

POLITICAL SCIENCE, B.A.

Political scientists study power, politics and a variety of political processes, systems and behaviors. Politics can be understood broadly as the process by which groups of people make decisions about how they will live and act together. As such, political action is the essential underpinning of all human communities and social life.

The discipline of political science covers many topics, from campaigns and elections in the United States, to economic development and democratization around the world, and to diplomacy and globalization. Political science students learn how to address big questions, such as what makes a government legitimate or what constitutes a good society. They also come to understand causes and mechanisms for addressing major global challenges like terrorism, poverty, climate change and war.

Saint Louis University's political science major can prepare students for advanced study in a variety of areas: law, public administration, international relations, urban affairs, business and political science. Political science students pursue jobs in government, international organizations, nonprofit organizations, education, law, journalism, diplomacy, survey research and fields related to the promotion of social justice.

Additional program highlights include:

- Undergraduates can start taking graduate classes before they earn their B.A. and quickly finish an M.A. as part of the accelerated M.A. program.
- The political science program at SLU is distinctive in its commitment to preparing students to become engaged citizens both locally and globally. Students grapple with some of the most important social justice problems of the time, from racism and poverty at home to war, persistent underdevelopment, and oppression abroad.
- The SLU political science department is big enough to offer a wide range of classes and small enough that students get individual attention from faculty.

Curriculum Overview

Students can study the politics of most areas of the world as well as issues of global security and economic development. They can augment their study of politics with work in a variety of distinctive interdisciplinary programs, including programs devoted to area studies (Asia, Russia and East Europe, Latin America), global and local social justice, foreign service, political journalism, African American Studies, gender studies and more.

Students can choose among four options for their B.A.:

Standard Track

Covers American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political thought and allows students the flexibility to choose classes that reflect their particular interests.

International Affairs Concentration

Permits students to study topics such as economic development, international security, and political change around the world.

Public Law Concentration

Focuses attention on law and courts and the relationship of both to larger issues of justice, social change and democracy.

Public Policy Concentration

Examines the practical application of knowledge to governance and social problems.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

Undergraduate students majoring in political science at SLU may take six credits of electives through internships offered in areas such as campaign practicum, foreign service, state and federal government, and overseas fieldwork. These internships permit students to gain professional experience working with elected officials, organizations that serve immigrants or disadvantaged communities, law firms, nonprofit organizations or other groups working toward the public good. Students have interned in St. Louis, in Washington D.C. and in many countries around the world.

Students can participate in faculty research projects, or they can complete an independent honors thesis examining a topic of their choice.

Careers

Graduates are prepared for jobs in government, international organizations, community and nonprofit organizations, education, law, NGOs, journalism, diplomacy, survey research and fields related to the promotion of social justice.

An undergraduate degree in political science also provides marketable skills in empirical data analysis and practical problem-solving. It is a traditional major for students interested in law school or planning a career in politics.

Admission Requirements

Freshman

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University and are used as qualifiers for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit. Those having completed 24 or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the office of admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

International Applicants

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency>)
- Proof of financial support must include:
 - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
 - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at <http://finaid.slu.edu>.

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to identify the structure and operation of political systems in the U.S, across a variety of countries, and in multinational organizations
 - **Madrid campus:** Graduates will be able to identify and compare political systems in the Western world, international trends at the global level and multinational organizations.
2. Graduates will be able to distinguish among the diversity of traditions in the discipline.
3. Graduates will be able to read carefully and evaluate and construct analytical arguments in clear and logical prose.
4. Graduates will be able to identify and gather information from credible primary and secondary sources.
5. Graduates will be able to design original research to test arguments and hypotheses with qualitative and/or quantitative approaches.
6. Graduates will be able to assess the effects of various social and political structures and public policies to determine which are more likely to promote equality, justice, freedom, or other values important to them.
 - **Madrid campus:** Graduates will be able to use knowledge of other cultures and languages to one's own in order to conduct culturally-sensitive analyses of local, regional, global and international issues.

