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Political science studies how political systems function, how they serve the common good and solve the many problems confronting modern society in such areas as social justice, international security, economic development, and many more. It studies how political systems interact at the international level, why they succeed or fail and what can be done to improve them.

The Political Science Department offers a B.A. and M.A. degree, a Master of Public Administration, four dual degree programs (MPA/MA in Political Science; MA/JD, MPA/JD, MPA/MSW), a minor, and contributes to a variety of other programs. The Department also offers an Accelerated B.A./M.A. Together with the department of Sociology and Anthropology, the department offers an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Public and Social Policy.

Faculty specialties span the entire discipline, from American politics to African politics, from feminist theory to globalization, from revolution to elections.

Political Science Major (Bachelor of Arts)
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Political Science Major Continuation Standards
Students in the Political Science major must maintain a 2.0 GPA in Political Science coursework.

Students completing a Political Science major may select between a general major, a concentration in International Affairs, or a concentration in Public Law

Political Science Major (BA)

34 credits including the following courses:

One course in each of the following 4 sub-fields:

American Politics
POLS 1150 American Political System 3
(This class is required for all majors.)

Comparative Politics
Choose from these and other courses:
POLS 1500 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3
POLS 1510 Politics of the Developing World 3
POLS 2510 West European Politics 3
POLS 2520 Introduction to African Politics 3
POLS 2530 Soviet & Post-Soviet Politics 3
POLS 2540 Ethnicity and Internal War 3
POLS 2550 Political Systems of the Sub-Sahara 3
POLS 2560 Politics of Asia 3
POLS 2570 Introduction to Latin American Politics 3
POLS 2580 Politics of Mexico 3
POLS 2590 Politics of the Middle East and North Africa 3
POLS 3500 East Asian Political Economy 3
POLS 3510 Rebirth of Democracy 3
POLS 3520 Communism, Capitalism & Social Justice 3
POLS 3530 Comparative Revolutions 3
POLS 3540 Latin American Social Movements 3
POLS 3560 Political Processes in Latin America 3
POLS 3567 Political Development in Contemp. Spain 3
POLS 3570 Third World Development 3
POLS 3590 The Arab Uprisings 3
POLS 3810 Latin American-U.S. Relations 3

International Relations
Choose from these and other courses:
POLS 1600 Introduction to International Politics 3
POLS 2600 Intro to International Political Economy 3
POLS 2610 Introduction to Diplomacy 3
POLS 2640 International Terrorism 3
POLS 2650 War and Peace in the Middle East 3
POLS 2660 Middle East in International Politics 3
POLS 2691 Theory and Practice of Human Rights 3
POLS 3600 Problems of Globalization 3
POLS 3610 Multilateral Diplomacy 3
POLS 3620 Internatl'1 Organztn & Management of World Problems 3
POLS 3630 International Security and Conflict Resolution 3
POLS 3640 International Law 3
POLS 3650 International Relations of Africa 3

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POLS 3670 America and the Middle East 3
POLS 3810 Latin American-U.S. Relations 3

Political Thought
Choose from these courses:
POLS 1700 Foundations of Political Theory 3
POLS 2700 Issues in Political Philosophy 3
POLS 3710 Ancient & Medieval Political Thought 3
POLS 3720 Renaissance & Modern Political Thought 3
POLS 3770 Feminist Theory: Gender Justice 3

Methods (4 credit course)
POLS 2000 Methods in Political Science 4
(Prerequisite: any two Political Science classes)

Two 4000-level seminars
Choose from these and other courses:
POLS 4010 Cultural Methods: Gender, Politics and Power 3
POLS 4110 American Political Institutions 3
POLS 4120 Civil Rights: A Moot Court Seminar 3
POLS 4125 Women and the Law 3
POLS 4126 Sexuality and the Law 3
POLS 4140 Political Parties and Interest Groups 3
POLS 4150 Gender and Politics 3
POLS 4160 Advanced Topics: American Presidency 3
POLS 4170 Electoral Politics 3
POLS 4171 Law, Policy, Society 3
POLS 4300 Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy 3
POLS 4500 Russian Political Culture 3
POLS 4510 Democratization 3
POLS 4520 Political Change 3
POLS 4530 Authoritarianism: A Study in Conceptual Utility 3
POLS 4590 Crisis of Leadership 3
POLS 4610 International Relations: Theory & Practice 3
POLS 4620 Global Diplomacy 3
POLS 4630 The European Union: Politics and Political Economy 3
POLS 4640 Problems of International Terrorism 3
POLS 4650 War, Peace and Politics 3
POLS 4692 Theories of World Politics 3
POLS 4710 Citizenship & Social Difference 3
POLS 4730 Contemporary Political Ideologies 3
POLS 4740 Marx’s Capital 3
POLS 4750 American Political Thought 3
POLS 4800 Theories of Constitutional Interpretation 3
POLS 4840 Global Health Politics & Policy 3
POLS 4930 Special Topics 3

(Prerequisite for 4000-level seminars: at least one course in the same subfield and at least junior standing - or instructor permission.)

