Political Science

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Department of Political Science website (http://www.marquette.edu/polisci/)

Studying politics offers a way to understand and engage in some of the most critical issues of our times. Our country’s political processes are deeply divided, and our institutions suffer partisanship and gridlock. Hyperbole often substitutes for reasonable discussion. Our economy continues to struggle to respond to the challenges of globalization and to distribute economic gains across American society. We continue to face threats ranging from global environmental problems to terrorism.

The Political Science department offers courses that engage these and other timely issues. Students can choose from courses in American politics, comparative politics, international politics and political philosophy. We offer hands-on experience in local internships and a semester program in Washington D.C., at the Les Aspin Center. And our extensive alumni network can help graduating students start careers in fields as diverse as law; federal, state, and local government; electoral politics; intelligence; business; and international and domestic community service.

The department offers a 33-credit major in Political Science, an 18-credit minor in Political Science, a major and minor for students in the College of Education pursuing a teaching specialization in political science, and an accelerated (B.A./M.A.) degree in Political Science. Students might also consider an interdisciplinary major, minor or accelerated five-year B.A./M.A. degree in International Affairs (https://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwaykling/collegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymaj/min/internationalaffairs/).

Major in Political Science

The major in political science consists of 33 credit hours of political science courses.

Notes:

- Students must take two additional non-POSC social science courses. This requirement can be satisfied by taking any two courses that have one or more of the following subject codes: ANTH, CRLS, ECON, PSYC, SOCI, or SOWJ. Courses with the ANTH subject code must be in the area of cultural anthropology rather than biological anthropology.
- Students may take up to six credit hours of POSC 4995 Independent Study in Political Science with department approval.
- Students enrolled in the Les Aspin Washington Center for Government program may count a maximum of nine credit hours in political science taken in the program toward the major.

Required courses:

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Choose one 3000-level course.

Choose seven 4000-level courses - The courses must be taken from at least three of the following subfields:

- Group I: American Politics (POSC courses numbered 4201-4376)
- Group II: Comparative Politics (POSC courses numbered 4406-4561)
- Group III: International Politics (POSC courses numbered 4601-4741)
- Group IV: Political Theory (POSC courses numbered 4801-4881)

Total Credit Hours: 33

Department of Public Instruction Certification - Political Science Major

College of Education students pursuing Department of Public Instruction Certification should note that persons holding Wisconsin's Broad Field Social Studies license will be qualified to teach political science, if they complete 9 credit hours in political science.

Students pursuing certification with a political science major must complete 33 credit hours of political science courses as specified above, with the exception that they should complete one upper-division course in all four of the groups listed. It is important that prospective teachers carefully review the College of Education section of this bulletin and consult with their Political Science Department adviser regarding university and state requirements (in addition to department requirements) for teacher certification.
**Political Science B.A./M.A. Accelerated Degree Program**

The Political Science Department offers a five-year B.A./M.A. in Political Science. Students admitted to this program, may count a number of courses taken during their senior year toward both the B.A. and the M.A. degrees. This enables a student to complete both a B.A. and a M.A. in five years instead of the six that would normally be required.

The M.A. programs in political science offer courses that can take a student far beyond the undergraduate level. Those who have completed our M.A. degree have gone on to some of the finest graduate schools, launched careers in a variety of government agencies and gained employment in various settings in the private sector.

Graduate courses in our program offer students the possibility to pursue topics of interest to them in more depth than they are able to in undergraduate classes. These courses couple smaller class sizes and more opportunities for participation with an emphasis on the refinement of student research skills.

**Minor in Political Science**

The minor in political science consists of six courses (18 credit hours): four required courses (12 credit hours) and two elective courses (6 credit hours) as listed below:

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**Department of Public Instruction Certification - Political Science Minor**

College of Education students wishing to pursue Department of Public Instruction Certification must complete eight courses (24 credit hours): four required courses (12 credit hours) and four upper-division elective courses (12 credit hours) from Group I-IV as listed below:

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Group IV: Choose one upper-division course

Total Credit Hours: 24

Courses

POSC 2201. American Politics. 3 cr. hrs.