7. Graduates will be able to use their knowledge of political systems to engage effectively in political and social life.

Requirements

Political science majors may not take more than six credits of independent study (POL 4980 Advanced Independent Study (1-6 cr)) and/or internship work toward the 34-credit Political Science requirement. The two 4000-level seminars and the methods class must be completed at Saint Louis University, not by transfer credit. Only 15 credits of transfer credit can apply toward the Political Science major. Students may not count more than four 1000 level courses and must take at least four 3000 or higher level courses.

To give some focus to a major, students are encouraged to take 3 or 4 courses in at least one of the four sub-fields or a cross-sub-field area of interest in political science (like social justice, democratization or legal studies). Students should consult with department faculty advisors in selecting courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
College core requirements (p. 5)		57-66
For additional information about core courses (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/#policiesext)		
POLS 1150	American Political Systems	3
POLS 2000	Methods in Political Science (Must be completed at Saint Louis University, not by transfer credit.)	4
Standard Track or Concentration		27-36
Standard Track (p. 3)		
International Affairs Concentration (St. Louis) (p. 3)		
International Affairs Concentration (Madrid) (p. 3)		
Public Law Concentration (p. 3)		
Public Policy Concentration (p. 4)		
General Electives		29-11
Total Credits		120

Research Project Option

As an alternative to one of the 4000-level seminars, students having a grade-point average of 3.30 or better may, with Department Chair approval, take POLS 4960 Senior Research (3 cr), an individual research project under the supervision of a Political Science faculty member.

Honors Thesis Option

The Political Science Honors Thesis option is for qualified and highly motivated students. These students need to inform the Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies of their interest by the spring of their Junior Year if they want to write the thesis during their senior year or by the fall of the Junior year if they want to start a semester earlier. Students on an Honors Thesis must have a Political Science GPA of 3.5 and an overall GPA of 3.4. This program involves a full year, two course sequence: POLS 4990 Research Design (3 cr) and POLS 4991 Political Science Honors Thesis (3 cr). Students doing honors theses will have a 37-credit major. POLS 4990 Research Design (3 cr) fulfills one 4000-level seminar requirement.

Internships

The Political Science department encourages majors to take political science internships as part of their degree programs. These provide excellent practical experience that potential employers appreciate.

Internships often help majors select a future career. Students select internships in consultation with their mentors.

The Department offers a variety of **internships**, which may satisfy up to 6 credits of electives. Students may contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies for more information.

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 3910	Federal Government Internship	1-6
POLS 3911	State or Local Government Internship	1-6
POLS 3912	Public Service Internship	1-6
POLS 3914	Foreign Service Internship	3
POLS 3915	Legal Internship	1-6
POLS 3916	Campaign Internship	1-6
POLS 3917	Research Internship	1-6
POLS 3918	Overseas Fieldwork	1-6
POLS 3919	Women Leaders Internship	1-6
POLS 4910	Political Science Internship	3

Standard Track

Code	Title	Credits
Comparative Politics Requirement (p. 4)		3
International Relations Requirement (p. 4)		3
Political Thought Requirement (p. 5)		3
Political Science Electives		12
Senior Seminar Requirement (p. 5)		6
Total Credits		27

International Affairs Concentration (St. Louis)

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1600	Introduction to International Politics	3
Political Thought Requirement (p. 5)		3
POLS Elective	Choose 6 credits of Political Science Electives	6
Comparative Politics Course Requirement		
Select two of the following:		6
POLS 1500	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
POLS 1510	Politics of Developing World	
POLS 2510	West European Politics	
POLS 2520	Introduction to African Politics	
POLS 2530	Soviet and Post Soviet Politics	
POLS 2540	Ethnicity and Internal War	
POLS 2560	The Politics of Asia	
POLS 2570	Introduction to Latin American Politics	
POLS 2580	Politics of Mexico	
POLS 2590	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	
POLS 3500	East Asian Political Economy	
POLS 3520	Communism, Capitalism and Social Justice	
POLS 3530	Comparative Revolutions	
POLS 3540	Latin American Social Movements	
POLS 3590	The Arab Uprisings: The Politics of Expertise	

