Political Science (PLSC)

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The Department of Political Science offers a major leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree, three combined majors, also leading to Bachelor of Arts degrees, and two minors, all in legal studies and a second interdisciplinary minor in urban planning. Political science is the traditional undergraduate degree choice for those considering law school. It is also ideal preparation for a career in government service, including internationally-oriented paths like the foreign service, intelligence, and foreign aid/development agencies, and domestic political careers like consulting, research, polling, and policy/campaign staff.

For requirements for the M.A. degree in political science, the M.P.A degree, or the dual J.D./M.A. and J.D./M.P.A. degrees, see the Graduate School Catalog.

Requirements for B.A. Degree with a Major in Political Science

In addition to the University Core requirements (http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/academicregulations/universitycore) and the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences Graduation Requirements (http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/collegesandschools/jwilliamfulbrightcollegeofartsandsciences), the following course requirements must be met.

30 semester hours of PLSC courses, at least 21 of which must be above 3000.

1. Students are required to take both:
   - PLSC 2013 Introduction to Comparative Politics

2. Students must choose one of the following:
   - PLSC 2813 Introduction to International Relations  
   - PLSC 3103 Public Administration

3. Students fulfill the remaining requirements from among any of the available political science courses.

At least 21 hours must be 3000-4000 level courses. No more than 9 hours may come from PLSC 300V, PLSC 394V, PLSC 498V, or PLSC 499VH.

Additional Course Requirements (3-12 hours): Students must satisfy either Requirement A or Requirement B.

Requirement A:

Students must demonstrate proficiency in a single modern or classical language other than English by completion of a world language course numbered 2013 (Intermediate II). This is usually accomplished through completion of a sequence of four language courses: 1003, 1013, 2003 and 2013.

Students may seek credit for any omitted courses in the language sequence (based on placement at a higher level), by passing an advanced language course with a grade of “C” or above. Such credit will be awarded at the request of the student by filing application to the World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (WLLC) Department. Students with advanced knowledge of a language may also contact the WLLC Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (WLLC) Department. Students be awarded at the request of the student by filing application to the World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (WLLC) Department. Students with advanced knowledge of a language may also contact the WLLC Departments.

For requirements for the M.A. degree in political science, the M.P.A degree, or the dual J.D./M.A. and J.D./M.P.A. degrees, see the Graduate School Catalog.

Students must complete the following:

- ENGL 1013 Composition I (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1013)  
- MATH 2033 Mathematical Thought

Select one of the following:

- MATH 2043 Survey of Calculus (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2203)  
- MATH 2053 Finite Mathematics  
- MATH 2183 Mathematical Reasoning in a Quantitative World  
- MATH 2554 Calculus I (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2405)

Students must complete these three requirements:

- PHIL 2003 Introduction to Philosophy (ACTS Equivalency = PHIL 1103)  
- or PHIL 2203 Logic (ACTS Equivalency = PHIL 1003)

- STAT 2303 Principles of Statistics (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2103)  
- or WCOB 1033 Data Analysis and Interpretation

Select one of the following:

- MATH 2033 Mathematical Thought  
- MATH 2043 Survey of Calculus (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2203)  
- MATH 2053 Finite Mathematics  
- MATH 2183 Mathematical Reasoning in a Quantitative World  
- MATH 2554 Calculus I (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2405)

Students pursuing this track must complete an approved university/state core humanities course in addition to the world language 2003 Intermediate I course, if credit for 2003 is earned.

Writing Requirement: The college writing requirement is fulfilled by submitting an acceptable research/analytical paper to the department for approval at least four weeks prior to graduation. The paper may be derived from completion of an honors essay (PLSC 499VH), a senior thesis (PLSC 498V), or some other advanced course in political science. The student is urged to consult with his or her faculty adviser no later than early in the first semester of the senior year.

Political Science B.A.

Eight-Semester Degree Program

Students wishing to follow the eight-semester degree plan should also see the Eight-Semester Degree Policy (http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/academicregulations/eightsemesterdegreecompletionpolicy) in the Academic Regulations chapter for university requirements of the program as well as the Fulbright College requirements. Core requirement hours may vary by individual, based on placement and previous credit granted. Once all core requirements are met, students may substitute a three-hour (or more) general or advanced elective in place of a core area.

