Political Science Bachelor of Arts

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

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Prerequisite. POL 101 or GOV 101. This course partially fulfills the general education requirement in the Flexible Core: U.S. Experience in its Diversity area.

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.

COURSES

PART ONE. FOUNDATION COURSES

Select five courses, only one per category

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| POL 273 Western Political Thought |

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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

CREDITS: 3

PART THREE. SUPERVISED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (OPTIONAL)

POL 385 Supervised Research Experience in Political Science

CREDITS: 0–6

PART FOUR. CONCENTRATION–OF–CHOICE

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 Law and 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 420 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
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**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 Law and Politics of Immigration
- POL 290 Special Topics
- POL 302 Voting and Public Opinion
- 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/HIS 242 /LLS 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 328 Politics of International Security
- 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**

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