

# Political Science

## Major Information

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### **Admission to the Political Science Major**

We accept applications to the Political Science major every quarter. Applications are linked to the departmental website <http://www.polisci.washington.edu/> and are due by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the quarter. Students should apply to the major the first quarter in which they are eligible.

### **Minimum Admission Requirements:**

- Three political science introductory courses (POL S 101, 201, 202, 203, 204 or 205), with completion of at least two courses and enrollment and attendance in the final course at the application deadline.
- Grades of at least 2.0 in each political science introductory course used for admission.
- 2.0 cumulative UW GPA or better.

Students who need extended premajor status or are already in a major and have circumstances like satisfactory progress issues may have additional requirements and should meet with a Pol S adviser

**To apply to the major:** Complete the online Political Science Major Application, accessible at <http://www.polisci.washington.edu/> and due by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each quarter during the academic year. Applicants will be notified if they meet major entry requirements by the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the quarter of admission.

### **Once admitted, to complete entry to the major:**

1. Attend a New Majors Information Session (sign-up information will be sent to the UW email address of all admitted students by the end of week 4—check your junk/spam folders or contact [polsadvc@uw.edu](mailto:polsadvc@uw.edu) if you do not receive that message).
2. After the information session, make an appointment if you would like to meet individually with a Political Science adviser.

### **Departmental Resources and Programs**

#### **Political Science Advising Office, Smith 215**

To make a 30-minute appointment to meet with an adviser, visit our appointment scheduling website at <http://depts.washington.edu/polsadvc>. Appointments are available Monday through Friday and must be made at least one day in advance. They can be cancelled through the same calendar tool until one hour before the appointment time (call if you need to cancel within one hour).

We encourage students to make an appointment to meet with a Political Science adviser about academic planning, academic difficulty, internships, study abroad, research, graduate and professional school, career resources, even if they are not yet admitted to the major. **An appointment is required to apply for graduation.** The general hours of the office are: weekdays, 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:30. Check the advising appointment calendar or contact us for changes to this schedule.

Students can also reach us at

Advising Office phone: 206-543-1824

Email: [polsadvc@uw.edu](mailto:polsadvc@uw.edu)

**Political Science Advising News:** Located at <https://www.polisci.washington.edu/news/advising>

The Advising Blog is one of the best places to find the most updated announcements about a wide variety of topics, including: new internship positions, scholarships and fellowships, study abroad opportunities, events, interesting classes, job or career-related announcements. New postings every day.

**Political Science/Jackson School/LSJ Writing Center:** The Writing Center is open beginning the second week of each quarter and is located in Gowen 111. Website: <http://depts.washington.edu/pswrite>

**Political Science Computer Lab:** The Computer Lab is located in Smith 220. Lab hours are 9am to 4pm during each academic quarter (reduced hours during summer quarter). The lab is closed during quarter breaks and when reserved for classes or events.

**Internships:** Internships are opportunities for students to explore career and personal interests, to develop their competitiveness for employment after graduation, and to build professional experiences that add to the academic knowledge gained from classes. The Political Science website has a page devoted to internships and internship search tools: [www.polisci.washington.edu/Undergraduate/Internships/internships.html](http://www.polisci.washington.edu/Undergraduate/Internships/internships.html). Also see listings in our Advising Blog.

The Political Science Department has longstanding relationships with two internship programs:

**The Washington State Legislative Internship Program:** Winter Quarter. Students work in Olympia as staff for members of the Washington State House of Representatives or Senate. Admission is competitive. Applications are due in early-October. Mark Weitzenkamp, [weitzen@uw.edu](mailto:weitzen@uw.edu), is the liaison for this program.

<http://www.leq.wa.gov/internships/Pages/default.aspx>

**The Washington Center Internship Program (TWC):** Autumn Quarter or Semester, Spring Semester, Summer Quarter. This 15 credit Washington, D.C., program finds placements and provides housing and additional services to students who want to intern in our nation's capital. Meera Roy, [meroy@uw.edu](mailto:meroy@uw.edu), is the liaison for this program. [www.twc.edu](http://www.twc.edu)

**Undergraduate Research:** There are multiple opportunities for undergraduates to conduct research, either on their own under the supervision of faculty via Independent Study credits (POL S 499) or with affiliated centers. For more information, visit [www.polisci.washington.edu/Undergraduate/Undergrad\\_Programs/undergradprograms.html](http://www.polisci.washington.edu/Undergraduate/Undergrad_Programs/undergradprograms.html) and [http://www.polisci.washington.edu/Resources/Other\\_Programs/otherprogram.html](http://www.polisci.washington.edu/Resources/Other_Programs/otherprogram.html). Also connect with the UW Undergraduate Research Program ([www.washington.edu/urp](http://www.washington.edu/urp)) for information regarding research opportunities, undergraduate conferences, research scholarships and courses on research design.