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Students pursuing this track must complete an approved university/state core humanities course in addition to either the PHIL 2003 or PHIL 2203 course used to satisfy Requirement B.
MATH 2033 Mathematical Thought
MATH 2043 Survey of Calculus (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2203)
MATH 2053 Finite Mathematics
MATH 2183 Mathematical Reasoning in a Quantitative World
MATH 2554 Calculus I (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2405)

Fine Arts or Humanities University/State Core Course
General Elective
ENGL 1023 Composition II (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1023)
PLSC 2013 Introduction to Comparative Politics
University/State Core Social Science Course
Select one of the following:
Track A
World Language 1013 Elementary II Level
Track B
MATH 2033 Mathematical Thought
MATH 2043 Survey of Calculus (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2203)
MATH 2053 Finite Mathematics
MATH 2183 Mathematical Reasoning in a Quantitative World
MATH 2554 Calculus I (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2405)
STAT 2303 Principles of Statistics (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2103)
WCOB 1033 Data Analysis and Interpretation
Fine Arts or Humanities University/State Core Course, as needed
Year Total: 15

Second Year

Fall | Units | Spring
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PLSC 2813 Introduction to International Relations or PLSC 3103 Public Administration | 3 | 3
Non-PLSC Social Science Core Course | 3 | 3
Select one of the following:
Track A
World Language 2003 Intermediate I Level
Track B, as needed
STAT 2303 Principles of Statistics (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2103)
WCOB 1033 Data Analysis and Interpretation
General Elective
Science University/State Core Lecture with Corequisite Lab | 4 | 4
General Elective | 3 | 3
PLSC 3000-4000+ Level Elective | 3 | 3
PLSC 3000-4000+ Level Elective | 3 | 3

Year Total: 15

Third Year

Fall | Units | Spring
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PLSC 3000-4000+ Level Elective | 3 | 3
PLSC 3000-4000+ Level Elective | 3 | 3
Advanced Level Elective | 3 | 3
Advanced Level Elective | 3 | 3
PLSC 3000-4000+ Level Elective | 3 | 3
PLSC 3000-4000+ Level Elective | 3 | 3
3000-4000+ Level Elective | 3 | 3
General Electives or Advanced Electives | 6 | 6
Year Total: 15

Fourth Year

Fall | Units | Spring
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PLSC 3000-4000+ Level Elective | 3 | 3
Advanced Level Elective | 3 | 3
3000-4000+ Level Elective | 3 | 3
General Electives | 6 | 6
General Electives as needed to total 120 degree credits | 13 | 13
Year Total: 15

Total Units in Sequence: 120

1 Meets 40-hour advanced credit hour requirement. See College Academic Regulations (http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/collegesandschools/jwilliamfulbrightcollegeofartsandsciences).
2 Meets 24-hour rule (24 hours of 3000-4000 level courses in Fulbright College), in addition to meeting the 40-hour rule. See College Academic Regulations (http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/collegesandschools/jwilliamfulbrightcollegeofartsandsciences).
3 Track A students must complete a university/state humanities course in addition to a 2003 Intermediate I world language course taken in progress to fulfill the Track A language requirement. Track B students must complete a university/state humanities core course in addition to the PHIL course used to satisfy the Track B philosophy requirement.

**Combined Majors**

**Political Science and African and African American Studies:** For the requirements for a combined major in political science and African and African American studies (http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/...
interested in regional and urban planning.

**Political Science and Journalism:** The combined major in political science and journalism is recommended for those students who have a strong interest in the reporting of public affairs as a career. For requirements, please refer to the combined major in Journalism and Political Science (http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/collegesandschools/williamfulbrightcollegeofartsandsciences/journalism/politicalscience/). Students should consult with their adviser in each department.

**Political Science and Latin American and Latino Studies:** For the requirements for a combined major in political science and Latin American and Latino studies (http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/collegesandschools/williamfulbrightcollegeofartsandsciences/latinamericanandlatinostudies), students should consult with their adviser in each department.

### Minor in Political Science

Requirements are 18 hours including 6 course credits in Political Science. At least 9 hours must come from courses numbered 3000 or above. Students should consult with the political science adviser in Fulbright College for the selection of appropriate courses.

### Minor in Legal Studies

This minor will introduce undergraduate students to the study and application of law by taking law-related courses in a number of disciplines. It provides a focus for students who are interested in the law, whose careers will require a measure of legal knowledge, or for those considering entering law school.

