Political Science
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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 minor, and contributes to a variety of other programs. The Department also offers an Accelerated B.A./M.A. Faculty specialties span the entire discipline, from American politics to African politics, from feminist theory to asymmetric warfare, from diplomacy to globalization.

Political Science (B.A.)

Program Requirements
33 hours including the following courses:

One course in each of the following 4 sub-fields

American Politics
POLS 110 Intro to American Political System (This class is required for all majors.)

Comparative Politics
POLS 150 Introduction to Comparative Politics

POLS 151 Politics of the Developing World
POLS 251 West European Politics
POLS 252 Introduction to African Politics
POLS 253 Soviet & Post-Soviet Politics
POLS 254 Ethnicity and Internal War
POLS 255 Political Systems of the Sub-Sahara
POLS 256 Politics of Asia
POLS 257 Introduction to Latin American Politics
POLS 258 Politics of Mexico
POLS 350 Asian Miracles
POLS 351 Rebirth of Democracy
POLS 352 Communism, Capitalism, & Social Justice
POLS 353 Comparative Revolutions
POLS 354 Latin American Social Movements
POLS 356 Political Processes in Latin America
POLS 357 Third World Development
POLS 367 Political Development in Contemp Spain
POLS 381 Latin American-U.S. Relations

International Relations
POLS 160 Introduction to International Politics
POLS 260 Intro to International Political Economy
POLS 261Introduction to Diplomacy
POLS 264 International Terrorism
POLS 265 War and Peace in the Middle East
POLS 266 Middle East in International Politics
POLS 360 Problems of Globalization
POLS 361 Multilateral Diplomacy
POLS 363 Global and Transnational Feminism
POLS 364 International Law
POLS 365 International Relations of Africa
POLS 381 Latin American-U.S. Relations

Political Thought
POLS 170 Foundations of Political Theory
POLS 371 Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
POLS 372 Renaissance and Modern Political Thought
POLS 374 Capitalism, Racism, Patriarchy
POLS 375 The Modern Democratic State
POLS 376 Feminist Theory: Gender Justice
POLS 379 Topics in Political Theory
POLS 393 Special Topics

Methods or Analyses
POLS 300 Methods in Political Science
POLS 301 Cultural Analyses
POLS 302 Methods: Social Movements
(Prerequisite for POLS 300, 301, and 302: any two Political Science classes)

Two 400-level seminars
POLS 410 Judicial Review in American Democracy
POLS 411 American Political Institutions
POLS 412 Civil Rights: A Moot Court Seminar
POLS 414 Political Parties and Interest Groups
POLS 440 Abuses of Administrative Power
POLS 450 Russian Political Culture
POLS 451 Democratization
POLS 452 Political Change
POLS 461 International Relations: Theory & Practice
POLS 462 Global Diplomacy
POLS 464 Problems of International Terrorism
POLS 466 Asymmetric Warfare
POLS 469 Theories of World Politics
POLS 473 Contemporary Political Ideologies
POLS 475 American Political Thought
POLS 484 Politics of Health
POLS 485 Politics of the Future
POLS 486 Political Thought of Asia
POLS 493 Special Topics

(Prerequisite for 400-level seminars: at least one course in the same subfield and at least junior standing - or instructor permission.)

An alternative to one of the 400-level seminars: students having a grade-point average of 3.30 or better may, with Department Chair approval, take POLS 483, an individual research project under the supervision of a Political Science faculty member.

With permission, students may write a Political Science honors thesis, which substitutes for one 400-level seminar. Students who complete the honors thesis will have 36 hours of classes in their major.

**Political Science electives**: 12 hours

**Political Science majors** may not take more than six hours of independent study (POLS498), and/or internship work toward the 33-hour Political Science requirement. The two 400-level seminars and the methods class must be completed at Saint Louis University, not by transfer credit. Only 15 hours of transfer credit can apply toward the Political Science major.