POSC 2201H. Honors American Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Problems of organizing and using governmental power at the national level. The principles of the U.S. Constitution. The Presidency, Congress and the federal judiciary. Public opinion, elections, political parties and interest groups. Issues of public policy. As a Honors Program course, includes a more intensive research or project component. Prereq: Admission to Marquette University Honors Program.

POSC 2401. Comparative Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Types of government, ranging from democratic to totalitarian. The parliamentary alternative to presidential democracy. Political modernization and revolution.

POSC 2401H. Honors Comparative Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Types of government, ranging from democratic to totalitarian. The parliamentary alternative to presidential democracy. Political modernization and revolution. As a Honors Program course, includes a more intensive research or project component. Prereq: Admission to Marquette University Honors Program.

POSC 2601. International Politics. 3 cr. hrs.

POSC 2801. Justice and Power. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores the difference between justice and power with special reference to the authority of a higher law or principle of right; selections from the works of Thucydides, Plato, Machiavelli and others are read.

POSC 2801H. Honors Justice and Power. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores the difference between justice and power with special reference to the authority of a higher law or principle of right; selections from the works of Thucydides, Plato, Machiavelli and others are read. As a Honors Program course, includes a more intensive research or project component. Prereq: Admission to Marquette University Honors Program.

POSC 3101. Writing and Argumentation in Political Science. 3 cr. hrs.
Focuses on argumentation and writing in political science. Different types of argument-based writing on a particular political science topic. Overview of the role of logic and credible evidence in the effectiveness of an argument. Attention is given to the process of writing, including iterative stages of a writing assignment. Prereq: ENGL 1001; PHIL 1001; at least one 2000-level POSC, recommended.

POSC 3953. Undergraduate Seminar. 3 cr. hrs.
Designed to initiate a selected group of qualified undergraduates in the techniques and discipline of scholarly research by concentrated work in a restricted field. Students pursue course reading in preparation of reports, while working under close supervision of a professor. Course intended primarily for Political Science majors, but other qualified students may apply. Specific subjects of seminars to be announced in the Schedule of Classes. Prereq: Jr. stndg. and cons. of instr.

POSC 4201. The United States Congress. 3 cr. hrs.
Membership, legislative process, and internal distribution of power in the U.S. Congress. Congressional relationships with the presidency, executive bureaucracy, interest groups, and public. Prereq: POSC 2201 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4211. The American Presidency. 3 cr. hrs.
The evolution and contemporary status of the American presidency. Presidential elections, policy-making, advisory systems, and relationships with Congress, the bureaucracy, and the courts. Problems and techniques of decision making. Prereq: POSC 2201 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4212. American Political Parties. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines the nature and development of American political parties. Traces continuity and change in the American party system beginning in the early Republic, assessing the rise and fall of the Whigs, the dynamic between machine politics and progressive reform, and the shifts in party ideas and policy stances that inform contemporary political debates. The question of ideological change in American political parties is further explored by contemporary work on factions, polarization, and culture war. Assesses changes to the parties as organizations in the wake of reforms to the candidate selection process from an institutional perspective. Explores the question of how American political parties compare to their counterparts in other advanced industrial democracies. Prereq: POSC or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4213. Elections, Public Opinion and Participation. 3 cr. hrs.
Covers explanations for political behavior at the individual, group, and national levels. Begins with an examination of public opinion and political attitudes, followed by questions about voter turnout, political participation, and theories of voter choice. Culminates in a unit exploring perspective on how to explain and interpret election outcomes. Prereq: POSC 2201 or Jr. stndg.
POSC 4216. American Public Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
U.S. domestic policy with special attention to the politics of national policy in the areas of the economy, social welfare, and the environment. The stages of the policy process: agenda-building, formation, budgeting, implementation, and evaluation. Prereq: POSC 2201 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4221. Interest Group Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
How groups are organized around particular economic interests and political preferences in order to influence policy-making institutions. The internal incentive structure of political organizations, including business, professional, trade union, and “public interest” groups. Functions of, and biases inherent in, the group process. Offered only at Les Aspin Center. Prereq: POSC 2201 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4231. Political Organizations. 3 cr. hrs.
Political parties, social movements, interest groups, and civic associations. How citizens organize themselves to participate in the political process. How democratic institutions resolve the tension between individual citizenship and collective action. Explores theories of mobilization, questions of influence, and explanations of success. Prereq: POSC 2201; or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4241. American Constitutional Law and Development. 3 cr. hrs.
An examination of the historical development of American constitutional law and politics, including the areas of judicial review, separation of powers, federalism, the powers of Congress and the presidency, and the rise and decline of due process property rights. Explores the judiciary’s role in constructing constitutional law and how this role has been contested over time. Considers how political institutions and forces, in addition to the judiciary, have shaped American constitutionalism. Prereq: POSC 2201 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4251. The Politics of Civil Rights and Liberties. 3 cr. hrs.
An examination of civil rights and liberties policies in the United States, with an emphasis on the development of these policies over the course of American political history. Explores how the Supreme Court’s contribution to this development is connected with the broader historical and political context in which it sits. The Court does not play an exclusive role in this process. Expanding, contracting, or otherwise altering the meaning of a right or a liberty involves a range of political actors in a variety of venues. Coverage includes free speech, religious freedom, political participation, privacy, criminal procedures and the rights of minority groups and women. Prereq: POSC 2201 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4261. Business and Politics. 3 cr. hrs.