#### Requirements for a Minor in Legal Studies:

- 15 semester hours from the following:
  - **Electives (12 hours):** Select two courses from one group
    - **Policy Group:**
      - ANTH 4443 Cultural Resource Management I
      - ANTH 5113 Anthropology of the City
      - ENSC 3413 Principles of Environmental Economics
      - LARC 4033 Landscape Architecture Theory
      - LARC 4743 Public Participation in Design and Planning (Public Participation in Design and Planning not offered until 2014)
    - **Spatial Group:**
      - PLSC 390V Special Topics
      - PLSC 4283 Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations
      - HDFS 4603 Environmental Sociology
      - SCMT 3443 Transportation and Distribution Management
    - **Environmental Group:**
      - ANTH 4443 Cultural Resource Management I
      - ANTH 4603 Landscape Archaeology
      - BIOL 3863 General Ecology
      - ENSC 3223 Ecosystems Assessment
      - ENSC 3221L Ecosystems Assessment Laboratory
      - ENSC 3413 Principles of Environmental Economics
      - LARC 4033 Landscape Architecture Theory
      - LARC 5053 Historic Landscape Preservation
    - **Total Hours: 18**

### Minor in Planning

A student who wants to minor in Planning should notify either the Department of Landscape Architecture or Political Science and consult an academic adviser. A Planning minor consists of 18 hours of required and elective courses subdivided into three concentrations. A student should choose one concentration and take 6 hours of elective courses in that concentration. The minor's required and elective courses include:

#### Required Courses:

- LARC 5386 Landscape Architecture Design VIII 3
- or LARC 5493 Environmental Land Use Planning 6
- and one 3 credit-hour elective from the Spatial Concentration

- PLSC 3253 Urban Politics 3
- PLSC 4103 Introduction to Urban Planning 3

#### Electives

Select two courses from one group:

#### Policy Group:

- ANTH 4443 Cultural Resource Management I
- ANTH 5113 Anthropology of the City
- ENSC 3413 Principles of Environmental Economics
- LARC 4033 Landscape Architecture Theory
- LARC 4743 Public Participation in Design and Planning (Public Participation in Design and Planning not offered until 2014)

#### Spatial Group:

- PLSC 390V Special Topics
- PLSC 4283 Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations
- HDFS 4603 Environmental Sociology
- SCMT 3443 Transportation and Distribution Management

#### Environmental Group:

- ANTH 4443 Cultural Resource Management I
- ANTH 4603 Landscape Archaeology
- BIOL 3863 General Ecology
- ENSC 3223 Ecosystems Assessment
- ENSC 3221L Ecosystems Assessment Laboratory
- ENSC 3413 Principles of Environmental Economics
- LARC 4033 Landscape Architecture Theory
- LARC 5053 Historic Landscape Preservation
- HDFS 4603 Environmental Sociology

#### Total Hours: 18

**Requirements for Graduation with Honors in Political Science:** Both the College and the Departmental Honors Program in Political Science
provide undergraduate students the opportunity to participate in directed independent study and scholarly activity. Admission to the Fulbright Honors Program is open to Political Science majors with a minimum, cumulative grade point average of 3.5 in all their coursework. Honors candidates must complete at least 12 hours of honors courses, which will include 6 hours of thesis.

Honors candidates carry out independent study and research under the guidance of political science faculty and participate in special honors classes and colloquia. To successfully complete the required thesis, students should choose an honors thesis adviser as early as possible. An adviser should be selected and an Honors Agreement completed no later than the first semester in a student’s junior year.

Honors candidates must meet the College’s requirements for an honors degree. Students graduating with honors typically graduate with the distinction cum laude. Higher degree distinctions (magna cum laude, summa cum laude) are awarded by the Honors Council, and are recommended only in truly exceptional cases, and are based on the whole of the candidate’s program of honors studies.

**Political Science (B.A.) Social Studies Teaching Licensure Requirements:**

Please refer to the Secondary Education Requirements (http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/collegesandschools/jwilliamfulbrightcollegeoffaculties#fieldsstudytext) for Fulbright College Students.

Students wanting to teach social studies in middle school should consult with a middle level adviser in the College of Education and Health Professions.

**Faculty**

Bayram, A. Burcu, Ph.D. (Ohio State University), M.I.S. (North Carolina State University), B.A. (Middle East Technical University), Assistant Professor, 2016.

Conge, Patrick J., Ph.D. (University of Texas at Austin), M.A., B.S. (Arizona State University), Associate Professor, 1995.

Diallo, Anne B., Ph.D., M.P.A., B.A. (University of Arkansas), Visiting Assistant Professor, 2012.

Dowdle, Andrew J., Ph.D. (Miami University), M.A. (University of Iowa), B.A. (University of Tennessee), Professor, 2003.

Dowe, Pearl Karen, Ph.D. (Howard University), M.A. (Georgia Southern University), B.S. (Savannah State University), Associate Professor, 2008.

Flanigan, J. Michael, Ph.D. (University of Arkansas), M.P.H., M.A., B.A. (University of Minnesota), Lecturer, 2016.

Gaber, John, Ph.D. (Columbia University), M.A. (University of Southern California), B.A. (University of California-Los Angeles), Professor, 2009.

