

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**  
**Department of Political Science**

**Certificate in Advanced Political Studies and Research**

The Political Science Department offers a Certificate in Advanced Political Studies and Research to qualified undergraduates who are declared majors. The certificate provides the challenging, focused study needed to pursue graduate and professional degrees in political science and related fields of study, such as law, public administration, international affairs, and public policy. Successful post-baccalaureate study in political science and related fields is built on the ability to combine critical inquiry with the concise, organized expression of ideas, both orally and in writing. Similarly, leadership positions in most professional fields rely on research skills, effective communication, and the ability to create consensus and motivate effective discussion for purposes of analysis, planning, and problem-solving.

**Certificate Requirements**

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To qualify for the certificate, students must:

1. Complete two 400-level Pol S seminars and achieve a minimum grade of 3.0 in each.
2. Submit a research paper (minimum of 10 pages) for one of those seminars.
3. Submit a proposal and present their research at the Annual UW Undergraduate Research Symposium.

**Additional Information**

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Applications for the Annual UW Undergraduate Research Symposium are due in February and the symposium is held in May. Information about the Symposium can be found on the website of the Undergraduate Research Program: <http://exp.washington.edu/urp/index.html>.

The Political Science Advising Office will post a quarterly list of courses that may count as 400-level seminars for this Certificate. The list will also indicate which seminars include the required research paper. No course substitutions will be allowed.

Students receive a certificate of completion from the Political Science Department. Although certificate information is not posted on student transcripts, students who complete the certificate may include it on their resumes or vitae.

**Application Procedure**

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When you have finished all certificate requirements,

1. Complete the application on the back of this form. Please print your name **as you wish it to appear on the certificate**. Include the mailing address you will use within one month after the end of the quarter in which you turn in the form.
2. Return your application to the Political Science Advising Office in Smith 215.
3. The Advising Office will verify that you have completed all requirements and then will mail the certificate. Please allow four weeks after the end of the quarter for verification and mailing.

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**APPLICATION**

Submit this application after all requirements have been completed

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print your name as you wish it to appear on the certificate.)

| Course Number | Course Title (include topic title, if any) | Quarter/Year | Grade |
|---------------|--|--------------|-------|
| POL S _____   | _____                                      | _____        | _____ |
| POL S _____   | _____                                      | _____        | _____ |

For which seminar did you write the required 10 page research paper? \_\_\_\_\_

Research Paper Title: \_\_\_\_\_

When did you present at the Research Symposium? \_\_\_\_\_

Poster/Presentation Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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By my signature below, I confirm that I have completed all requirements for this certificate:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Return completed form to Political Science Advising**

**Office Address: Smith Hall, Room 215**

**Mailing Address:**

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University of Washington  
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