POSC 4271. Social Movements. 3 cr. hrs.
Political parties, social movements, interest groups, and civic associations. How citizens organize themselves to participate in the political process. How democratic institutions resolve the tension between individual citizenship and collective action. Explores theories of mobilization, questions of influence, and explanations of success. Prereq: POSC 2201; or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4281. Urban Public Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores the varied public policies affecting the health and wellbeing of cities and metropolitan areas, including housing, health and education. Topics include the social and economic benefits of urban regions, the causes and consequences of urban sprawl and residential segregation, and the challenges posed by growing inequalities within and between cities. Prereq: POSC 2201 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4291. State and Local Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Examine sub-national governments in the United States, including a comparative study of political institutions, political cultures and public policies across state and local governments. Draws upon examples from Wisconsin and Milwaukee to better understand the role of state and local governments in the American federal system. Prereq: POSC 2201 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4321. Business and Politics. 3 cr. hrs.

POSC 4331. Politics and Regulation. 3 cr. hrs.
Economic and social regulation in America. Why we have regulations. Who is regulated. Who does the regulating. What the consequences of regulation are. Primary focus on business regulation and related topics. Prereq: POSC 2201; or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4341. Politics of American Capitalism. 3 cr. hrs.
Political economy of U.S. history. Individuals, firms, and business associations and their role in politics. Economic development and conflict as sources of political change. Prereq: POSC 2201; or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4343. The Logic of Social Inquiry: The Kennedy Assassination. 3 cr. hrs.
The question of who killed President John F. Kennedy, and whether there was a conspiracy. The physical evidence; eyewitness testimony; Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby, and suspected conspirators. The logic of social inquiry, and how we can approach “conspiracy” as an hypothesis to be tested. Prereq: POSC 2201 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4346. Politics of the American Civil War. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines the American Civil War (1861-1865) as a crisis provoked by unresolved constitutional issues concerning nullification and secession, tariffs and the status of slavery. Readings include primary source material, select documents and speeches composed by leading statesmen from the time of the founding until 1866. Prereq: POSC 2201 or POSC 2801 or Jr. stndg. or cons. of instr.