Ghadbian, Najib, Ph.D. (City University of New York), M.A. (Rutgers University), M.A. (City University of New York), B.Sc. (United Arab Emirates University), Associate Professor, 1999.

Hunt, Valerie H., Ph.D., J.D., B.A. (University of Arkansas), Associate Professor, 2005.

Kelley, Donald R., Ph.D. (Indiana University at Bloomington), M.A., B.A. (University of Pittsburgh), Professor, 1980.

Kerr, Brinck, Ph.D. (Texas A&M University), B.A. (University of Texas at Austin), Professor, 1994.

Looney, Nathan C., J.D. (University of Arkansas at Little Rock), M.P.S. (University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service), B.A. (University of Arkansas), Lecturer, 2012.

Maxwell, Angie, Ph.D., M.A. (University of Texas at Austin), B.A. (University of Arkansas), Associate Professor, 2008.

Medina Vidal, D. Xavier, Ph.D. (University of California-Riverside), M.A., B.A. (University of New Mexico), Assistant Professor, 2015.

Mitchell, Joshua Lee, Ph.D. (Southern Illinois University), M.P.A., B.S. (Murray State University), Assistant Professor, 2010.

Nakamura, Brian S., Ph.D., M.P.A. (University of Southern California), B.A. (California State University), Lecturer, 2017.

Naylor, Zoe E., J.D., M.A. (University of Arkansas), B.A. (Graceland University), Instructor, 2000.


Reid, Margaret F., Ph.D. (University of Oklahoma), M.B.A. (Central State University), M.P.A. (University of Oklahoma), M.A. (University of Bonn), B.A. (University of Marburg, West Germany), Professor, 1993.

Ryan, Jeffrey J., Ph.D., M.A. (Rice University), B.A. (Colorado State University), Associate Professor, 1990.

Saeidi, Shirin, Ph.D. (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom), M.A. (George Mason University), B.A. (University of Maryland-College Park), Assistant Professor, 2018.

Schreckhise, William D., Ph.D., M.A., B.A. (Washington State University), Associate Professor, 1998.

Sebold, Karen Denice, Ph.D., M.A. (University of Arkansas), B.S. (Campbell College), B.S. (Rogers State University), Clinical Assistant Professor, 2011.

Shields, Todd G., Ph.D., M.A. (University of Kentucky), B.A. (Miami University), Professor, 1994.

Song, Geoboo, Ph.D. (University of Oklahoma), B.A. (Korea University), B.A. (Hanyang University), Assistant Professor, 2012.

Stewart, Patrick A., Ph.D. (Northern Illinois University), M.A., B.A. (University of Central Florida), Associate Professor, 2008.

Sullivan, W. Curt, M.A. (University of Arkansas), B.A. (Harding University), Lecturer, 2015.

Zeng, Ka, Ph.D. (University of Virginia), M.A. (Virginia Polytech Institute and State University), B.A. (Foreign Affairs College, Beijing), Professor, 2000.

**Courses**

**PLSC 1003. Perspectives in Political Science. 3 Hours.**

This course takes a topical approach to introducing first-year Political Science students to the academic skills essential to success in college and the methods of the political science discipline. The course emphasizes the transition to the UA and university-level work by addressing topics such as the advising process and civic engagement. Prerequisite: Freshmen Political Science majors only. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

**PLSC 1003H. Honors Perspectives in Political Science. 3 Hours.**

This course takes a topical approach to introducing first-year students to the academic skills essential to success in college and the methods of the political science discipline. The course emphasizes the transition to the UA and university-level work by addressing topics such as the advising process and civic engagement. Prerequisite: Honors standing. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

This course is equivalent to PLSC 1003.


Survey of the history, basic ideas, structure, and political processes of the national government of the United States, including the fundamental relationships of the federal system. Required of all political science majors. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)
PLSC 2003H. Honors American National Government. 3 Hours.
Survey of the history, basic ideas, structure, and political processes of the national
government of the United States, including the fundamental relationships of the
federal system. (Typically offered: Fall)
This course is equivalent to PLSC 2003.