An alternative to one of the 4000-level seminars: students with a grade-point average of 3.30 or better may take POLS 4960, an individual research project under the supervision of a Political Science faculty member. Permission from the instructor and the Director of Undergraduate Studies is required.

With permission from the instructor and Director of Undergraduate Studies, students may write a Political Science honors thesis, which substitutes for one 4000-level seminar. Students will register for POLS 4990 and POLS 4991. Students who complete the honors thesis will have 37 credits of classes in their major.

Political Science electives 12 credits

Political Science majors may not take more than six credits of independent study (POLS 498), and/or internship work toward the 33-credit Political Science requirement. The two 4000-level seminars and the methods class must be completed at Saint Louis University, not by transfer credit. Only 15 credits of transfer credit can apply toward the Political Science major. Students may not count more than 19 credits of work completed at the 1000 and 2000 level toward major requirements.

To give some focus to a major, students are encouraged to take 3 or 4 courses in at least one of the four sub-fields or a cross-sub-field area of interest in political science (like social justice, democratization or legal studies). Students should consult with department faculty advisors in selecting courses.

International Affairs Concentration (34 credits):

General Requirements for the Major (19 credits):

One course in each of the subfields (6 credits)
American Politics: POLS 1150
Political Thought: POLS 1700, 2700, 3710, 3720, or 3770

Methods: POLS 2000 (4 credits)

Two Political Science electives (6 credits)
To meet the requirement that no more than 19 credits be taken at the 1000 or 2000 level, these electives may need to be at the 3000 level or above.

Required courses for the concentration (15 credits)
POLS 1600 Introduction to International Politics (3 credits; fulfills the IR subfield requirement)

Any two of the following courses: (6 credits; one course fulfills the Comparative Politics subfield requirement)
POLS 1500 Introduction to Comparative Politics
POLS 1510 Politics of the Developing World
POLS 2510 West European Politics
POLS 2520 Introduction to African Politics
POLS 2530 Soviet and Post Soviet Politics
POLS 2540 Ethnicity and Internal War
POLS 2560 Politics of Asia
POLS 2570 Intro to Latin American Politics
POLS 2580 Politics of Mexico
POLS 2590 Politics of Middle East & N Africa
POLS 3500 Asian Miracles
POLS 3520 Communism, Capitalism and Social Justice
POLS 3530 Comparative Revolutions
POLS 3540 Latin American Social Movements
POLS 3590 The Arab Uprisings

Any one of the following courses (3 credits):
POLS 2600 Intro to International Pol Economy
POLS 3600 Problems of Globalization
POLS 3620 International Organization
POLS 3640 International Law
POLS 3650 International Relations of Africa
POLS 3660 U.S. Strategy in Asia
POLS 3670 America and the Middle East
POLS 3810 Latin American/U.S. Relations

Any one of the following seminars (3 credits):
POLS 4500 Russian Political Culture
POLS 4520 Political Change
POLS 4530 Authoritarianism
POLS 4650 War, Peace, and Politics
POLS 4692 Theories of World Politics
POLS 4840 Global Health Politics & Policy
POLS 5510 Democratization
POLS 5550 Politics of Economic Development
POLS 5580 Islam and Gender

Senior Seminar Requirement (3 additional credits):

Students in the concentration must take at least one 4000-level seminar from those offered in the concentration: POLS 4500 Russian Political Culture; POLS 4510 Seminar: Democratization; POLS 4520 Political Change; POLS 4530 Authoritarianism; POLS 4650 War, Peace and Politics; POLS 4692 Theories of World Politics; POLS 4840 Global Health & Policy.

Students must take a second 4000-level seminar, either from those offered in the concentration or from among other seminars offered in the department. All seminars require POLS 2000, at least junior level standing, a previous course in the same subfield, or instructor permission.

As an alternative to one of the 4000-level seminars, students having a grade-point average of 3.30 or better may, with Department Chair approval, take POLS 4960, an individual research project under the supervision of a Political Science faculty member.

With permission, students may write a Political Science honors thesis, POLS 4990-4991, which can substitute for one of the 4000-level seminars.

Students may substitute 5000-level seminars taught by full-time Political Science faculty for the required 4000-level seminars.

Political science majors may not take more than six credits of independent study (POLS 4980) and/or internship work toward the 34-credits Political Science requirement. The two 4000-level seminars and the methods class must be completed at Saint Louis University, not by transfer credit. Only 15 credits of transfer credit can apply toward the Political Science major. Students may not count more than 19 credits of work completed at the 1000 and 2000 level toward major requirements. Course substitutions are possible with the approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Political Science.