International Relations Requirement		
Select one of the following:		3
POLS 2600	Introduction to International Political Economy	
POLS 3600	Problems of Globalization	

POLS 3620	International Organization and the Management of World Problems	
POLS 3640	International Law	
POLS 3650	International Relations of Africa	
POLS 3660	US Strategy in Asia	
POLS 3670	America and the Middle East	
POLS 3810	Latin American-U.S. Relations	

Senior Seminar Requirement		
Select two of the following:		6
POLS 4500	Russian Political Culture	
POLS 4510	Seminar: Democratization	
POLS 4520	Political Change	
POLS 4530	Authoritarianism: A Study in Conceptual Utility	
POLS 4650	War, Peace, and Politics	
POLS 4692	Theories of World Politics	
POLS 4840	Global Health Politics and Policy	
POLS 5510	Democratization	
POLS 5550	Politics of Economic Development	
POLS 5580	Islam and Gender	
Total Credits		27

International Affairs Concentration (Madrid)

Code	Title	Credits
Comparative Politics Requirement		
POLS 1500	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
International Relations Requirement		
POLS 1600	Introduction to International Politics	3
Political Thought Requirement		
POLS 1700	Foundations of Political Theory	3
Economics Requirement		
ECON 1900	Principles of Economics	3
Communications Requirement		
Select one of the following:		3
CMM 2400	Media and Society	
CMM 3060	Political Communication	
CMM 4460	Global Media	
Political Science Elective Courses		
Select five courses		15
Senior Seminar Requirement		
POLS 4610	International Relations: Theory and Practice	3
POLS 4630	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	3
Total Credits		36

Public Law Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Comparative Politics Requirement (p. 4)		3
International Relations Requirement (p. 4)		3
Political Thought Requirement (p. 5)		3
Concentration Requirements		
Select 3 of the following:		9
POLS 2100	The American Constitution	
POLS 2710	Theories of Justice	

POLS 3100	Judicial Politics	
POLS 4300	Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy	
Political Science Electives		
Select 2 of the following (at least one course at the 4000-level if students did not complete POLS 4300 in the Concentration Core):		6
POLS 2120	The American Congress	
POLS 3130	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	
POLS 3640	International Law	
POLS 3880	Violence Against Women	
POLS 3915	Legal Internship	
POLS 4120	Civil Rights: A Moot Court Seminar	
POLS 4171	Law, Policy, Society	
POLS 4125	Women and the Law	
POLS 4126	Sexuality and the Law	
Senior Seminar Requirement (p. 5)		3
Total Credits		27

Public Policy Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Comparative Politics Requirement (p. 4)		
		3
International Relations Requirement (p. 4)		
		3
Political Thought Requirement (p. 5)		
		3
Required Courses		
Select three of the following:		9
POLS 2100	The American Constitution	
POLS 2710	Theories of Justice	
POLS 3100	Judicial Politics	
POLS 4300	Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy ¹	
Elective Courses		
Select two of the following:		6
POLS 1510	Politics of Developing World	
POLS 2010	Ethics and Politics	
POLS 2300	Public Administration	
POLS 2350	Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll: Morality Politics in the United States	
POLS 2820	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 3210	Shelter in America: U.S. Housing Policy	
POLS 3330	Metropolitan Environment	
POLS 3500	East Asian Political Economy	
POLS 3600	Problems of Globalization	
POLS 3670	America and the Middle East	
POLS 3780	Disability Theory and Politics	
POLS 3800	The Structure of Poverty: Globally and Locally	
POLS 3810	Latin American-U.S. Relations	
POLS 3910	Federal Government Internship	
POLS 3911	State or Local Government Internship	
POLS 3912	Public Service Internship	
Senior Seminar Requirement (p. 5)		3
Senior Seminar Requirement		
Select 1 of the following:		
POLS 4150	Gender and Politics	
POLS 4171	Law, Policy, Society	
POLS 4300	Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy	