PLSC 2013. Introduction to Comparative Politics. 3 Hours.
An introductory survey of comparative political systems. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)

PLSC 2203. State and Local Government (ACTS Equivalency = PLSC 2103). 3 Hours.
Organization and functions of state and local governments in the United States,
tergovernmental relations, administration, adjudication, and the organization and
function of political parties on state and local levels. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years; Summer)

PLSC 2813. Introduction to International Relations. 3 Hours.
Introduction to the international system, theories of international behavior,
political economy, conflict and peacemaking, the third world, international law and
organizations, and the nature of the post-cold war world. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

PLSC 300V. Internship in Public Affairs. 1-3 Hour.
Work experience in a public agency arranged by the student under the guidance of
a faculty member. Paper required. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be
repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

PLSC 3103. Public Administration. 3 Hours.
Trends and organization of public administration, dynamics of management; fiscal
and personnel management; administrative powers and responsibility. Prerequisite:
PLSC 2003. (Typically offered: Spring)

PLSC 3153. Public Policy. 3 Hours.
A study of public policy formulation, implementation, and evaluation at various levels
of government. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003. (Typically offered: Fall)

PLSC 3183. Public Personnel Management. 3 Hours.
Development of the merit system in government, career systems, human resource
planning and development, labor relations, diversity issues, and the legal dimension
of public personnel systems. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003. (Typically offered: Fall)

PLSC 3203. Introduction to Legal Studies. 3 Hours.
An examination of the legal profession, legal writing, and the substantive areas of
law in the U.S. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

PLSC 3213. The South and the Law: Race, Gender, and Citizenship. 3 Hours.
Examines the experience of racial and ethnic minorities, as well as women, in
the post-Civil War South. Explores legal ramifications and tracks cultural and political
legacies of landmark cases and/or legislative acts. (Typically offered: Fall)

PLSC 3223. Arkansas Politics and the Nation. 3 Hours.
An examination of Arkansas Politics including the political process, public policies,
social problems, political behavior, governmental structure, and contemporary issues
with an emphasis on the historical, regional, and national context. Prerequisite:
PLSC 2003. (Typically offered: Spring)

PLSC 3233. The American Congress. 3 Hours.
Thorough examination of the constitutional role of the legislative branch under the
Constitution; the internal procedures and personalities of the Senate and House;
the central place of Congress in shaping domestic and foreign policy. Prerequisite:
PLSC 2003. (Typically offered: Fall)

PLSC 3243. The Judicial Process. 3 Hours.
The structure and operation of the state and national court systems. Emphasis
is upon the role of the judiciary in the American political system and the political
aspects and consequences of judicial decision-making. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003.
(Typically offered: Fall)

PLSC 3253. Urban Politics. 3 Hours.
Analysis of comparative urban systems, including political process, public policy,
social problems, governmental structure, and voter behavior. Prerequisite:
PLSC 2003. (Typically offered: Spring)

PLSC 3263. Latino Politics. 3 Hours.
An overview of Latino political behavior that analyzes the social, economic, and
political issues impacting the Latino/Hispanic community in the United States. The
course focuses on understanding relationships of power and interaction within
the institutional contexts that shape diverse Latino experiences. (Typically offered: Fall)

PLSC 3283. Civil Rights Policy and Politics. 3 Hours.
This course will draw from linkages between the protest phase of the civil rights
and American political institutions. The course explores the institutional impact of the civil
rights movement on the presidency, congress, the courts, administrative regulatory
agencies, and civil rights advisory organizations. (Typically offered: Spring)
This course is cross-listed with AAST 3283.

PLSC 3293. African American Politics. 3 Hours.
This is a survey course designed to provide students with a comprehensive
overview of African American political participation in the United States. In addition
to analyzing important events in African American Politics, the course attempts
to explain evolving patterns of political participation in Black America. (Typically
offered: Fall)
This course is cross-listed with AAST 3293.

PLSC 3303. American Political Development. 3 Hours.
Examines the evolution of the American State and corresponding governmental and
political institutions. Topics include models of political change and evolution,
American political culture(s), governing institutional structures at the national level,
the evolution of federalism, political linkage structures, and public policy. Prerequisite:
PLSC 2003. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PLSC 3503. Governments and Politics of East Asia. 3 Hours.
Comparative analysis of structures, processes, and problems of the political systems
Prerequisite: PLSC 2013. (Typically offered: Spring)

PLSC 3523. Politics of the Middle East. 3 Hours.
Survey of the unity and diversity in the political development of the Middle East, as
evident in historical legacies, state formation, civil society, social class, and political
identity. (Typically offered: Fall)

PLSC 3553. Western European Politics. 3 Hours.
Comparative analysis of Western European parliamentary systems with special
attention to political traditions, constitutional arrangements, socio-economic
structure, and the political and legislative processes in countries such as Britain,
France, and Germany. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003 or PLSC 2013. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PLSC 3573. Governments and Politics of Latin America. 3 Hours.
Comparative survey of Latin America political forces and institutions with special
attention to patterns and problems of political change and development in that area.
Prerequisite: PLSC 2013. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PLSC 3593. Politics of Mexico. 3 Hours.
A comparative survey of contemporary Mexican politics emphasizing Mexico's
historical-institutional trajectory in relation to the US, North American relations, and
the experiences of Mexicans in Greater (Gran) Mexico. Prerequisite: PLSC 2013.
(Typically offered: Spring)