Public Law Concentration (34 credits total):

General Requirements for the Major:

One course in each of the subfields (12 credits)
- American Politics: POLS 1150
- Comparative Politics: one class
- International Relations: one class
- Political Thought: POLS 1700, 2700, 3710, 3720, 3770

Methods: POLS 2000 (4 credits)

Required course credits for the Public Law concentration (9 credits)

Select 3 of the following 4 courses
- POLS 2100 The American Constitution
- POLS 3100 Judicial Politics
- POLS 2710 Theories of Justice
- POLS 4310 Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy

Elective courses for the Public Law Concentration (6 Credits)

Selected from the following courses:
- POLS 2120 The American Congress
- POLS 3130 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- POLS 3640 International Law
- POLS 3880/WGST 3800 Violence Against Women
- POLS 3915 Legal Internship
- POLS 4120 Civil Rights: A Moot Court Seminar
- POLS 4171 Law, Policy, and Society
- POLS 4125 Women and the Law
POLS 4126 Sexuality and the Law

Senior Seminar Requirement (3 additional credits):

Students in the concentration must take at least one 4000-level seminar from those offered in the concentration: POLS 4300 Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy; POLS 4120 Civil Rights: A Moot Court Seminar; POLS 4171 Law, Policy, and Society; POLS 4125 Women and the Law; or POLS 4126 Sexuality and the Law.

Students must take a second 4000-level seminar, either from those offered in the concentration or from among other seminars offered in the department. All seminars require POLS 2000, at least junior level standing, a previous course in the same subfield, or instructor permission.

As an alternative to one of the 4000-level seminars, students having a grade-point average of 3.30 or better may, with Department Chair approval, take POLS 4960, an individual research project under the supervision of a Political Science faculty member.

With permission, students may write a Political Science honors thesis, POLS 4990-4991, which can substitute for one of the 4000-level seminars.

Students may substitute 5000-level seminars taught by full time Political Science faculty for the required 4000-level seminars.

Political science majors may not take more than six credits of independent study (POLS 4980) and/or internship work toward the 34-credits Political Science requirement. The two 4000-level seminars and the methods class must be completed at Saint Louis University, not by transfer credit. Only 15 credits of transfer credit can apply toward the Political Science major. Students may not count more than 19 credits of work completed at the 1000 and 2000 level toward major requirements. Course substitutions are possible with the approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Political Science.

Madrid Students

The B.A. in Political Science, with a concentration in International Relations, is offered at the Madrid Campus.

Requirements:

Overall requirements for the degree completed in Madrid are the same as those for Political Science majors on the Saint Louis Frost campus, with the addition of advanced courses in International Relations and a related credits requirement (see below)

- Completion of an overall 42 credit program: 33 credit Political Science program with a focus on International Relations; 6 credits in Economics; 3 credits in Communication
- Completion of College of Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum
- Related credits: Completion of a minor (such as Spanish or English), an interdisciplinary minor program (such as the Ibero-American Studies interdisciplinary minor), or approved elective credits related to the major
- Advanced knowledge of Spanish
- Madrid BA students will be required to take 6 credits (two courses) from St Louis political science faculty, either in St Louis or Madrid
- Madrid BA students are encouraged to study abroad for one semester at St Louis University’s home campus.

For more information about the Madrid political science program, see http://spain.slu.edu/academics/degrees_programs/undergraduate_programs/political_science_-_international_relations/index.html

Political Science Minor (18 credits)
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Political Science Minor Continuation Standards
Students in the Political Science minor must maintain a 2.0 GPA in Political Science coursework.

These courses can be distributed in a general track or a specialized track:

General track
1 course in each of three of the four major subfields: (American, Comparative, International Relations, or Political Thought) 9
3 political science electives 9

Specialized track
3 courses in one of the major subfields 9
3 political science electives 9

Honors Thesis
There is a Political Science Honors Thesis option for qualified and highly motivated students. These students need to inform the Director of Undergraduate Studies of their interest by the spring of their Junior Year if they want to write the thesis during their senior year or by the fall of the Junior year if they want to start a
semester earlier. Students doing an Honors Thesis must have a Political Science GPA of 3.5 and an overall GPA of 3.4. This program involves a full year, two course sequence: POLS 4990 Research Design and POLS 4991 Political Science Honors Thesis. Students doing honors theses will have a 37 credit major. POLS 4990 fulfills one 4000-level seminar requirement.

Internships
The Political Science department encourages majors to take political science internships as part of their degree programs. These provide excellent practical experience that potential employers appreciate. Internships often help majors select a future career. Students select internships in consultation with their mentors.

The Department offers a variety of internships, which may satisfy up to 6 credits of electives. POLS 3910 Federal Government Internship, POLS 3911 State and Local Government Internship, POLS 3912 Administrative Internship, POLS 3914 Foreign Service Internship, POLS 3915 Legal Internship, POLS 3916 Campaign Practicum, POLS 3917 Research Internship, POLS 3918 Overseas Field Work, POLS 3919 Women Leaders Internship, POLS 4910 Political Science Internship. Students may contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies for more information.

Accelerated B.A./M.A.
SLU undergraduate political science majors with a GPA of at least 3.4 may apply during their junior year for admission to an accelerated B.A./M.A. program. The accelerated B.A./M.A. in Political Science makes it possible for SLU undergraduate political science majors to earn both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in five years.

Interdisciplinary Minors
The Political Science department participates in the following Interdisciplinary Minors:
- Foreign Service
- Political Journalism
- Global and Local Social Justice
- Asian Studies
- Russian and Eastern European Studies
- Middle East and North Africa Studies