POLS 4310	Issues in U.S. Public Administration	
POLS 4340	Issues in Public Policy	
POLS 4650	War, Peace, and Politics	
POLS 4840	Global Health Politics and Policy	
POLS 4960	Senior Research	
POLS 4980	Advanced Independent Study	
POLS 4990	Research Design	
Total Credits		27

Comparative Politics Course Requirement (3 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1500	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 1510	Politics of Developing World	3
POLS 2510	West European Politics	3
POLS 2520	Introduction to African Politics	3
POLS 2530	Soviet and Post Soviet Politics	3
POLS 2540	Ethnicity and Internal War	3
POLS 2550	Political Systems of the Sub-Saharan	3
POLS 2560	The Politics of Asia	3
POLS 2570	Introduction to Latin American Politics	3
POLS 2580	Politics of Mexico	3
POLS 3500	East Asian Political Economy	3
POLS 3510	Rebirth of Democracy	3
POLS 3520	Communism, Capitalism and Social Justice	3
POLS 3530	Comparative Revolutions	3
POLS 3540	Latin American Social Movements	3
POLS 3560	Political Process - Latin America	1,3
POLS 3567	Political Development in Contemporary Spain	3
POLS 3570	Third World Development	3
POLS 3590	The Arab Uprisings: The Politics of Expertise	3
POLS 3810	Latin American-U.S. Relations	3

International Relations Requirement (3 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1600	Introduction to International Politics	3-4
POLS 2600	Introduction to International Political Economy	3
POLS 2610	Introduction to Diplomacy	3
POLS 2640	International Terrorism	3
POLS 2650	War & Peace in the Middle East	3
POLS 2660	Middle East/International Pol	3
POLS 2691	Theory and Practice of Human Rights	3
POLS 2820	American Foreign Policy	3
POLS 3600	Problems of Globalization	3
POLS 3610	Multilateral Diplomacy	3
POLS 3620	International Organization and the Management of World Problems	3
POLS 3630	International Security and Conflict Resolution	3
POLS 3640	International Law	3
POLS 3650	International Relations of Africa	3
POLS 3660	US Strategy in Asia	3
POLS 3670	America and the Middle East	3
POLS 3810	Latin American-U.S. Relations	3

Political Thought Requirement (3 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1700	Foundations of Political Theory	3
POLS 2700	Issues in Political Philosophy	3
POLS 3710	Ancient and Medieval Classics in Political Thought	3
POLS 3720	Renaissance and Modern Political Theories	3
POLS 3770	Feminist Theory: Gender Justice	3

Senior Seminar Requirement (6 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 4010	Cultural Methods: Gender, Politics, and Power	3
POLS 4110	American Political Institutions	3
POLS 4120	Civil Rights: A Moot Court Seminar	3
POLS 4125	Women and the Law	3
POLS 4126	Sexuality and the Law	3
POLS 4140	Political Parties	3
POLS 4150	Gender and Politics	3
POLS 4160	Advanced Topics: American Presidency	3
POLS 4170	Electoral Politics	3
POLS 4171	Law, Policy, Society	3
POLS 4310	Issues in U.S Public Administration	3
POLS 4325	Public Sector Budgeting	3
POLS 4300	Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy	3
POLS 4360	Urban Economic Development	3
POLS 4340	Issues in Public Policy	3
POLS 4500	Russian Political Culture	3
POLS 4510	Seminar: Democratization	3
POLS 4520	Political Change	3
POLS 4530	Authoritarianism: A Study in Conceptual Utility	3
POLS 4590	Crisis of Leadership	3
POLS 4610	International Relations: Theory and Practice	3
POLS 4620	Global Diplomacy	3
POLS 4630	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	3
POLS 4640	Problems of International Terrorism	3
POLS 4662	International Challenges	3
POLS 4650	War, Peace, and Politics	3
POLS 4692	Theories of World Politics	3
POLS 4710	Citizenship and Social Difference	3
POLS 4730	Seminar: Contemporary Political Ideologies	3
POLS 4740	Marx's CAPITAL	3
POLS 4750	American Political Thought	3
POLS 4800	Theories of Constitutional Interpretation	3
POLS 4840	Global Health Politics and Policy	3

Continuation Standards

Students in the Political Science major must maintain a 2.00 GPA in Political Science coursework.