PLSC 3603. Scope and Methods of Political Science. 3 Hours.
The basic principles and assumptions of political inquiry (methodology) and research
techniques for gathering and analyzing data about political phenomena. Prerequisite:
PLSC 2003. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)
PLSC 3683. International Conflict and National Security Policy. 3 Hours.
This course examines international conflict and national security policy. The first part of
the course analyzes the causes and consequences of international conflict and
mechanisms for conflict resolution. The second part examines the formulation and
implementation of national security in comparative perspective and U.S. national
security policy. Prerequisite: PLSC 2813. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

PLSC 3803. International Organization. 3 Hours.
This course is about how state and non-state actors try to organize the international
system to help manage crucial issues such as the development and use of force, the
efficiency and fairness of markets, and the realization and protection of human rights
and environmental health (Typically offered: Spring)

PLSC 3813. International Law. 3 Hours.
Analysis of the traditional principles of public international law including the law
of war, the law of sea and air, and the legal nature of statehood; and analysis
of selected principles of private international law relevant to such topics as the
multinational corporation, international arbitration, commerce with Communist states,
and the expropriation of foreign property. Prerequisite: Junior standing. (Typically
offered: Fall)

PLSC 3823. Theories of International Relations. 3 Hours.
Analysis of major intellectual traditions in the field of international relations, including
realism, liberalism, and social constructivism. Emphasis will be placed on how they
help us to understand war, revolution, global capitalism, nationalism, peace, and
other significant international phenomena. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003 and PLSC 3013.
(Typically offered: Spring)

PLSC 3853. American Foreign Policy. 3 Hours.
The structure and process for making and implementing the foreign policy of the
United States, and an evaluation of current policies in the contemporary international
milieu. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003 or PLSC 3013. (Typically offered: Fall)

PLSC 390V. Special Topics. 1-3 Hour.
Special topics in political science. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May
be repeated for degree credit.

PLSC 3913. American Political Thought Before 1900. 3 Hours.
Major ideas, issues, and arguments in American Political Thought from the colonial
period to approximately 1900. (Typically offered: Fall) May be repeated for degree
credit.

PLSC 3923H. Honors Colloquium. 3 Hours.
Covers a special topic or issue, offered as part of the honors program. Prerequisite:
Honors candidacy in political science. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated
for degree credit.

PLSC 3933. Contemporary American Political Thought. 3 Hours.
Twentieth century American political thought, including who should participate,
expanding concepts of freedom, political economy, equality, feminism, rights,
conservatism and liberalism. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PLSC 394V. Readings in Political Science. 1-3 Hour.
For advanced students who wish to study some field of political science beyond
the course offering available in that field. Prerequisite: Junior standing. (Typically
offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree
credit.

PLSC 3983. Politics in Literature. 3 Hours.
Analysis of political theories and issues through extensive reading and discussion of
selected works of literature. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003 or PLSC 3013. (Typically
offered: Spring)

PLSC 399VH. Honors Course. 1-3 Hour.
Honors course. Prerequisite: Junior standing. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be
repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

PLSC 400V. Special Topics. 1-3 Hour.
Topics in political science not usually covered in other courses. (Typically offered:
Irregular) May be repeated for degree credit.

PLSC 4093. Politics and Policy on Film. 3 Hours.
An examination of the ways in which politics, government, policymakers, and public
policy issues are portrayed on film. Selections vary, but may include historic and
contemporary works, independent films and blockbusters, fictional works, biopics,
and documentaries. Heavy emphasis on independent research and informed
discussion, focused on the context in which the works were made and the ways they
were received by audiences. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PLSC 4103. Introduction to Urban Planning. 3 Hours.
Reviews the many forms, functions, and purposes of American cities. Covers basic
planning theories, surveys the various sub-fields of planning, discusses trends in the
planning field, and utilizes computer simulations. (Typically offered: Fall)
This course is cross-listed with PADM 5833.

