The major in Political Science introduces students to the principal fields of inquiry in political science. This major provides a program of study for students considering careers in a variety of fields, including public service, law, community affairs, international relations and politics. Students may select from among four concentrations-of-choice: Law, Courts and Politics which explores the intersection of the legal system and the broader political system; Justice and Politics, which examines the political philosophy and various societal values that underlie contemporary views of justice; American and Urban Politics and Policy, which emphasizes the role of political institutions in shaping solutions to contemporary urban problems; and Comparative/International Politics and Human Rights, which explores the global dimensions of politics and governance.

Learning outcomes. Students will:

- Initiate, develop, and present independent research
- Write effectively, engage in intellectually grounded debate, and form and express cogent arguments
- Develop skills in critical thinking in order to become knowledgeable citizens capable of reasoned judgments on contemporary political issues
- Demonstrate knowledge of the major subfields of political science

Credits required. 36-42

Prerequisite. POL101 or GOV 101. This course partially fulfills the general education requirement in the social sciences.

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Additional information. Students who enrolled for the first time at the College or changed to this major in September 2012 or thereafter must complete the major in the form presented here. Students who enrolled prior to that date may choose either the form shown here or the earlier version of the major. A copy of the earlier version may be obtained at the Office of Undergraduate Studies or at the Lloyd George Sealy Library.

PART ONE. FOUNDATION COURSES
Select five courses, only one per category

Category A. Law, Courts and Politics
POL 235 Judicial Process and Politics

Category B. Political Theory
POL 270 Political Philosophy
POL 273 Western Political Thought

Category C. Urban Politics and Public Policy
POL 206 Urban Politics
POL 234 Introduction to Public Policy

Category D. International/Comparative
POL 257 Comparative Politics
POL 260 International Relations

Category E. American Politics
POL 214 Political Parties, Interest Groups and Social Movements
POL 215 U.S. Congress
POL 220 The American Presidency

PART TWO. RESEARCH METHODS
Required
POL 225 Introduction to Research in Politics

PART THREE. SUPERVISED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (OPTIONAL)  Subtotal: 0-6
POL 3XX Supervised Research Experience in Political Science

PART FOUR. CONCENTRATION-OF-CHOICE  Subtotal: 15
Select one concentration. Students selecting Concentrations A, Concentration B or Concentration D, must take five 3-credit courses within their concentration. At least one 400-level and two 300-level political science courses must be completed.

Students selecting Concentration C, may either take five 3-credit courses, including one 400-level and two 300-level political science courses OR may take any of the Public Affairs Internships (POL 406, 407, or 408) and one 300-level course. Students selecting any of the Public Affairs internships must obtain the permission of the instructor before registering.

Concentration A. Law, Courts and Politics
POL 244 The Politics of Immigration
POL 290 Special Topics
POL 301 Constitutional Powers
POL 305 Constitutional Rights and Liberties
POL 308 State Courts and State Constitutional Law
POL 313/LAW 313 The Law and Politics of Race Relations
POL 316 The Politics of Rights
POL 318 Law and Politics of Sexual Orientation
POL 319 Gender and Law
POL 4XX Senior Seminar in Law, Courts and Politics

Concentration B. Justice and Politics
AFR 270 History of African-American Social and Intellectual Thought
LAW 310/PHI 310 Ethics and Law
POL 270 Political Philosophy
POL 273 Western Political Thought
POL 278/SOC 278 Political Sociology
POL 290 Special Topics
POL 316 The Politics of Rights
POL 371 American Political Philosophy
POL 375 Law, Order, Justice and Society
POL 423/PHI 423 Selected Topics in Justice

Concentration C. American and Urban Politics and Policy
POL 203 Municipal and State Government
POL 206 Urban Politics
POL 210 Comparative Urban Political Systems
POL 214 Political Parties, Interest Groups and Social Movements
POL 215 U.S. Congress
POL 220 The American Presidency
POL 232 Media and Politics
POL 234 Introduction to Public Policy
POL 237 Women and Politics
POL 244 The Politics of Immigration
POL 290 Special Topics
POL 405 Seminar in New York City Politics
POL 406 Seminar and Internship in New York City Government and Politics (6 credits)
POL 407 New York State Assembly/Senate Session Program (12 credits)
POL 408 CUNY Washington, D.C. Summer Internship Program (6 credits)

Concentration D. Comparative/International Politics and Human Rights
LLS 220 Human Rights and Law in Latin America
POL 210 Comparative Urban Political Systems
POL 242/LLS 242/HIS 242 U.S. Foreign Policy in Latin America
POL 246 Politics of Globalization and Inequality
POL 250 International Law and Justice
POL 257 Comparative Politics
POL 259/LAW 259 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems

POL 260 International Relations
POL 290 Special Topics
POL 320 International Human Rights
POL 325 Politics of Transnational Crime
POL 331 Government and Politics in the Middle East
POL 362 Terrorism and International Relations
POL 450 Senior Seminar in International Relations and Comparative Politics

PART FIVE. SENIOR REQUIREMENT
Subtotal: 3
POL 409 Colloquium for Research in Government and Politics
Total: 36-42