Bachelor of Arts Core Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Components and Credits		
	Foundations of Discourse (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/foundations-discourse)	3

Diversity in the U.S. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/cultural-diversity)	3
Global Citizenship (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/bs-core/global-citizenship)	3
Foreign Language (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/foreign-language)	0-9
Fine Arts (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/fine-arts)	3
Literature (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/literature)	6
Mathematics (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/mathematics)	3
Natural Science (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/sciences)	6
Philosophy (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/philosophy)	9
Social Science (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/social-science)	6
Theology (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/theology)	9
World History (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/world-history)	6
Total Credits	57-66

Graduation Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits (excluding pre-college level courses [numbered below 1000]).
- Complete either the College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Core Curriculum Requirements
- Complete Major Requirements: minimum 30 credits required.
- Complete remaining credits with a second major, minor, certificate, and/or elective credits to reach the minimum of 120 credits required for graduation.
- Courses listed under the intensive English program do not count toward graduation requirements. EAP 1500 College Composition for International Students (3 cr), EAP 1900 Rhetoric & Research Strategies (3 cr) and EAP 2850 Introduction to Literature for International Students (3 cr) count toward graduation requirements as equivalents to Department of English courses. In addition to those courses, six credits from EAP/MLNG courses at the 1000 level or higher may count toward graduation requirements
- Achieve at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average, a 2.00 grade point average in the major(s) and a 2.00 grade point average in the minor/certificate, or related elective credits.
- Complete Dept/Program specific academic and performance requirements.
- Complete at least 50% of the coursework for the major and 75% for the minor/certificate through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete 30 of the final 36 credits through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete an online degree application by the required University deadline.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

General Track

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
POLS 1150	American Political Systems	3
1 1000- or 2000-level POLS course in International Relations ¹		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15
Spring		
1 1000- or 2000-level POLS course in Comparative Politics		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15
Year Two		
Fall		
POLS 2000	Methods in Political Science ¹	4
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		16
Spring		
Select one of the following:		3
POLS 1700	Foundations of Political Theory	
POLS 2700	Issues in Political Philosophy	
POLS 3710	Ancient and Medieval Classics in Political Thought	
POLS 3720	Renaissance and Modern Political Theories	
POLS 3770	Feminist Theory: Gender Justice	
Political Thought course		
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15
Year Three		
Fall		
2 POLS electives ¹		6
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3

A&S Core	3	
Credits		15
Spring		
1 POLS elective	3	
A&S Core	3	
A&S Core	3	
A&S Core	3	
A&S Core	3	
Credits		15
Year Four		
Fall		
1 4000-level seminar ¹	3	
1 POLS elective	3	
Elective (if needed)	3	
Elective (if needed)	3	
Elective (if needed)	3	
Credits		15
Spring		
1 4000-level seminar	3	
Elective (if needed)	3	
Elective (if needed)	3	
Elective (if needed)	3	
Elective (if needed)	3	
Credits		15
Total Credits		121

¹ See Program Notes

Program Notes

Political science majors may not count more than four 1000 level courses toward work toward the 34-credit Political Science requirement. Majors must complete at least four 3000 or higher courses. The Methods course has a prerequisite of two political science courses. It should be taken in the sophomore year, and no later than the first semester of junior year.

The four Political Science electives taken in the junior and senior years should ideally be concentrated in one or two substantive areas of focus.

As an alternative to *one* of the 4000-level seminars, students having a grade-point average of 3.30 or better may, with Department Chair approval, take POLS 4960 Senior Research (3 cr), an individual research project under the supervision of a Political Science faculty member. With permission, students may write a Political Science honors thesis, which can substitute for *one* of the 4000-level seminars. Students may substitute 5000-level seminars taught by regular Political Science faculty for the required 4000-level seminars.