PLSC 4173. Community Development. 3 Hours.
Encompasses the political, economic, and social issues that shape contemporary
communities. This class examines substantive issues in community development,
related theories and techniques. A major focus of the course will be on low-income
and minority neighborhoods and efforts to create more inclusive communities in the
United States and abroad. Prerequisite: Junior standing. (Typically offered: Fall)

PLSC 4193. Administrative Law. 3 Hours.
Legal aspects of the administrative process and the effect of legal principles and
processes upon administrative decision-making. Emphasis is given to the limitation
of administrative discretion and the judicial review of administrative decision.
Prerequisite: PLSC 3103 or PLSC 4253. (Typically offered: Spring)

PLSC 4203. American Political Parties. 3 Hours.
The nature, function, and history of political parties in the United States with
emphasis on party membership, organization, campaign techniques, finance and
electoral alliances. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PLSC 4213. Campaigns and Elections. 3 Hours.
This course examines the American electoral process. It is an empirical course
that provides opportunities for original analysis of survey data and election returns.
Emphasis is placed on the most recent federal election. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003
(Typically offered: Irregular)

PLSC 4233. The American Chief Executive. 3 Hours.
Offices and roles of the President and state governors of the United States focusing
on the evolution of the offices in terms of responsibilities and political leadership.
Prerequisite: PLSC 2003. (Typically offered: Spring)

PLSC 4253. The U.S. Constitution I. 3 Hours.
United States Supreme Court decisions involving the functions and powers of
Congress, the Supreme Court, and the President and federalism. Prerequisite:
PLSC 2003. (Typically offered: Spring)

PLSC 4256. The U.S. Constitution II. 3 Hours.
United States Supreme Court decisions interpreting the political, economic, and
civil rights of individuals and groups. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003. (Typically offered:
Irregular)

PLSC 4273. Political Psychology. 3 Hours.
Examines role of the individual in the polity including basic psychological constructs
of relevance to political action, the formulation and maintenance of stable political
orientations, the patterns linking the individual to the polity, and major modes of
inquiry. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PLSC 4283. Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations. 3 Hours.
Analysis of changes in intergovernmental relations in the American federal system.
Discussions will focus on political, economic/fiscal and administrative aspects of
policy changes of the pre and post-Reagan eras. (Typically offered: Spring Even
Years)
PLSC 4303. History of Political Parties in the U.S. 1789-1896. 3 Hours.
Origin and development of the American party system from the implementation of
the Constitution to the election of McKinley. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years)
This course is cross-listed with HIST 4503.

PLSC 4313. History of Political Parties in the United States Since 1896. 3 Hours.
Response of the party system to America's emergence as an industrial nation and
world power from the election of 1896 to present. (Typically offered: Spring Odd
Years)
This course is cross-listed with HIST 4513.

PLSC 4323. Racial Identity, Politics, and Public Policy. 3 Hours.
Examines how race and perceived racial differences affect political discourse,
mobilization, representation, and political outcomes. Prerequisite: PLSC 3293 or
AAST 1003 or Junior standing. (Typically offered: Spring Even Years)
This course is cross-listed with AAST 4323.

PLSC 4333. Southern Politics. 3 Hours.
Estimates the significance of the southern region within the national political scene,
as well as discusses the unique political history and workings of the region. Explores
the various groups within the region that continue to fight for political influence and
power. (Typically offered: Spring)

PLSC 4343. Money and Politics. 3 Hours.
Familiarizes students with the world of money and politics in the United States.
Examines the function of money in elections, the legal aspects, and the
consequences of the regulatory environment. Provides a means to gain analytic
computer skills and a strong foundation for further study of political science.
(Typically offered: Fall)

PLSC 4373. Political Communication. 3 Hours.
Study of the nature and function of the communication process as it operates in the
electoral environment. (Typically offered: Spring Even Years)
This course is cross-listed with COMM 4373.

PLSC 4513. Creating Democracies. 3 Hours.
Analyses of the creation of democracies in Europe, South America, Asia, Africa, the
Middle East, East Europe, and the former Soviet Union. Prerequisite: PLSC 2013.
(Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

PLSC 4523. Introduction to Gender and Politics in the Middle East. 3 Hours.
Introduces the complexities of women's political lives in the Middle East by studying
gender roles, relations and how identities are constructed during different political
moments. (Typically offered: Fall)

PLSC 4533. China's Foreign Trade and International Order: History, Policy, and
Theory. 3 Hours.
This interdisciplinary course explores China's foreign trade and international order
by introducing students to the historical context and economic theory necessary for
understanding China's role in the international trading system from the ancient past
to the contemporary era. (Typically offered: Irregular)
This course is cross-listed with ECON 4533.