*All Political Science Courses are 3 Credit Hours*

**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 hours requirement (see below)

- Completion of an overall 42 credit hour program: 33 credit hour Political Science program with a focus on International Relations; 6 credit hours in Economics; 3 credit hours in Communication
- Completion of College of Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum
- Related hours: Completion of a minor (such as Spanish, French, German or English), a certificate program (such as the Ibero-American Studies Certificate), or approved elective hours related to the major
- Advanced knowledge of Spanish
- Madrid BA students will be required to take 6 credit hours (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](http://spain.slu.edu/academics/degrees_&_programs/undergraduate_programs/political_science_-_international_relations/index.html)

**Minor**

A Minor can be attained by taking 18 hours.

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)
3 political science electives

**Specialized track**

3 courses in just one of the major subfields
3 political science electives

**Course Streams**

To give some focus to a major, students are encouraged to take 3 or 4 courses in at least one of the four subfields 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 to develop relevant course streams.
Honors Thesis
There is a Political Science Honors Thesis option for qualified and highly motivated students. These students need to inform the Honors Thesis Coordinator of their interest in the spring of their Junior Year. 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 490 Research Design and POLS 491 Political Science Honors Thesis. Students doing honors theses will have a 36 hour major. POLS 490 fulfills one 400-level seminar requirement.

Internships
The Political Science department encourages majors to take political 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 ten different internships, which may satisfy up to 6 credit hours of electives. Aldermanic Internship, Federal Government Internship, Campaign Practicum, State Government Internship, Administrative Internship, Overseas Field Work, Foreign Service Internship, Women Leaders Internship, Political Science Internship, Research Internship

Concentrations
The Political Science department participates in the Political Journalism Interdisciplinary Minor, the Foreign Service Concentration, the Global and Local Social Justice Interdisciplinary Minor, the Asian Studies Concentration, the Russian-East European Studies Concentration, the Latin American Studies Concentration, and the Latino Studies Concentration, which are open to any major. Electives may include an approved minor or concentration in the College of Arts and Sciences.

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, which offers a concentration in American Politics, Political Thought, Gender and Politics, or International Affairs. The accelerated B.A./M.A. in Political Science allows SLU undergraduate political science majors to earn both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in five years.

Foreign Service Concentration*
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McGannon Hall 134

This concentration is intended to help its participants prepare for an international career, whether with the U.S. State Department, with international non-governmental organizations, with international organizations, or in the private sector. It is open to any undergraduate enrolled at St. Louis University. All majors qualify.

Upon joining the program, students must meet individually with the program director (Dr. Jean-Robert Leguey-Feilleux, 977-3033) to draw up a study plan tailored to the career goals of individual participants and identify the courses that will best serve that purpose.

This is a 24-hour program organized as follows:

Required Political Science courses
POLS 160 Introduction to International Politics
POLS 261 Introduction to Diplomacy

Political Science electives

International electives from other departments

Choice of electives must be approved by Program Director

In their senior year, candidates write a 20-page career-oriented capstone paper in consultation with the program director.

Political Journalism Interdisciplinary Minor
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Department of Political Science, McGannon Hall 134

Avis E. Meyer, Ph.D., Co-Director
Department of Communication, Xavier Hall 300

The Political Journalism Certificate is a cooperative program of the departments of Communication and Political Science. It is open to all majors, including Communication and Political Science.

The Certificate consists of 25 hours, as follows:
Required Courses  
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CMM 210 Journalism: News Writing  
CMM 410 Multiplatform Journalism  
CMM 206L Lab prerequisite for CMM 410  
POLS 110 American Political System  
POLS 160 Introduction to International Politics

Electives  
12

Six hours of Communication electives. Pick from:

CMM 311 Feature Writing  
CMM 313 Editorial Writing  
CMM 314 Essays  
CMM 342 Literary Journalism  
CMM 347 Political Communication  
CMM 416 Editing  
CMM 442 Theory of Free Expression  
CMM 447 Rhetoric of Political Campaigns  
CMM 493 Special Topics: Course(s) designed to coincide with the major election years and related to journalism and politics

