

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

Course 1	
Course 2	
Course 3	
Course 4 / Internship	
Course 5 (if needed)	

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

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 280, Selected Topics in Political Science
POL 302, Voting and Public Opinion
POL 344, The Law and Politics of Immigration
POL 440, Senior Seminar in American and Urban Politics and Policy

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)

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