Political Science Major Requirements
For students declaring in Fall 2020 or later
For more information, please visit: http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/department-political-science

Part I. Foundation Courses (SIX courses are required; POL 101 and ONE course per category):

- POL 101—American Government & Politics
- Category A: Law, Courts and Politics
  - POL 235—Judicial Processes 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 Politics
  - 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 II. Research Methods (ONE course):

- POL 225—Introduction to Research in Politics

Part III. Supervised Research Experience in Political Science (OPTIONAL)

- POL 385—Supervised Research Experience in Political Science

The supervised research experience is an optional part of the major. Most students do not do this, meaning the major will look incomplete in DegreeWorks. This is fine. You will still be able to apply for graduation even if this part of the major is incomplete.

Part IV. Political Science Electives

Students will take either:

(1) FIVE 3-credit courses

Or

(2) THREE 3-credit courses and ONE 6-credit internship

Only TWO courses can be at the 200-level

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A full list of courses can be found at http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/political-science-ba or on the next page.

Part V. Senior Requirement (ONE course)

- POL 409—Colloquium for Research in Government and Politics
Courses are presented in subfields. You do not have to take courses from only one subfield. The groupings are presented for students who wish to take several courses in a particular area.

**Law, Courts and Politics**
- POL 280, Selected Topics in Political Science
- POL 301, Constitutional Powers
- POL 305, Constitutional Rights and Liberties
- POL 308, State Courts and State Constitutional Law
- LAW/POL 313, The Law and Politics of Race Relations
- POL 316, The Politics of Rights
- POL 318, The Law and Politics of LGBTQ Rights
- POL 319, Gender and Law
- POL 344, The Law and Politics of Immigration
- POL 420, Senior Seminar in Law, Courts and Politics

**Justice and Politics**
- AFR 270, Africana Social and Intellectual Thought
- LAW/PHI 310, Ethics and Law
- POL 270, Political Philosophy
- POL 273, Western Political Thought
- POL/SOC 278, Political Sociology
- POL 280, Selected Topics in Political Science
- POL 316, The Politics of Rights
- POL 371, American Political Philosophy
- POL 375, Law, Order, Justice and Society
- PHI/POL 423, Selected Topics in Justice

**Comparative/International Politics and Human Rights**
- LLS 220, Human Rights and Law in Latin America
- POL 210, Comparative Urban Political Systems
- HIS/LLS/POL 242, U.S. Foreign Policy in Latin America
- POL 246, Politics of Global Inequality
- POL 250, International Law and Justice
- POL 257, Comparative Politics
- LAW/POL 259, Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
- POL 260, International Relations
- POL 280, Selected Topics in Political Science
- POL 320, International Human Rights
- POL 322, International Organizations
- POL 325, The Politics of Transnational Crime
- POL 328, Politics of International Security
- POL 331, Government and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa
- POL 362, Terrorism and International Relations
- POL 450, Senior Seminar in International Relations and Comparative Politics

**Internship Courses**
- POL 406, Seminar and Internship in New York City Government and Politics (6 credits)
- POL 407, New York State Assembly/Senate Session Program (15 credits, 6 count in major)
- POL 408, CUNY Washington, D.C. Summer Internship Program (6 credits)
- LWS 375, Law and Society Internship (3 credits)
- LWS 378, Law and Society Internship Intensive (6 credits)