Majors may not count more than six hours of independent study (POLS 4980 Advanced Independent Study (1-6 cr)) and/or internship work toward the major. Only 15 hours of transfer credit can apply towards the major. The two 4000-level courses and the methods class must be completed at Saint Louis University and not by transfer credit.

International Affairs Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
POLS 1150	American Political Systems	3
POLS 1600	Introduction to International Politics	3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15
Spring		
POLS course in International Relations ¹		3
POLS course in Comparative Politics ¹		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15
Year Two		
Fall		
POLS 2000	Methods in Political Science ¹	4
POLS course in Comparative Politics		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		16
Spring		
Select one of the following:		3
POLS 1700	Foundations of Political Theory	
POLS 2700	Issues in Political Philosophy	
POLS 3710	Ancient and Medieval Classics in Political Thought	
POLS 3720	Renaissance and Modern Political Theories	
POLS 3770	Feminist Theory: Gender Justice	
Political Thought course		
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15
Year Three		
Fall		
1 POLS elective ¹		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15
Spring		
1 POLS elective ¹		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3

A&S Core		3
Credits		15
Year Four		
Fall		
1 4000-level seminar from the list approved for the International Affairs concentration ¹		3
A&S Core		3
Elective (if needed)		3
Elective (if needed)		3
Elective (if needed)		3
Credits		15
Spring		
1 4000-level seminar ¹		3
Elective (if needed)		3
Elective (if needed)		3
Elective (if needed)		3
Elective (if needed)		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		121

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Students in the International Affairs concentration must take two of the following comparative politics courses:

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1500	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 1510	Politics of Developing World	3
POLS 2510	West European Politics	3
POLS 2520	Introduction to African Politics	3
POLS 2530	Soviet and Post Soviet Politics	3
POLS 2540	Ethnicity and Internal War	3
POLS 2560	The Politics of Asia	3
POLS 2570	Introduction to Latin American Politics	3
POLS 2580	Politics of Mexico	3
POLS 2590	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3
POLS 3500	East Asian Political Economy	3
POLS 3520	Communism, Capitalism and Social Justice	3
POLS 3530	Comparative Revolutions	3
POLS 3540	Latin American Social Movements	3
POLS 3810	Latin American-U.S. Relations	3

In addition to POLS 1600 Introduction to International Politics (3-4 cr), students in the International Affairs concentration must take one of the following International Relations courses:

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 2600	Introduction to International Political Economy	3
POLS 3600	Problems of Globalization	3

POLS 3200	Women and Political Leadership	3
POLS 3640	International Law	3
POLS 3650	International Relations of Africa	3
POLS 3660	US Strategy in Asia	3
POLS 3670	America and the Middle East	3
POLS 3810	Latin American-U.S. Relations	3

Students in the International Affairs concentration must take at least one 4000-level seminar from those offered in the concentration:

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 4500	Russian Political Culture	3
POLS 4510	Seminar: Democratization	3
POLS 4520	Political Change	3
POLS 4530	Authoritarianism: A Study in Conceptual Utility	3
POLS 4650	War, Peace, and Politics	3
POLS 4692	Theories of World Politics	3
POLS 4840	Global Health Politics and Policy	3

The second 4000-level can be chosen among the other seminars offered by the Department.

As an alternative to *one* of the 4000-level seminars, students having a grade-point average of 3.30 or better may, with Department Chair approval, take POLS 4960 Senior Research (3 cr), an individual research project under the supervision of a Political Science faculty member. With permission, students may write a Political Science honors thesis, which can substitute for *one* of the 4000-level seminars. Students may substitute 5000-level seminars taught by regular Political Science faculty for the required 4000-level seminars.

Majors may not count more than six hours of independent study (POLS 4980 Advanced Independent Study (1-6 cr)) and/or internship work toward the major. Only 15 hours of transfer credit can apply towards the major. The two 4000-level courses and the methods class must be completed at Saint Louis University and not by transfer credit.