POSC 4351. Environmental Politics and Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
Tackles the key political and policy debates surrounding the many dimensions of environmental issues, to include global human security to local pollution controls. Focuses on a core set of debates that frame intellectual and practical approaches to solving environmental challenges. Prereq: POSC 2201, POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.
POSC 4356. Politics of the Internet. 3 cr. hrs.
The origins and growth of the Internet. Legal and regulatory dilemmas posed by the Internet. The impact of the Internet on politics, society and economics. Prereq: POSC 2201, POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4361. Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender. 3 cr. hrs.
The role of African-Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanics, white ethnics, American Indians, and women in shaping American politics through elections, political parties, and public office. The nature and impact of political organizations representing these groups. Prereq: POSC 2201 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4366. Religion and Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Religion and politics in contemporary America. The historic patterns and current interactions of religious movements, denominations, and individuals involved in American politics. Specific attention given to the rationales used for religious involvement in politics, the types of political behavior employed, and the consequences of that behavior. Prereq: POSC 2201 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4371. Media and Politics in the U.S.. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores role and power of media in American political systems; history and development of national press, including court interpretations of freedom of the press; quality and impact of political reporting, with emphasis on election coverage; and media’s relationships with other political actors. Prereq: POSC 2201 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4376. American National Security Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
Defense policy processes in the United States; issues in defense decision-making, including the roles of the public, interest groups, Congress, the President, and executive agencies, with emphasis on the defense establishment; U.S. strategic doctrines since World War II; budgeting; civil-military relations. Prereq: POSC 2201 or Jr. stndg.

Examines the American health care system, health care policies, and underlying politics. Provides an overview of the organization and financing of health care in the United States. Examines the impact of the political system, political parties and interest groups, and values on the health care system and health policies at national and state levels. Covers health care reform politics, including the Democrats’ 2010 Affordable Care Act and Republican reform alternatives. Also focuses on the social determinants of health and policies for vulnerable populations. Same as BISC 4381. Prereq: Jr. stndg.

POSC 4406. Public Policy in Industrial Democracies. 3 cr. hrs.
Politics of public policies in democratic political systems, with special attention to North America, Western Europe, and Japan. Alternative theoretical perspectives on the problem of social choice in democracies. Problems and policies in the areas of the economy, education, health, welfare, and the environment. Prereq: POSC 2401 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4411. Politics, Economics, and Democracy. 3 cr. hrs.
The relationship between capitalism and democracy. The impact of economic factors on politics. The political consequences of the organization and power of private business. The impact of democratic politics and political institutions on economic actors and performance in capitalist democracies. Prereq: POSC 2401; or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4416. Politics of Inequality. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines the growth and cross-national differences in economic inequalities in the contemporary era, the impact of rising inequality on democracy and the socioeconomic and political causes of rising inequality. Special attention to how political forces, such as public opinion, electoral competition and the power of organized interests, shape the distribution of income and wealth and the equality of economic opportunity. Prereq: POSC 2401; or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4421. Democracy, Authoritarianism, and Totalitarianism. 3 cr. hrs.
Three “ideal types” of political systems, and their manifestations in countries at different points in time. Topics include power, legitimacy, ruling elites, institution, and economics. Examination of political system change through coup, revolution, and peaceful transition. Prereq: POSC 2401 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4431. Modern Revolutions. 3 cr. hrs.
Types and causes of revolutions. Modern case studies. The American, French, Russian, German and selected “Third World” revolutions, with attention to ideas, institutions, socio-economic conditions, and the nature of actual changes. Prereq: POSC 2401 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4441. Designing Liberal Democracy. 3 cr. hrs.
Exploring liberal democracy in theory practice, especially as concerns emerging democracies in the developing world. Includes consideration of the impact of economic development, ethnicity, language, legacies of colonialism and/or indigenous political organization, internal democracy, corruption, strategic location and institutional design. Prereq: POSC 2401 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4451. Comparative Judicial Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Provides a detailed introduction to the empirical and normative debates surrounding judicial power including origins of judicial review, courts as strategic actors and the development of stronger courts over time in American and comparative context. Focuses on the development of rule of law, and in particular, how the court as a governing institution interacts with legislative and executive powers. POSC 4241 recommended.