Six hours of Political Science electives. Pick from:

POLS 151 Politics of a Developing World  
POLS 211 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties  
POLS 215 Black Politics  
POLS 218 American Presidential Elections  
POLS 220 Intro to State and Local Politics  
POLS 252 Introduction to African Politics  
POLS 253 Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics  
POLS 254 Ethnicity and Internal War  
POLS 256 Politics of Asia  
POLS 257 Introduction to Latin American Politics  
POLS 260 Intro to International Political Economy  
POLS 264 International Terrorism  
POLS 265 War and Peace in the Middle East  
POLS 266 Middle East in International Politics  
POLS 311 Women and Political Leadership  
POLS 312 American Presidency  
POLS 316 Electoral Behavior: Polls, Candidates and the Electorate  
POLS 317 Legislative Process  
POLS 350 Asian Miracles  
POLS 360 Problems of Globalization  
POLS 365 International Relations of Africa  
POLS 374 Capitalism, Racism, Patriarchy: Theorizing Structural Power  
POLS 385 Feminism in Action

Interdisciplinary Minor in Global and Local Social Justice: Power, Society, Culture

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The mission statement of Saint Louis University affirms a commitment to the "promotion of faith and justice in the spirit of the Gospels." Because of this commitment, SLU attracts a great many students who are moved to confront fundamental social problems such as poverty, injustice, or war. In order to address these and other problems meaningfully, students must understand the social and political systems that contribute to them causally and the cultural environments in which they occur. The aim of this unique interdisciplinary certificate program is to provide students with such an understanding.

The Global and Local Social Justice certificate is a cooperative program that draws required or elective courses from several departments and programs, including African American Studies, American Studies, Political Science, Public Health, Public Policy Studies, Sociology and Criminal Justice, Social Work, and Women’s Studies. The certificate is open to all majors. To be admitted, students must have at least a 3.0 GPA and be approved by the program director.

Required Courses  
21

One Theories of Justice Course  
3

POLS 293 Theories of Justice  
POLS 371 Ancient & Medieval Political Thought  
POLS 372 Renaissance & Mod Political Thought  
WSTD 372 Renaissance & Mod Political Thought  
POLS 376 Feminist Theory: Gender Justice  
WSTD 376 Feminist Theory: Gender Justice  
SOC 210 Classical Social Theory  
WSTD 377 Postmodern Politics: Sex/Race/Class

One Stratification/Structures of Inequality Course  
3

AAM 200 Intro to African American Studies  
ASTD 322 The Urban Crisis  
ASTD 420 Ethnic Groups in the US  
ASTD 427 US Anti-Black Racism  
ASTD 475 History of Racism  
PPS 408 Urban Issues: Poverty and Unemployment
The Asian Studies Certificate is a 21 hour cooperative program involving several departments. In addition the certificate requires 30 hours of community service. It is open to all majors.

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Note: Other Asian languages may be substituted through coursework elsewhere. Native speakers of an Asian language must study or demonstrate proficiency in another Asian language.

### Elective courses

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Notes:

1. Substitutions may be made with approval of the program director based on criteria of a SLU-equivalent academic substance and of a 50 percent Asian content to the course. To insure some multidisciplinary breadth, students are encouraged to take their elective credits in three of the six different

### Asian Studies Concentration

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disciplines included above (English, language, international business, history, political science and theology). Because of its continent-wide scope, students are encouraged to take POLS 256.
2 This is not an elective option for students whose native language is Chinese.

**Capstone**
POLS 393 Asian Studies Capstone

Note: With the Director’s permission, students may substitute, for the capstone requirement, an independent study under an Asian Studies faculty member that involves a major writing project. In semesters when the capstone is not offered, students may substitute, with the Director’s permission, a 400-level Asian-content seminar in any of the six host disciplines.

**Other Requirement:** Completion of at least 30 hours of community service in the Asian community either in St. Louis or in the student’s hometown during the summer.