**Center for American Politics and Public Policy Undergraduate Fellows:** Students in this one-year 15-credit program assist with faculty research and to also develop their own research projects to present at the UW Undergraduate Research Symposium: <http://cappp.org/>

**Certificate in Advanced Political Studies and Research:** This certificate requires two 400-level POL S seminars from the approved list with a 3.00 in each; submitting a research paper of at least 10 pages for one of the seminars; and submitting a proposal to present your research at the Annual UW Undergraduate Research Symposium. [http://www.polisci.washington.edu/Undergraduate/Undergrad\\_Programs/undergradprograms.html#AdvPol](http://www.polisci.washington.edu/Undergraduate/Undergrad_Programs/undergradprograms.html#AdvPol)

**Political Science Honors Program:** For Honors Program information, eligibility and requirements see <https://www.polisci.washington.edu/honors-program-political-science>. Applications are due in early Winter quarter. The program starts in Spring quarter. Tamara Sollinger, [tamars@uw.edu](mailto:tamars@uw.edu), is the liaison for this program.

**Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society:** Membership eligibility information and the application are available in Smith 215.

## **General Political Science Major Requirements Check List**

### **50 CREDITS OF COURSEWORK (TEN 5-CREDIT COURSES):**

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| <b>Introductory Course Requirement: 3 Courses (15 credits)</b>   |  |
| Complete three introductory courses (15 credits) from those listed on the right. If you take more than three introductory courses, the additional courses will count as general electives toward the 180 credits required for a degree and NOT toward the Political Science major. | <input type="checkbox"/> POL S 101 Introduction to Politics<br><input type="checkbox"/> POL S 201 Intro to Political Theory<br><input type="checkbox"/> POL S 202 Intro to American Politics<br><input type="checkbox"/> POL S 203 Intro to International Relations<br><input type="checkbox"/> POL S 204 Intro to Comparative Politics<br><input type="checkbox"/> POL S 205 Political Science as a Social Science  |
| <b>Major Field Distribution Requirement: 3 Courses (15 credits)</b>  |  |
| Complete three courses numbered 210 and above (15 credits), each course in a different subfield.   | <input type="checkbox"/> POL S ____ A. Political Theory<br><input type="checkbox"/> POL S ____ B. Comparative Government and Politics<br><input type="checkbox"/> POL S ____ C. International Relations<br><input type="checkbox"/> POL S ____ D. American Government and Politics   |
| <b>Major Elective Requirement: 4 Courses (20 credits)</b>  |  |
| Complete four additional courses numbered 210 and above (20 credits). No field restrictions. Independent studies and Internships (e.g., Pol S 496, 498 & 499) do not count toward the major. 5 credits of Pol S 497 will count toward the major.                                   | Additional Requirements:<br>In addition to the course requirements, to complete the Pol S major and earn your degree you must meet these criteria:<br><input type="checkbox"/> A min. 2.25 GPA in Pol S courses at the time of graduation<br><input type="checkbox"/> A min. 2.0 grade for each course used to fulfill a major req.<br><input type="checkbox"/> At least 10 credits of Political Science taken at the UW<br><input type="checkbox"/> All other UW and College requirements |

## **Option Requirements Check List**

### **45 CREDITS (NINE 5-CREDIT COURSES):**

Up to 25 credits may overlap between the option and the Political Science major  
 Up to 20 credits may overlap between the option and another major

#### **Political Economy Option**

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| <b>Introductory Course Requirement: 3 Courses</b>  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ECON 200 Introduction to Microeconomics<br><input type="checkbox"/> ECON 201 Introduction to Macroeconomics<br><input type="checkbox"/> POL S 270 Introduction to Political Economy | 3 Required Courses (15 credits)  |
| <b>Advanced Course Requirement: 6 Courses</b>  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____   | <input type="checkbox"/> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <b>6 Courses from approved course list (30 Credits)</b>  |  |

#### **International Security Option**

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| <b>Introductory Course Requirement: 1 Course</b>  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POL S 203 Introduction to International Relations  | 1 Required Course (5 credits)  |
| <b>Advanced Course Requirement: 2 Courses</b>   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POL S 321 American Foreign Policy<br><input type="checkbox"/> POL S 407 International Conflict | 2 Required Courses (10 credits)  |
| <b>Elective Course Requirement: 6 Courses</b>   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <b>6 Courses from approved course list (30 Credits)</b>   |  |

# Political Science Courses - Field Distribution Categories

| NO MAJOR/MINOR CREDIT  |     |   | A/D | 318 | AMER POL THOUGHT I                     | D   | 382 | STATE GOVERNMENT                      | B   | 444 | REVOLUTIONARY REGIMES   |
|--|-----|---|-----|-----|--|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|---|
| 3 cr   | 110 | POLITICAL ARGUMENTATION                     | A/D | 319 | AMER POL THOUGHT II                    | D   | 383 | ENVIRON POLITICS IN U.S.              | B   | 445 | POL & SOC IN EAST EUROPE (JSIS A 490)   |
| 3 cr   | 120 | CONTEMPORARY POL ISSUES (JSIS B 120)        | B   | 320 | 3RD WORLD STATE-SOC REL (JSIS B 310)   | C   | 384 | GLOBAL ENV POL (ENVR 384)             | B   | 447 | ADV SEM IN COMP POLITICS (10 cr max)  |
| variable   | 496 | UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP                    | C/D | 321 | AMER FOREIGN POLICY                    | C   | 385 | POL ECOL WRLD FOOD (ENVR 385) NW      | B/C | 448 | POLITICS OF EU  |
| 15 cr  | 498 | THE WASHINGTON CENTER INTERNSHIP            | B/C | 322 | INTL POL ECON OF LAT AMER (JSIS A 322) | *   | 395 | STUDY ABROAD-POLITICAL SCIENCE        | B   | 449 | POL OF DEVELOPING AREAS   |
| variable   | 499 | UNDERGRAD READINGS & RESEARCH               | C   | 324 | EUROPE IN WORLD POL                    | **  | 398 | HONORS SEMINAR                        | D   | 451 | COM TECH & POLITICS (COM 407)   |
| <b>INTRODUCTORY COURSES</b>  |     |   | C   | 325 | ARAB-ISRL CONFLICT                     | A   | 401 | ADV SEM POL THEORY (10 cr max)        | D   | 452 | MASS MEDIA & PUB OPIN (COM 414)   |
|  | 101 | INTRO TO POLITICS                           | B/C | 326 | SCAND IN WORLD AFRS (SCAND 326)        | *   | 402 | ADVANCED SEM-HUMAN RIGHTS             | D   | 453 | STATE LEGISLATURE   |
|  | 201 | INTRO POLITICAL THEORY                      | C   | 327 | WOMEN RTS AS HUMAN RTS (LSJ 327)       | C   | 403 | ADV SEM IN IR (10 cr max)             | D   | 454 | POL COM SEMINAR (COM 411)   |
|  | 202 | INTRO TO AMERICAN POLITICS                  | C   | 328 | INTL ORGANIZATIONS                     | D   | 404 | TOPICS IN PUB POLICY (PB AF 499)      | D   | 455 | POL DELIBERATION (COM 417)  |
|  | 203 | INTRO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS               | C   | 329 | GLOBAL COMMUNICATN (COM 322)           | D   | 405 | ADV SEM IN AMER POL (10 cr max)       | D   | 456 | INSTITUTNAL FAILURE (LSJ 456)   |
|  | 204 | INTRO TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS               | C   | 330 | COMM IN INTL RELAT (COM 321)           | A   | 406 | MARXIAN POL ECONOMY                   | D   | 457 | TOPICS IN LABOR RESEARCH (HSTCMP 457)   |
|  | 205 | POL SCI AS A SOCIAL SCIENCE                 | B   | 331 | GOVT & POL MID EAST& N.AFRICA          | C   | 407 | INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT                | C   | 460 | POL ECONOMY OF EU   |
| <b>UPPER DIVISION COURSES</b>  |     |   | B   | 332 | TOPICS IN COMP POL (10 cr max)         | *   | 409 | UNDERG SEM-POL ECON (ECON 409)        | D   | 461 | MASS MEDIA LAW (COM 440)  |
| A = POLITICAL THEORY FIELD   |     |   | C   | 333 | TOPICS IN INTL RELAT (10 cr max)       | *   | 410 | TECHNOLOGY, POL & STATE               | D   | 462 | U.S. SUPREME COURT  |
| B = COMPARATIVE POLITICS FIELD   |     |   | D   | 334 | TOPICS IN AMER POL (10 cr max)         | A   | 411 | THEORIES OF STATE                     | D   | 464 | POL OF AMER CRIMINAL JUSTICE  |
| C = INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD                                      |     |   | *   | 335 | TOPICS IN POL ECON (10 cr max)         | A   | 412 | DEMOCRATIC THEORY                     | D   | 465 | LAW AND PUB POL IN THE U.S.   |
| D = AMERICAN POLITICS FIELD  |     |   | C   | 337 | COLLECTIVE VIOLENCE (JSIS B 337)       | A   | 413 | CONTEMPORARY POL THEORY               | B   | 467 | COMPARATIVE LAW IN SOCIETY  |
| (courses in parentheses are joint courses that count for Pol S credit) |     |   | *   | 338 | TOPICS IN PUB POLICY (10 cr max)       | A   | 414 | POLITICS & CULTURE                    | B   | 468 | COMP MEDIA SYS (COM 420/JSIS B 419)   |
| A  | 212 | PHIL OF FEMINISM (PHIL 206, GWSS 206)       | B   | 340 | GOVT & POL OF S. ASIA (JSIS A 340)     | B   | 415 | WOMEN RTS IN EUROPE (LSJ 428)         | B   | 469 | LAW/RIGHTS AUTH REGIMES (LSJ/JSIS B 469)  |
| B  | 213 | KOREA/WRLD POLITICS (JSIS A 213)            | B   | 341 | CANADA GOVT & POLIT (JSIS A 321)       | *   | 416 | ECON THEORY & POL SYST (ECON 452)     | D   | 470 | AMER PUBLIC BUREAUCRACY   |
| D  | 246 | AFR AMERICAN POLITICS (AFRAM 246)           | B   | 342 | LATIN AMERICA POL (JSIS A 342)         | B/C | 417 | POL ECON OF INDIA (JSIS A 417)        | D   | 471 | POLITICS OF RISK  |
| D  | 249 | INTRO LABOR STUDIES (HSTCMP 249/SOC 266)    | B   | 343 | POL & CHANGE -SE ASIA (JSIS A 343)     | B/C | 418 | JPNESE TRADE POLITICS (JSIS A 487)    | B   | 472 | ELECTORAL SYSTEMS (JSIS B 472)  |
| C/D  | 270 | INTRO TO POL ECON                           | B   | 346 | WESTERN EUROPE GOVTS                   | C/D | 419 | US-CHINA RELATIONS (JSIS A 459)       | D   | 473 | POL DECISION-MAKING   |
| A  | 273 | CONCEPT OF POLITICAL POWER                  | C   | 347 | POLITICS OF INTL LAW (LSJ 347)         | B/C | 420 | SOVIET-RUSS FOREIGN POLICY            | D   | 474 | GOVT & THE ECONOMY  |
| D  | 281 | LIT & AMER POL CLTR (ENGL 251) VLPA         | C   | 348 | EU AS GLOBAL ACTOR (JSIS A 348)        | C   | 421 | REL COMM & POST-COMM STATES           | D   | 475 | PUBLIC CHOICE   |
| *  | 295 | STUDY ABROAD-POLITICAL SCIENCE              | C   | 349 | STRATEGY & WAR                         | C   | 422 | INTL ENVTL POLITICS SEM               | B/C | 476 | STRATEGY IN POLITICS  |
| *  | 299 | SPECIAL TOPICS (10 cr max)                  | D   | 350 | AM GOVT & INTEREST GROUPS              | C   | 424 | JAPAN INTL RELATNS (JSIS A 437)       | B   | 477 | AFRICAN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT   |