POSC 4461. Comparative Health Politics and Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores through comparative analysis the ways in which different nations address the goals of equitable access, affordability and quality in health care. Considers the similarities and differences in health policy challenges facing rich and developing nations. Employs comparative analysis of different models of health care provisions and financing, and examines the underlying politics of health care systems and policies in different countries. Prereq: Jr. stndg.
POS 4481. Comparative Urban Political Economy. 3 cr. hrs.
Explores, from an interdisciplinary perspective, issues facing cities in the developing world. Provides overall context and concepts useful to understand the economic, political, and social conditions in the contemporary Global South. Applies these tools to understand specific urban challenges, such as housing, segregation, informality and public goods provision. Prereq: POSC 2401 or Jr. stndg.

POS 4501. European Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Nationalism and European identity; evolution of executive and legislative institutions; political parties; ongoing changes in the welfare state and state socialism; transformation of class structure; the challenge of post-industrial society. Includes both Eastern and Western Europe. Prereq: POSC 2401 or Jr. stndg.

POS 4511. Russian and Post-Soviet Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Developments in Russia and the other countries which emerge from the collapse of the Soviet Union. Brief coverage of tsarist and Soviet politics, with a particular emphasis on reasons for the USSR's collapse and Soviet legacies, followed by an overview of domestic and international politics in the region. Prereq: POSC 2401 or Jr. stndg.

POS 4521. Chinese Politics. 3 cr. hrs.

POS 4541. Latin American Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Government and politics in major Latin American countries. The politics of social change and development, seizures of power and rule by the military, and the role of external factors. Prereq: POSC 2401 or Jr. stndg.

POS 4561. Politics of the Developing World. 3 cr. hrs.
Politics of agricultural development, industrialization, military intervention, and social and cultural conflict in Third World Countries. Prereq: POSC 2401 or Jr. stndg.

