International Affairs Concentration in the Political Science Major

Total required Political Science classes (34 hours) include the following:

General Requirements for the Major (16 hours):

One course in each of the subfields (6 hours)

- American Politics: POLS 1150 American Political Systems

Political Thought: Choose one class from POLS 1700 Foundations of Political Theory, POLS 2700 Issues in Political Philosophy, POLS 3710 Ancient and Medieval Political Thought, POLS 3720 Renaissance Political Thought, or 3770 Feminist Theory, Gender Justice

Methods: POLS 2000 (4 hours)

Two Political Science electives (6 hours)

To meet the requirement that no more than 19 hours 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 hours):

- POLS 1600 Introduction to International Politics (3 hours; fulfills the IR subfield requirement)

Any two of the following courses: (6 hours; 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 Introduction to Latin American Politics
- POLS 2580 Politics of Mexico
- POLS 2590 Politics of the Middle East and North 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: The Politics of Expertise

Any one of the following courses (3 hours):

- POLS 2600 Introduction to International Political Economy
- POLS 3600 Problems of Globalization
- POLS 3620 International Organization and the Management of World Problems
- 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 hours)
POLS 4500 Russian Political Culture
POLS 4510 Seminar: Democratization
POLS 4520 Political Change
POLS 4530 Authoritarianism: A Study in Conceptual Utility
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 hours):

Students in the concentration must take at least one seminar from those offered in the concentration (POLS 4500, 4510, 4520, 4530, 4650, 4692, 4840, 5510, 5550, 5580)

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 count more than four 1000 level courses toward work toward the 34-hour Political Science requirement. Majors may not count more than six hours of independent study (POLS 4980) and/or internship work toward the major. Majors must complete at least four 3000 or higher courses. Only 15 hours of transfer credit can apply towards the major. The two 4000-level courses and the methods class must be completed at Saint Louis University and not by transfer credit. Substitutions must be approved by the department Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies.