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Political Science Major **Total Credits: 33**

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There are three parts to the major:

- 1) Introductory courses that provide a foundation to the different subfields of the discipline
- 2) Elective course distribution that provides greater breadth and deeper understanding of each subfield
- 3) Free electives that allow students to pursue the area(s) that they find most interesting

Introductory Courses: Students must take **three** of the **five** following courses: **9 Credits**

POLI 1101	Introduction to American Politics (offered every Spring)	3 Credits
POLI 1201	Introduction to Comparative Politics (offered every Spring)	3 Credits
POLI 1301	Introduction to International Relations (offered every Fall)	3 Credits
POLI 1401	Great Political Thinkers (offered every Spring)	3 Credits
POLI 1501	Fundamentals of Political Science* (offered every Fall)	3 Credits

It is advised to take the introductory courses by the end of the first semester of the junior year.

Electives **24 Credits**

Students must take at least **one** elective course in **each** of the subfields of political science (American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations and Political Theory). 12 Credits

Note: One of these courses may be a 4th introductory level course (not Fundamentals of Political Science)

The remaining four courses may be taken in any subfield of political science. 12 Credits

Since introductory courses are meant to provide a foundation in a subfield, it is **strongly** recommended that students take a field introductory course before they take an elective course in that subfield.

Students may use up to two courses cross-listed with other departments toward their elective requirements.

Students may also take one internship to count towards the elective requirement. Before students register for internship credit, they need to consult with the department and with the Academic Advisement Center to learn of specific requirements and restrictions of this option.

Exit Requirement: Parts I and II Required

- I. A departmental exit examination that demonstrates competence in the four major disciplinary subfields (American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory). Submission of two political science papers which are representative of the student's writing at the beginning and end of her studies (such as the first and last paper written for a political science course). The inclusion of copies of the instructor's original comments is desirable, but not required.

Political Science Minor

Total Credits: 18

Introductory Courses:	Students must take Two of the five following courses:	6 Credits
POLI 1101	Introduction to American Politics (offered every Spring)	3 Credits
POLI 1201	Introduction to Comparative Politics (offered every Fall)	3 Credits
POLI 1301	Introduction to International Relations (offered every Spring)	3 Credits
POLI 1401	Great Political Thinkers (offered every Fall)	3 Credits
POLI 1501	Fundamentals of Political Science* (offered every Fall)	3 Credits

*Recommended for those considering a major in the department, or for non-majors who would like a comprehensive overview of the discipline.

Electives 12 Credits

Students must take at least **one** elective course in **three** of the four subfields of political science (American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations and Political Theory). 9 Credits

The remaining one course may be taken in any subfield of political science. 3 Credits

Since introductory courses are meant to provide a foundation in a subfield, it is STRONGLY recommended that students take a field introductory course or Fundamentals before they take an elective course in that subfield.

Political Science Concentrations

In addition to the general Poli Sci Major the department offers the option of focusing on a specific concentration in Political Science. Students may focus on:

- American Politics and Policy
- Comparative Political Studies
- Law and Justice
- International Affairs and Security Studies

Your concentration may be mentioned in professional résumés and cover letters, may be useful in pursuing your professional aspirations as a signal to prospective employers about your unique qualifications.

To have a concentration, students need only to complete **four** courses specified for the various tracks. All courses may be counted toward this total, including introductory courses as well as those used to fulfill the subfield distribution. Thus, it is likely that students will need only two additional electives to complete the requirements for a concentration. Taking additional courses within the concentration is recommended.

The different concentrations are associated with a range of career paths. See below for a set of sample career options. Of course, students may choose to have no concentrations and strive for breadth. Students should consult with a member of the department to discuss the decision whether to pursue a concentration.

Political Science Concentrations and Sample Career Options			
American Politics and Policy	Comparative Political Studies	International Affairs and Security Studies	Law and Justice
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Positions in government (public sector) 2. Consulting 3. Business/finance 4. Public policy analysis 5. Non-profit sector 6. Advocacy 7. Urban Planning 8. Health Care Management 9. Journalism 10. Teaching 11. Research / Think Tank 12. Public relations 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Position in Israeli government 2. Development economics 3. International Business 4. Research 5. Journalism 6. Non-governmental organization (NGO) 7. Consulting 8. Risk analysis 9. Teaching 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. International security. 2. Diplomacy (United Nations, Foreign Service, State Department) 3. International Business 4. Research / Think Tank 5. Non-governmental organizations (NGO) 6. Journalism 7. Teaching 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Law 2. Business 3. Criminal justice 4. Paralegal. 5. Positions in government (public sector) 6. Non-profit sector 7. Advocacy 8. Journalism.

Courses and Concentrations in Political Science

(sample courses)

American Politics and Policy

Introduction to American Politics
American Presidency
Issues in American Public Policy (Health Care Policy; Education Policy, etc.)
Public Opinion and Political Behavior
Race and Religion in American Politics
American Social Movements
Voting and Elections
Political Parties and Interest Groups
Media and Politics
American Constitutional Law
Public Administration and Bureaucratic Politics
American Political Thought
Women and Politics
Women and the Law
Law and Politics
Democracy and Inequality
American Foreign Policy

Comparative Political Studies

Introduction to Comparative Politics
Politics of Advanced Democracies
African Politics
European Political Development
Israeli Politics
Latin American Politics
Middle East Politics
Escaping Poverty, Oppression, and Violence: Problems of Development
Ethnic Conflict and Genocide
Globalization

Law and Justice

Introduction to American Politics
American Constitutional Law
Civil Rights
Civil Liberties
Criminal Justice
International Law and Organization
Comparative Law: American and Talmudic
Women and the Law
Law and Politics
American Political Thought
Just and Unjust Wars (Philosophy)
Philosophy of Law (Philosophy)
Logic (Philosophy)

International Affairs and Security Studies

Introduction to International Politics
American Foreign Policy
International Law and Organizations
Civil War and Intrastate Conflict
Terrorism and Low-Intensity Conflict
Security Seminar
Grand Strategy
Intelligence and National Security
War and Interstate Conflict
Ethnic Conflict and Genocide
Arab-Israeli Conflict
Game Theory
Money and Power in International Politics (International Political Economy)
Seminar on Globalization
Just and Unjust Wars (Philosophy)