| A  | 301 | POL THEORY TOPICS (10 cr max)               | D   | 351 | THE AMERICAN DEMOCRACY                 | C   | 425 | POLITCL PSYCH & WAR                   | B   | 479 | CONTEM CENTRAL ASIAN POL (JSIS A479)  |
| A  | 302 | FREE WILL,NATURE,NURTURE IN POLITICS        | D   | 352 | AMER POLITICAL PARTIES                 | C   | 426 | WORLD POLITICS (JSIS B 426)           | B   | 480 | COMP POL & KOREA STUDIES (JSIS A 466)   |
| D  | 303 | PUBLIC POLICY FORMATION IN U.S.             | D   | 353 | U.S. CONGRESS                          | C   | 427 | INTERNATIONAL POL ECONOMY             | D   | 481 | BIG CITY POLITICS   |
| D  | 304 | PRESS & POLITICS IN U. S. (COM 304)         | D   | 354 | AMER ELECTIONS & VOTING                | C   | 428 | MILITARY INTERVENTION                 | *   | 495 | STUDY ABROAD POL S (20 cr. max)   |
| D  | 305 | POL OF MASS COM (COM 305)                   | D   | 355 | AMERICAN PRESIDENCY                    | B/C | 429 | POL PARTIES-JAPAN & E.ASIA(JSIS A436) | D   | 497 | STATE INTERNSHIP  |
| D  | 306 | MEDIA, SOC & POL ID (COM 306)               | D   | 356 | SOCIETY & POLITICS (SOC 356)           | C   | 430 | CIVIL-MILI RELATIONS IN DEM           |     |     |   |
| B/C  | 307 | RELIG & WORLD POL (RELIG 307)               | D   | 357 | MINORITY REP & VOTING RTS ACT          | C   | 431 | INTL REL IN MIDDLE EAST               |     |     |   |
| A  | 308 | ANCIENT& MEDIEVAL POL THOUGHT               | D   | 358 | AMERICAN POL CULTURE                   | BC  | 432 | POLITICAL ISLAM (JSIS B 406)          |     |     |   |
| A  | 309 | PRE-MOD POL THOUGHT                         | D   | 359 | U.S. LATINO POLITICS (CHSTU 359)       | B/C | 434 | INTL REL IN SOUTH ASIA (JSIS A 434)   |     |     |   |
| A  | 310 | MODERN POL THOUGHT                          | D   | 360 | INTRO AM CONST LAW (LSJ 360)           | B   | 435 | JAPANESE GOVT & POL (JSIS A 435)      |     |     |   |
| A  | 311 | INDIVIDUAL & THE STATE                      | D   | 361 | U.S. COURTS & CIVIL LIB (LSJ 361)      | B   | 436 | ETHNIC POL & NATIONLISM (JSIS B436)   |     |     |   |
| D  | 313 | WOMEN IN POLITICS (GWSS 313)                | D   | 363 | LAW IN SOCIETY (LSJ 363)               | B   | 437 | POLITICS IN SCAND (SCAND 437)         |     |     |   |
| B/C  | 314 | ISRAEL GLOBAL CONTEXT (JSISA 314/NEARE 315) | D   | 365 | LAWYERS IN AM. POLITICS                | B   | 438 | POLITICS IN FRANCE                    |     |     | * FIELD VARIES DEPENDING ON COURSE TOPIC. SEE ADVISERS OR TIME SCHEDULE FOR DETAILS |
| D  | 315 | BLK IDEN & POL POWR (AFRAM 315)             | B/C | 367 | COMP LAW AND COURTS (LSJ 367)          | B/C | 439 | POL OF DIVIDED KOREA (JSIS A 439)     |     |     |   |
| A/D  | 316 | AF-AM POL/SOC THOUGHT                       | C   | 368 | INTL HUMAN RIGHTS (LSJ 320)            | B   | 440 | EUROPEAN FASCISM                      |     |     |   |
| D  | 317 | POL OF RACE & ETHNICITY U.S. (LSJ 331)      | B   | 370 | PRIVACY (JSIS B 370/LSJ 370)           | B   | 441 | GOVT & POL OF RUSSIA                  |     |     |   |
|  |     |   | B/C | 371 | GLOBL CRIME & CORRUP (JSIS B 371)      | B   | 442 | GOVT & POL OF CHINA (JSIS A 408)      |     |     | ** OPEN TO POL S HONORS STUDENTS ONLY   |
|  |     |   | D   | 381 | URBAN POLITICS IN THE U.S.             | B   | 443 | COMP POL SOCIETIES                    |     |     |   |