# Tracks in the American Politics Concentration

**Saint Louis University Political Science Department**

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<th>American Politics</th>
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| **Core courses – 9 hrs.** | - POLS 511 American political institutions  
- POLS 670 American political thought  
- POLS 593 General Research Methods OR SOC 560 Research Methodology | - POLS 511 American political institutions  
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| **Other required courses – 9 hrs.** | - Soc 601 Inferential Statistics or other quantitative methods course  
- Two more American politics or Public Policy courses | - Soc 601 or other quantitative methods course  
- POLS 593 Polling and campaigns  
- POLS 593 Election law | Three of the following:  
- POLS 541 Administrative Law  
- POLS 510 Judicial Review in American Democracy  
- POLS 593 Law and Social Change  
- POLS 593 Election law |
| **Political Science electives** | 6-12 hrs electives, depending on capstone choice | 6 hrs electives | 6 hrs electives |
| **Capstone** | Choose from:  
- MA Thesis (6 hrs.)  
- Internship (6 hrs.)  
- Professional paper (0 hrs.)  
- Comprehensive exam (0 hrs.) | Internship required-6 hrs | Internship required-6 hrs |

- All students will complete a total of 30 credit hours for the M.A. degree. If a student selects a capstone option involving less than 6 credit hours, he or she will take additional courses to bring the total to 30 hours.
- No more than 12 hours of the MA may be taken outside Political Science, no more than 6 hours may be taken at the 400-level, and no more than 6 hours may be independent study classes or internships.
- Some classes have prerequisites. Depending on their undergraduate preparation, students may be required to take specific undergraduate classes prior to enrolling in graduate classes.
- Exceptions will be allowed only with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies for the department.

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