POS 4601. International Law. 3 cr. hrs.
Introduces students to the theoretical frameworks, empirical cases, and cutting-edge debates in the field of international law. Focuses on different theoretical perspectives for understanding international law. Examines the general principles of international law, including actors of international law, the creation and interpretation of international law, and the relationship between international law and domestic law. Explores several specialized areas of international law, such as human rights, environment, international criminal justice, trade, and the use of force. Prereq: POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POS 4611. International Organizations. 3 cr. hrs.
Introduces students to the theoretical frameworks, empirical cases, and cutting-edge debates in the field of international organizations. Focuses on different theoretical perspectives for understanding international organizations. Examines the effects of international organizations in world politics, such as the role of international organizations in fostering interstate cooperation, the power of international organizations in shaping state interests and identities, the pathologies of international organizations as global bureaucracies, and the interactions between international organizations and other non-state actors like nongovernmental organizations. Prereq: POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POS 4621. Politics of the World Economy. 3 cr. hrs.
Political and economic dynamics of the world economy; historical and theoretical roots; international trade and monetary relations and the impact of hegemony, interdependence, regimes, and domestic politics; trade, debt, multinational corporations, and the dynamics of dependency and development; communism, capitalism, and change. Prereq: ECON 1104 and POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POS 4631. World Conflict and Security. 3 cr. hrs.
Classical and contemporary theories of war and peace; just and unjust wars; principles of strategic analysis, arms control, and security policy-making; the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons. The international trade in arms; nationalism, ethnic conflict, and wars of secession. Prereq: POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POS 4633. Human Security. 3 cr. hrs.
What is human security? What happens when we label a social, economic or political problem a 'human security' issue? Notions of security now include a broader range of concerns, from the structural violence of poverty to the impact of crime, migration, disease epidemics and climate change. Traces the normative, political and intellectual history of this policy lens, and examines its real world implications across several key issue areas. Prereq: POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POS 4635. Cyber Security. 3 cr. hrs.
Studies the impact of cyber security on international relations. Considers the history of and potential for using computer networks to conduct espionage, attack digital and physical infrastructure, undermine information integrity and commit other crimes. Considers how cyber threats redistribute power in the international system and change the rules by which the international system operates. Considers policy issues such as balancing security concerns with rights such as freedom of speech and privacy. Prereq: POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POS 4636. Terrorism. 3 cr. hrs.
Why do militant groups employ terrorist methods? What forces or pressures drive militant leaders to employ such controversial forms of violence in pursuit of their aims? Study what terrorists do, and why they do it, and formulate answers to these questions. Develop and apply alternative theories or lenses through which militant groups can be analyzed. Examine case studies of diverse domestic and foreign militant groups. Prereq: POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.
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POSC 4641. Politics of the Illicit Global Economy. 3 cr. hrs.
Political and economic dynamics of the illicit dimension of the global economy; historical and theoretical roots; state efforts to control illicit flows of goods and services including drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal migration, traffic in women and children, money laundering; exploration of transnational organized crime as a challenge to state power. Prereq: POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4643. Human Trafficking. 3 cr. hrs.
Patterns of human trafficking, and local, national, international and global responses. Traces the historical, political, economic and social drivers of human trafficking and anti-trafficking efforts. Explores the transatlantic slave trade, white slave trade, comfort women and modern-day challenges of sex, labor and organ trafficking. Prereq: POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4646. Politics of Migration. 3 cr. hrs.
Juxtaposes transnational life-worlds of migrants against a state-centered perspective of international boundaries and citizenship. Examines the lived experience of migrant journeys within their larger political context and explores what these narratives of mobility can teach us about the politics of migration around the globe. Topics include explanations of the resilience of unauthorized migration; impact of securitization of migration on the lives of migrants and citizens; and decisions on who belongs on which side of the border, how and why. Prereq: POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4651. The Politics of Human Rights. 3 cr. hrs.
Introduces students to the theoretical frameworks, empirical cases, policy instruments and cutting-edge debates in the field of human rights. Examines different theoretical perspectives for understanding human rights, the philosophical foundations and historical origins of human rights, various mechanisms and actors for promoting and protecting human rights, the trajectory and effectiveness of humanitarian intervention and various forms of transitional justice. Prereq: POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4653. Politics of Torture. 3 cr. hrs.
Focuses on the phenomenon of torture in modern societies. Examines the American post-9/11 torture program and torture in the Chicago Police Department, along with several cases of torture by militaries and police around the world. Explores when, why and by whom torture is used, what domestic and international laws say about it, whether legal and non-legal mechanisms for combatting torture are effective, and when, if ever, its use can be morally justified. Draws on a diverse range of materials, including internal government documents, domestic and international legal texts, television and film and research from across the social sciences. Prereq: POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4661. The Political Economy of Development. 3 cr. hrs.
Introduces interaction between politics and economics in developing countries by examining political and economic development (and underdevelopment) through the lenses of the principal theoretical debates and substantive issues. Areas of inquiry include the general theories that underpin the study of the processes of economic and political reform, the roles of international and domestic institutions, and the influence of private interests including business, labor and civil society organizations. Substantive issues include poverty, conflict, human rights, foreign aid, investment and the environment. Prereq: ECON 1104 and either POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4701. United States Foreign Policy. 3 cr. hrs.
Objectives of American foreign policy. Problems facing the United States in its relations with other countries. Trade, aid, propaganda and alliances as instruments of foreign policy. Prereq: POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4711. International Politics of Europe. 3 cr. hrs.
Evolution of the post-war settlement in Europe. Western European and Eastern European integration, relations between Western and Eastern Europe, Europe and the superpowers, French-German and intra-German relations, Europe and the Third World, European security issues. Prereq: POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4721. International Politics of the Middle East. 3 cr. hrs.
Historical and religious background of Middle East politics, comparative ideologies and political systems in the Middle East, Arab-Israeli relations, Persian Gulf politics, politics in the Maghreb and great power interests in the region. Prereq: POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4731. International Politics of Asia. 3 cr. hrs.
Principal patterns and problems of international politics in Asia, including international political economy, development and security issues, and the impact of global trends. Regional focus varies with instructor. Prereq: POSC 2401 or POSC 2601 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4741. United States-Latin American Relations. 3 cr. hrs.

