) Topics in Comparative Politics will address political concepts in specific countries or areas of the world in a comparative context. The course will examine how political ideas and culture, governmental institutions, political parties, interest groups, and external influences affect the area studies. (MC)
- 4349A Spanish Democracy in Comparative Context (3-0) An examination of the Politics of Democratic Consolidation in Southern Europe using Spanish Political Institutions and Behavior as a case study. (WI)
- 4349C Liberty and Property: A Comparison of Australia and the United States (3-0) This course studies the history and politics of property rights in Australia and the United States. It will be taught simultaneously with a course offered at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. Students in both universities will read the same material and engage in discussion with Australian faculty and students via the Internet. (WI)
- 4349D Organization of American States. (3-0) This course will introduce students to the major issues in the study of the OAS, with emphasis on the evolving relationships to member-states. We will focus on the functions and limitations of the OAS, understanding social, political, and economic variables on the relations of member-states, and developing familiarity with parliamentary procedure. (WI)
- 4349E Politics of Mexico. (3-0) This course will introduce students to modern Mexican politics. We will explore the historical, economic, and social factors that have influenced the politics of Mexico, beginning with the revolution and continuing to the present. We will assess the strength of Mexico's political institutions, its party system, and its ability to maintain democracy. (WI)
- 4349F Politics of Democratization in Developing Countries. (3-0) A critical examination of the third wave of democratization in the developing world and the multiple challenges faced these neodemocracies. (WI)
- 4350 Government and Politics of Asia. (3-0) A critical analysis of political development in the nations of Far East and South Asia, concentrating on China, Japan, and India. (MC) (WI)
- 4351 African Politics. (3-0) A comprehensive examination of politics in Africa. (MC) (WI)
- 4354 The Politics of Extremism. (3-0) This course is an undergraduate seminar on international terrorism and extremist politics in America. (MC) (WI)
- Group V-International Relations**
- 3322 Introduction to International Studies. (3-0) This "core seminar" identifies critical interdisciplinary questions that will be examined in all courses in the International Studies Program. Required of all majors and minors in International Studies. (WI)
- 4315 The Arab-Israeli Conflict. (3-0) Origins and development of the Arab-Israeli conflict: Jewish and Palestinian nationalism; regional, international and religious dimensions; and the changing social and political character of Israel and the Palestinian community. (WI)
- 4326 Issues in World Politics. (3-0) This course is designed to acquaint the student with major issues in world politics and major concepts in international relations and comparative politics. (MC) (WI)
- 4327 Theories of International Politics. (3-0) This course focuses on theories and concepts in the study of international relations. Major theoretical works and illustrative case studies will be critically examined. (MC) (WI)
- 4356 International Law. (3-0) Examines the nature, sources, and development of international law as both a legal and political process. The law of treaties, acquisition of personality, territorial jurisdiction, the law of the sea, land and air, diplomatic immunities, nationality, state responsibility, human rights, and the law of war will be emphasized. Students will research contemporary international problems and participate in a Moot International Court of Justice (ICJ) proceeding. (May be used to satisfy Group III requirements.) (MC) (WI)
- 4357 International Organization. (3-0) This course will examine the historical roots of international organizations, the development of the League of Nations, and the evolution of the United Nations System. The nature, process, and function of contemporary international organization will be analyzed. The role of non-governmental organizations, transnational organizations, and multi-national corporations will be assessed. The course will include a mix of lecture, discussion, and model sessions. (MC) (WI)
- 4358 United States-Latin American Relations. (3-0) Examines policies, problems, and attitudes, together with detailed analysis of U.S. relations with selected countries. (MC) (WI)
- 4359 Politics of International Economic Relations. (3-0) This course examines the institutional structure of interstate economic relations, trade and monetary regimes, foreign investment, foreign aid, and development policies of governments. Prerequisite: POSI 3322. (MC) (WI)
- 4367 International Conflict and Security. (3-0) Examines historical and spatial patterns of conflict (including war, terrorism, and economic coercion) from Realist, Idealist, and Marxian schools of thought. The course will also examine strategies for

conflict prevention and resolution such as deterrence, arms control, collective security, and “building democracy.” (MC)

General Upper-Level Courses

The following courses may be used to satisfy a requirement in any of the preceding groups, if specified on the degree outline.

- 4379 Independent Study. (3-0) Independent reading and/or research on various problem areas of political science. Instructor will approve specific problem area, bibliography, and study paper outline. May be repeated once with different subject matter and instructor. No more than six semester hours credit in meeting degree requirements. (WI)
- 4380 Internship in Government. (3-0) The student will participate in the ongoing work of a selected governmental unit. A research paper dealing with the internship experience written under the direction of a faculty member will be required. This course may be repeated one time for additional internship credit.
- 4381 Internship in Public Administration. (0-20) Students in the Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) degree program will participate in the ongoing work of a public or non-profit agency. A research paper dealing with the internship experience written under the direction of a faculty member will be required. May be repeated once.
- 4397 Research in Public Administration. (3-0) This course is designed to assure familiarity with the basic concepts and approaches used in the study of public administration. Students will learn to identify, locate, and employ resources to assist in understanding public administration at all governmental levels. Course may be taken as a substitute for POSI 4381.
- 4398 Practicum in Political Science: Concepts, Resources, and Applications in the Study of Politics. (3-0) This course is designed to assure familiarity with the basic concepts and approaches used in the study of politics. Students will learn to identify, locate, and employ resources to assist in understanding politics at local, state, national, and international levels. Model Congress or U.N., visits to local government offices and councils, moot court, critiques of political propaganda films, and simulations in international relations are some of the applied methods of studying politics that students will learn. This course is required of all B.A. students seeking a teaching certificate in Political Science; it may be taken as a substitute for 4399 for Political Science non teacher certification majors. (WI)
- 4399 Senior Seminar in Political Science. (3-0) Seminar devoted to intensive reading, research, writing, and discussion focusing on different sub-fields in the discipline taught by appropriate faculty. Students in consultation with faculty in their area of interest should select a particular sub-field seminar in accordance with their needs and professional objectives. Required of all majors and must be taken in the student’s junior or senior year. Other interested students may take the course with the consent of the chair and instructor. May be repeated with different instructor and approval of chair. Prerequisites for the Senior Seminar are all of the core courses in Political Science or approval of the Department Chair. (WI)

- 4680 Internship in Government. (6-0) The student will participate full time (40 hours per week) in the ongoing work of selected governmental units. A research paper dealing with the internship experience written under direction of a faculty member will be required.