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 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. Faculty specialties span the entire discipline, from American politics to African politics, from feminist theory to globalization, from revolution to elections. Together with the department of Sociology and Anthropology, the department offers an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Public and Social Policy.

Political Science Major (Bachelor of Arts)

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Program Requirements
34 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
Choose from these and other courses:
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 Contemporary Spain
POLS 381 Latin American-U.S. Relations

International Relations
Choose from these and other courses:
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 362 Internat’l Organztn & Managmt of World Problems
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
Choose from these courses:
POLS 170 Foundations of Political Theory
POLS 270 Issues in Political Philosophy
POLS 371 Ancient & Medieval Political Thought
POLS 372 Renaissance & Modern Political Thought
POLS 376 Feminist Theory: Gender Justice

Methods or Analyses (4 credit course)
POLS 300 Methods in Political Science
(Prerequisite: any two Political Science classes)

Two 400-level seminars
Choose from these and other courses:
POLS 411 American Political Institutions
POLS 412 Civil Rights: A Moot Court Seminar
POLS 414 Political Parties and Interest Groups
POLS 416 Advanced Topics: American Presidency
POLS 417 Electoral Politics
POLS 430 Administration of National Policy
POLS 450 Russian Political Culture
POLS 451 Democratization
POLS 452 Political Change
POLS 454 The European Union: Politics and Political Economy
POLS 461 International Relations: Theory & Practice
POLS 462 Global Diplomacy
POLS 464 Problems of International Terrorism
POLS 465 Use of Force in International Relations
POLS 466 Asymmetric Warfare
POLS 469 Theories of World Politics
POLS 473 Contemporary Political Ideologies
POLS 474 Marx’s Capital
POLS 475 American Political Thought
POLS 480 Theories of Constitutional Interpretation
POLS 484 Politics of Health
POLS 485 Politics of the Future
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 with a grade-point average of 3.30 or better may take POLS 483, 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 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. Students may not count more than 18 hours of work completed at the 100 and 200 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-subfield area of interest in political science (like social justice, democratization or legal studies). Students should consult with department faculty advisors in selecting courses.

All Political Science Courses are 3 Credit Hours, with one exception: POLS 300 is 4 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 or English), an interdisciplinary minor program (such as the Ibero-American Studies interdisciplinary minor), 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)

Political Science Minor

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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 the three of the four major subfields: 9
(American, Comparative, International Relations, or Political Thought)
3 political science electives 9

**Specialized track**
3 courses in just 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 490 Research Design and POLS 491 Political Science Honors Thesis. Students doing honors theses will have a 37 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 a variety of internships, which may satisfy up to 6 credit hours of electives. Federal Government Internship, Campaign Practicum, State and Local Government Internship Administrative Internship, Overseas Field Work, Foreign Service Internship, Women Leaders Internship, Political Science Internship, Research 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

Interdisciplinary Minor in Foreign Service*
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This interdisciplinary minor 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 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 6
POLS 160 Introduction to International Politics
POLS 261 Introduction to Diplomacy
Political Science electives 9
International electives from other departments 9
Choice of electives must be approved by Program Director

In their senior year, candidates write a 10-page career-oriented capstone paper in consultation with the program director.

Interdisciplinary Minor in Political Journalism
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The Political Journalism interdisciplinary minor promotes skills in analysis of political phenomena and effective communication of ideas through a variety of platforms. The interdisciplinary minor is suitable for students interested in careers in Journalism, public relations in governmental or political organizations, or work on political campaigns.

The interdisciplinary minor consists of 25 hours, as follows:

Required Courses 13
CMM 210 Newswriting 3
Interdisciplinary Minor in Global and Local Social Justice

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<td>Theory of Free Expression</td>
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<td>Special Topics: Course(s) designed to coincide with the major election years and related to journalism and politics</td>
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<td>POLS 374</td>
<td>Capitalism, Racism, Patriarchy: Theorizing Structural Power</td>
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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 minor program is to provide students with such an understanding.

