Public Law Concentration in the Political Science Major

Total required Political Science courses (34 hours total) including the following:

General Requirements for the Major:

One course in each of the subfields (12 hours)

- American Politics: All students must complete POLS 1150 American Political Systems
- Comparative Politics: pick one class
- International Relations: pick one class
- Political Thought: pick 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 and Modern Political Thought, POLS 3770 Feminist Theory, Gender Justice
- Methods: POLS 2000 (4 hours)

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

*Select 3 of the following 4 courses:
- POLS 2100 The American Constitution
- POLS 3100 Judicial Politics
- POLS 2710 Theories of Justice
- POLS 4300 Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy

Elective courses for the Public Law Concentration (6 Hours)

*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 hours):

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 count more than four 1000 level courses toward work toward the 34-hours 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.