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. 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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Program Requirements
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 Asian Miracles 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 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 Internat’l 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
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)**

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(Prerequisite: any two Political Science classes)

**Two 4000-level seminars**

Choose from these and other courses:

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(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.

**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](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 credits.

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: 9
(American, Comparative, International Relations, or Political Thought)
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