The Global and Local Social Justice interdisciplinary minor is a cooperative program that draws required or elective courses from several departments and programs, including American Studies, Political Science, Public Health, Public Policy Studies, Sociology and Anthropology, Social Work, and Women’s and Gender Studies. The interdisciplinary minor 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

1. One class in theories of justice 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
   - PUBH 365 Public Health and Social Justice
   - SOC 210 Classical Social Theory

2. One class in local and domestic issues 3
   - AAM 200 Intro to African American Studies
   - ASTD 315 American Social Movements
   - 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
   - SOC 322 Urban Sociology
   - SOC 323 Gender and Society
   - SOC 335 Social Movements
   - SOC 336 Racial and Ethnic Relations
   - SOC 338 Political Sociology
   - SOC 350 Social Inequality
   - SWRK 302 American Social Welfare System
   - SWRK 327 Diversity and Anti-Oppression Practice
   - WSTD 197 Introduction to Women's Studies
3. One class in global issues  
PUBH 201 Introduction to Global Health  
PUBH 305 Contemporary Issues in Global Health  
POLS 151 Politics of the Developing World  
POLS 252 Introduction to African Politics  
POLS 257 Introduction to Latin American Politics  
POLS 350 Asian Miracles  
POLS 352 Communism, Capitalism, and Social Justice  
POLS 354 Latin American Social Movements  
POLS 357 Politics of Development  
POLS 360 Problems of Globalization  
POLS 450 Democratization  
POLS 462 Global Diplomacy  
POLS 484 Politics of Health  
SOC 222 Peace and Conflict Studies  
SOC 346 Principles of Social Development  

4. ONE additional class in either global or local/domestic issues (category 2 or 3)  

5. One service learning course or internship with a social or political focus  
ASTD 394 Service Learning Internship  
ASTD 395 Service Learning Project  
POLS 380 The Structure of Poverty: Global and Local  
POLS 221 Civic Renewal: Service Learning and Community Justice  
POLS 385 Feminism in Action (or WSTD 385 Feminism in Action)  
PPS 397 Metropolitan Environment service learning section  
SOC 404 Sociology Practicum: Community Organizing  
SWRK 482 Social Work Practicum (has prerequisites)  

Elective courses approved by the Director  
As electives, students may take additional classes in the five required areas, or they may choose from a list of courses approved by the director.

Interdisciplinary Minor Asian Studies  
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The Asian Studies interdisciplinary minor is a 21 hour cooperative program involving several departments. In addition the interdisciplinary minor requires 30 hours of community service. It is open to all majors.

Required courses  
Asian language  
CHIN 110 Communicating in Chinese I  
CHIN 115 Communicating in Chinese II  
CHIN 210 Intermediate Chinese: Language and Culture I  
HIND 110 Communicating in Hindi I  
HIND 115 Communicating in Hindi II  
HIND 210 Intermediate Hindi: Language and Culture  
ARAB 110 Communicating in Arabic I  
ARAB 115 Communicating in Arabic II  
ARAB 210 Intermediate Arabic: Language and Culture

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  
CHIN 215 Intermediate Chinese: Language and Culture II  
ENGL 325 Literature of the Postcolonial World  
ENGL 467 Contemporary Postcolonial Literature and Culture  
HIND 393 Indian Literatures in Translation  
HIST 270 China to 1600  
HIST 271 Japan and China Since 1600  
HIST 321 China Since 1644  
HIST 492 Imperialism in Asia  
IBS 304 Asian Business  
POLS 256 The Politics of Asia  
POLS 350 Asian Miracles  
POLS 466 Asymmetric Warfare  
POLS 486 Political Thought of Asia  
THEO 270 Religious Traditions of Asia  
THEO 271 Buddhism  
THEO 273 Hinduism  
THEO 279 World Religions

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 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 3

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.