POSC 4801. Citizens, Beasts, or Gods?. 3 cr. hrs.
Evaluates the comparative congeniality to mankind of pre-political 'states of nature,' political citizenship, and the life of philosophy; selections from the works of Rousseau, Nietzsche, Chesterton and Aristotle are read. Prereq: POSC 2801 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4811. The Best Constitution. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines the relationship between constitutional design and human flourishing; selections from the works of Plato and others are read. Prereq: POSC 2801 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4812. Ethics and Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines whether the good life we seek by forming and abiding in political communities is to be found chiefly in enjoying pleasure, in winning honor, or in contemplating truth. Is moral virtue a necessary condition of living well, or can standards of justice sometimes be compromised for citizens to partake more fully in the good life? Just what is virtue and how might it be fostered? Readings include Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics, as well as Machiavelli's Prince and Plato's Meno. Prereq: POSC 2801 or Jr. stndg.
POSC 4813. Nietzsche and Christianity. 3 cr. hrs.
Examines Friedrich Nietzsche’s penetrating analysis of the contemporary crisis of Western Civilization, as well as his more dubious first principles of the “will to Power” and the “eternal return,” in juxtaposition with G.K. Chesterton’s and Josef Pieper’s celebration of Christian orthodoxy. Readings include Nietzsche’s Beyond Good and Evil, Chesterton’s Orthodoxy and Pieper’s In Tune with the World. Prereq: POSC 2801 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4821. Democracy and Its Problems. 3 cr. hrs.
Diagnoses the instability of popular governments in antiquity and considers the remedy provided by the American constitutional republic; selections from the works of Thucydides, Publius, Tocqueville and others. Prereq: POSC 2801 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4841. Enlightenment Political Thought. 3 cr. hrs.
The Enlightenment’s contribution to modern doctrines of individual rights, representative government, popular sovereignty, free enterprise, religious toleration, and freedom of speech. Authors such as Locke, Voltaire, Hume, Publius, Rousseau and Burke. Prereq: POSC 2801 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4851. Karl Marx. 3 cr. hrs.
Primary works on freedom and alienation, history, capitalism, revolution and socialism that have inspired Marxist movements. Prereq: POSC 2801 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4861. The Political Philosophy of Capitalism. 3 cr. hrs.
Is capitalist society just or unjust? Does capitalism promote or inhibit the realization of freedom? Does capitalism promote or inhibit the pursuit of human excellence? Authors such as Rousseau, Adam Smith, Marx, Weber. Prereq: POSC 2801; or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4871. Politics and Literature. 3 cr. hrs.
Study of the central questions of political philosophy through the lens of literature, with special focus on how literature approaches the questions of the best regime and the best type of human life. Prereq: POSC 2801 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4881. Postmodern Politics. 3 cr. hrs.
Nietzsche and his successors on the insufficiency of modern ethics and modern politics since the Enlightenment. Focus on the postmodern critique of modernity’s contributions to consumerism, globalization and technology. Prereq: POSC 2801 or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4931. Topics in Political Science. 2-3 cr. hrs.
Lectures and discussion in a broad area which, because of its topicality, is not the subject of a regular course. May be taken a maximum of three times. Prereq: Jr. stndg.

POSC 4986. Internship in Political Science. 3 cr. hrs.
Practical learning experience in politics through the Les Aspin Program. Evaluation will require the student to relate the experience to literature on the subject. S/U grade assessment. Prereq: POSC 2201; admitted to the Les Aspin Center for Government program.

POSC 4987. Internships as Field Experience. 3 cr. hrs.
For students who are completing or have just completed an internship. Through readings, discussions, and assignments, students develop analytical skills and acquire thematic knowledge complementary to the practical experiences of the internship. Specific topics vary by semester, depending on the class composition. Prereq: POSC 2201 or 2401 or 2061; or Jr. stndg.

POSC 4995. Independent Study in Political Science. 1-3 cr. hrs.
Faculty-supervised, independent study/research of a specific area or topic in Political Science. Prereq: Jr. stndg., cons. of instr., and cons. of dept. ch.

POSC 4999. Senior Thesis. 3 cr. hrs.
Preparation of a thesis by approved students under the direction of an adviser. Prereq: Sr. stndg., POSC 4995, which may be taken concurrently, and cons. of dept. ch. Three semester hours of POSC 4995 are required.