Public Law Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
POLS 1150	American Political Systems	3
POLS 1700	Foundations of Political Theory (or a different course in Political Thought) ¹	3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15
Spring		
POLS course in Comparative Politics		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15

Year Two

Fall

POLS 2000	Methods in Political Science ¹	4
POLS course in International Relations		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		16

Spring

2 Public Law Required Courses		6
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15

Year Three

Fall

1 Public Law Required Course ¹		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15

Spring

1 Public Law Elective ¹		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15

Year Four

Fall

1 4000-level Public Law seminar ¹		3
A&S Core		3
Elective (if needed)		3
Elective (if needed)		3
Elective (if needed)		3
Credits		15

Spring

1 4000-level seminar		3
Elective (if needed)		3
Elective (if needed)		3
Elective (if needed)		3
Elective (if needed)		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		121

¹ See Program Notes

Program Notes

Political science majors may not count more than four 1000 level courses toward work toward the 34-credit Political Science requirement. Majors must complete at least four 3000 or higher courses. The Methods course

has a prerequisite of two political science courses. It should be taken in the sophomore year, and no later than the first semester of junior year.

Students must take one of the following Political Thought courses:

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1700	Foundations of Political Theory	3
POLS 2700	Issues in Political Philosophy	3
POLS 3710	Ancient and Medieval Classics in Political Thought	3
POLS 3720	Renaissance and Modern Political Theories	3
POLS 3770	Feminist Theory: Gender Justice	3

Students in the Public Law concentration must take three of the four following required courses:

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 2100	The American Constitution	3
POLS 2710	Theories of Justice	3
POLS 3100	Judicial Politics	3
POLS 4300	Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy	3

Students in the concentration must take two of the following elective courses:

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 2120	The American Congress	3
POLS 3130	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	3
POLS 3640	International Law	3
POLS 3880	Violence Against Women	3
POLS 3915	Legal Internship	1-6
POLS 4120	Civil Rights: A Moot Court Seminar	3
POLS 4125	Women and the Law	3
POLS 4126	Sexuality and the Law	3
POLS 4171	Law, Policy, Society	3

At least one of these courses must be at the 4000-level:

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 4120	Civil Rights: A Moot Court Seminar	3
POLS 4125	Women and the Law	3
POLS 4126	Sexuality and the Law	3
POLS 4171	Law, Policy, Society	3
POLS 4300	Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy	3

The second 4000-level seminar can be chosen among the other seminars offered by the Department.

As an alternative to *one* of the 4000-level seminars, students having a grade-point average of 3.30 or better may, with Department Chair approval, take POLS 4960 Senior Research (3 cr), an individual research project under the supervision of a Political Science faculty member. With permission, students may write a Political Science honors thesis, which can substitute for *one* of the 4000-level seminars. Students may substitute 5000-level seminars taught by regular Political Science faculty for the required 4000-level seminars.

Majors may not count more than six hours of independent study (POLS 4980 Advanced Independent Study (1-6 cr)) and/or internship work toward the major. Only 15 hours of transfer credit can apply towards

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Public Policy Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
POLS 1150	American Political Systems	3
POLS course in Political Thought ¹		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15

Spring		
1 Public Policy Required Course		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15

Year Two		
Fall		
POLS 2000	Methods in Political Science ¹	4
POLS course in International Relations		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		16

Spring		
1 Public Law Required Course		3
POLS course in Comparative Politics		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15

Year Three		
Fall		
1 Public Policy Required Course ¹		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15

Spring		
1 Public Policy Elective ¹		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Credits		15

Year Four**Fall**

1 4000-level Public Policy seminar ¹	3
A&S Core	3
Elective (if needed)	3
Elective (if needed)	3
Elective (if needed)	3
Credits	15

Spring

1 4000-level seminar ¹	3
Elective (if needed)	3
Elective (if needed)	3
Elective (if needed)	3
Elective (if needed)	3
Credits	15
Total Credits	121

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Program Notes

Political science majors may not count more than four 1000 level courses toward work toward the 34-hours Political Science requirement. Majors must complete at least four 3000 or higher courses. The Methods course has a prerequisite of two political science courses. It should be taken in the sophomore year, and no later than the first semester of junior year.