PLSC 4563. Government and Politics of Russia. 3 Hours.
Study of Russian and Soviet politics after 1917 and of the democratization of Russia
and the other successor states. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003 or PLSC 2013. (Typically
offered: Spring Even Years)

PLSC 4573. Gender and Politics. 3 Hours.
Examines the significance of gender in politics. Includes discussion of the women's
movement and feminist theory, but emphasizes the content and process of public
policy as it relates to women and men. Focus is on the U.S. but final third is devoted
to comparative topics. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003 or PLSC 2013. (Typically offered:
Irregular)

PLSC 4583. Political Economy of East Asia. 3 Hours.
Development strategies and policies of major economies in East Asia. Topics
include theories for East Asia's economic growth, dynamics and process of East
Asian political and economic developments, strengths and limits of the East Asian
development model, Asian values and their implications for Asian-style democracy,
and dynamics of regional cooperation. (Typically offered: Spring)

PLSC 4593. Islam and Politics. 3 Hours.
 Compares contemporary Islamist political movements. Seeks to explain causes,
debates, agendas, and strategies of Islamists in the political realm. Addresses
sovereignty, the rule of law, visions of the good state and society, and relations
between nationalism, religion and political development. Focus on Middle East with
comparative reference to other cases. (Typically offered: Fall)

PLSC 4613. Social Network Analysis. 3 Hours.
Introduces the fundamentals of Social Network Analysis (SNA), and its applications
for research in various social science fields. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013. (Typically
offered: Fall)
This course is cross-listed with SOCI 4183.

PLSC 4793. Latino/Hispanic Political Thought. 3 Hours.
A survey course designed to examine the development of Latino/Hispanic political
thought from Iberian and Latin American political culture and philosophy to
contemporary US political ideology/thought. (Typically offered: Spring)

PLSC 4793H. Honors Latino/Hispanic Political Thought. 3 Hours.
A survey course designed to examine the development of Latino/Hispanic political
thought from Iberian and Latin American political culture and philosophy to
contemporary US political ideology/thought. Prerequisite: Honors standing. (Typically
offered: Spring)
This course is equivalent to PLSC 4793.

PLSC 4803. Foreign Policy Analysis. 3 Hours.
Comparative analysis of foreign policy, with attention paid to explanations at a
variety of levels, such as the individual, group, organizational, societal, systemic.
(Typically offered: Irregular)

PLSC 4823. Foreign Policy of East Asia. 3 Hours.
This course provides an introduction to the international relations of two major East
Asian states, China and Japan. Key topics include: China and Japan's interaction
with the world political and economic systems; domestic sources of international
behavior and major dimensions of foreign policy in the 1980s and 1990s. (Typically
offered: Spring)

PLSC 4833. International Political Economy. 3 Hours.
This course provides an analysis of the interaction between politics and markets
in the world economy. Its central objective is to illustrate how political and state
actions have shaped and been shaped by the development of the global economy.
(Typically offered: Fall)

PLSC 4843. The Middle East in World Affairs. 3 Hours.
An analysis of geo-political and socio-economic characteristics of Middle Eastern
societies and their impact on world economic and political order. Special attention
to such issues as the Arab-Israeli conflict, the promotion of lasting peace in the
region, impact of oil on world politics, the involvement of superpowers, rehabilitation
of Palestinian refugees and the role of the United Nations. (Typically offered: Spring)

PLSC 4853. International Norms and Corporate Social Responsibility. 3 Hours.
This course focuses on the interplay between international social expectations and
business strategy. How norms prevail and why norms emerge will be observed from
a business vantage point. Pre- or corequisite: PLSC 2003 or PLSC 2013. (Typically
offered: Spring)

PLSC 4863. Political Psychology and International Relations. 3 Hours.
Examines psychological approaches to international relations and examines how
these perspectives advance the study of world politics. (Typically offered: Irregular)
PLSC 4873. Inter-American Politics. 3 Hours.
An analysis of the political themes, regional organization, and hemispheric relations that constitute the inter-American system, with special emphasis on conflict and cooperation in the hemispheric policies of the American republics. Prerequisite: Junior standing. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PLSC 4883. Politics of International Law. 3 Hours.
This course examines the interaction between law and politics in the international system, focusing on international law. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PLSC 4893. International Negotiation and Mediation. 3 Hours.
This course examines international negotiations and mediation. International negotiation refers to the processes and methods by which state and non-state actors reach agreements through persuasion and similar non-violent means. This course analyzes the processes, methods, and mechanisms, and challenges of international negotiations and the growing use of mediation. (Typically offered: Irregular)
This course is cross-listed with INST 4893.

PLSC 4933. African American Political Ideology. 3 Hours.
A survey course designed to identify and examine characteristics and functions of several variants of black political ideology/thought. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)
This course is cross-listed with AAST 4933.

PLSC 498V. Senior Thesis. 1-6 Hour.
Senior Thesis. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)

PLSC 499VH. Honors Essay. 1-3 Hour.
Not part of the 30 hours requirement for the major. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.