Students must take one of the following Political Thought courses:

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POLS 1700	Foundations of Political Theory	3
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POLS 3710	Ancient and Medieval Classics in Political Thought	3
POLS 3720	Renaissance and Modern Political Theories	3
POLS 3770	Feminist Theory: Gender Justice	3

Students should take two of the following required courses:

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 3300	U.S. Public Policy	3
POLS 2200	U.S. State and Urban Politics	3
POLS 2220	Urban Politics	3
POLS 2600	Introduction to International Political Economy ¹	3

¹ POLS 2600 Introduction to International Political Economy (3 cr) may not double count for the IR subfield requirement.

Students should take two of the following elective courses:

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1510	Politics of Developing World	3
POLS 2010	Ethics and Politics	3
POLS 2300	Public Administration	3
POLS 2350	Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll: Morality Politics in the United States	3
POLS 2820	American Foreign Policy	3
POLS 3210	Shelter in America: U.S. Housing Policy	3
POLS 3500	East Asian Political Economy	3

POLS 3600	Problems of Globalization	3
POLS 3660	US Strategy in Asia	3
POLS 3670	America and the Middle East	3
POLS 3780	Disability Theory and Politics	3
POLS 3800	The Structure of Poverty: Globally and Locally	3
POLS 3810	Latin American-U.S. Relations	3
POLS 3910	Federal Government Internship	1-6
POLS 3912	Public Service Internship	1-6
POLS 3911	State or Local Government Internship	1-6

Students may not use an elective course to fulfill the IR or CP subfield requirement.

Of the two senior seminars, students should take at least one of the following:

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 4171	Law, Policy, Society	3
POLS 4150	Gender and Politics	3
POLS 4300 & POLS 5300	Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy and Law and Regulatory Policy	6
POLS 4340 & POLS 5350	Issues in Public Policy and Issues in Public Policy	6
POLS 4510 & POLS 5510	Seminar: Democratization and Democratization	6
POLS 4930 & POLS 5310	Special Topics and Issues in U.S. Public Administration	6

The second seminar can be chosen among the other seminars offered by the Department.

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Political Science (Madrid Campus)

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
POLS 1000	Introduction to Politics	3
MATH 1200	College Algebra (A&S Core)	3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
UNIV 1020	The First-Year Seminar-Madrid	1
Credits		16

Spring

POLS 1700	Foundations of Political Theory	3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Minor course ¹		3
Credits		15

Summer

POLS 1150	American Political Systems	3
Credits		3

Year Two**Fall**

POLS 1500	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 2xxx		3
ECON 1900	Principles of Economics ²	3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Minor course		3
Credits		18

Spring

POLS 2000	Methods in Political Science	4
POLS 2xxx		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Minor course		3
Credits		16

Year Three**Fall**

POLS 2xxx		3
POLS 2xxx		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Minor course		3
Credits		15

Spring

POLS 3xxx		3
CMM Requirement: Select one of the following:		3
CMM 2400	Media and Society	
CMM 4460	Global Media	
CMM 3930	Special Topics	
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Minor course		3
Credits		15

Year Four**Fall**

POLS 3xxx		3
POLS 4xxx		3
A&S Core		3
A&S Core		3
Minor course		3
Credits		15

Spring

POLS 4610	International Relations: Theory and Practice	3
POLS 4630	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	3
A&S Core		3
Minor course		3
Credits		12
Total Credits		125

¹ Number of courses required may vary depending on minor

² Prerequisite: MATH 1200 College Algebra (0,3 cr)

Program Notes

• A minor (or second major) is required

• Diversity in the EU courses:

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 3567	Political Development in Contemporary Spain	3
POLS 4630	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	3

• Global Citizenship courses:

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1600	Introduction to International Politics	3-4
POLS 2550	Political Systems of the Sub-Sahara	3
POLS 2560	The Politics of Asia	3
POLS 2570	Introduction to Latin American Politics	3