

# 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, one 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/jwilliamfulbrightcollegeofartsandsocieties>), the following course requirements must be met.

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

- Students are required to take both:  
 PLSC 2003 American National Government (ACTS Equivalency = PLSC 2003) (Sp, Su, Fa)  
 and  
 PLSC 2013 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Sp, Su, Fa)
- Students must choose one of the following:  
 PLSC 2813 Introduction to International Relations (Sp, Fa)  
 or  
 PLSC 3103 Public Administration (Sp)
- 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 Department regarding credit by exam.

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.

### Requirement B:

Students must complete these three requirements:

PHIL 2003	Introduction to Philosophy (ACTS Equivalency = PHIL 1103) (Sp, Su, Fa)	3
or PHIL 2203	Logic (ACTS Equivalency = PHIL 1003) (Sp, Su, Fa)	
STAT 2303	Principles of Statistics (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2103) (Sp, Su, Fa)	3
	or WCOB 1033 Data Analysis and Interpretation (Sp, Su, Fa)	
Select one of the following:		3-4
MATH 2033	Mathematical Thought (Sp, Su, Fa)	
MATH 2043	Survey of Calculus (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2203) (Sp, Su, Fa)	
MATH 2053	Finite Mathematics (Sp, Su, Fa)	
MATH 2183	Mathematical Reasoning in a Quantitative World (Sp, Fa)	

MATH 2554 Calculus I (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2405) (Sp, Su, Fa)

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. 3

**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.

First Year	Units	
	Fall	Spring
ENGL 1013 Composition I (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1013) (Sp, Su, Fa)	3	
Select one of the following:	3-4	
MATH 1203 College Algebra (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 1103) (Sp, Su, Fa) (if required)		
MATH 2033 Mathematical Thought (Sp, Su, Fa) <sup>1</sup>		
MATH 2043 Survey of Calculus (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2203) (Sp, Su, Fa)		
MATH 2053 Finite Mathematics (Sp, Su, Fa)		
MATH 2183 Mathematical Reasoning in a Quantitative World (Sp, Fa)		
MATH 2554 Calculus I (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2405) (Sp, Su, Fa)		
PLSC 2003 American National Government (ACTS Equivalency = PLSC 2003) (Sp, Su, Fa)	3	
Fine Arts or Humanities University/State Core Course <sup>3</sup>	3	
General Elective	3	
ENGL 1023 Composition II (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1023) (Sp, Su, Fa)		3
PLSC 2013 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Sp, Su, Fa)		3
University/State Core Social Science Course		3
Select one of the following:		3-4
Track A		
World Language 1013 Elementary II Level		
Track B		

MATH 2033 Mathematical Thought (Sp, Su, Fa)<sup>1</sup>

MATH 2043 Survey of Calculus (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2203) (Sp, Su, Fa)

MATH 2053 Finite Mathematics (Sp, Su, Fa)

MATH 2183 Mathematical Reasoning in a Quantitative World (Sp, Fa)

MATH 2554 Calculus I (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2405) (Sp, Su, Fa)

STAT 2303 Principles of Statistics (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2103) (Sp, Su, Fa)<sup>1</sup>

WCOB 1033 Data Analysis and Interpretation (Sp, Su, Fa)

Fine Arts or Humanities University/State Core Course, as needed<sup>3</sup> 3

Year Total: 15 15

Second Year	Units	
	Fall	Spring
PLSC 2813 Introduction to International Relations (Sp, Fa) <sup>1</sup>	3	
or PLSC 3103 Public Administration (Sp)		
Non-PLSC Social Science Core Course	3	
Select one of the following:	3	
Track A		
World Language 2003 Intermediate I Level <sup>3</sup>		
Track B, as needed		
STAT 2303 Principles of Statistics (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2103) (Sp, Su, Fa) <sup>1</sup>		
WCOB 1033 Data Analysis and Interpretation (Sp, Su, Fa)		
General Elective		
Science University/State Core Lecture with Corequisite Lab	4	
General Elective	3	
PLSC 3000-4000+ Level Elective <sup>1,2</sup>		3
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Select one of the following:		3
Track A		
World Language 2013 Intermediate II level		
Track B		
PHIL 2003 Introduction to Philosophy (ACTS Equivalency = PHIL 1103) (Sp, Su, Fa) or PHIL 2203 Logic (ACTS Equivalency = PHIL 1003) (Sp, Su, Fa)		
Fulbright College 3000-4000+ Level Elective <sup>1,2</sup>		3
Science University/State Core Lecture with Corequisite Lab		4
Year Total:	16	16

Third Year	Units	
	Fall	Spring
PLSC 3000-4000+ Level Elective <sup>1,2</sup>	3	
PLSC 3000-4000+ Level Elective <sup>1,2</sup>	3	
Advanced Level Elective <sup>1</sup>	3	

Advanced Level Elective <sup>1</sup>	3	
Advanced Level Elective <sup>1</sup>	3	
PLSC 3000-4000+ Level Elective <sup>1,2</sup>		3
PLSC 3000-4000+ Level Elective <sup>1,2</sup>		3
3000-4000+ Level Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
General Electives or Advanced Electives		6
Year Total:	15	15

Fourth Year	Units	
	Fall	Spring
PLSC 3000-4000+ Level Elective <sup>1,2</sup>	3	
Advanced Level Elective <sup>1</sup>	3	
3000-4000+ Level Elective <sup>1</sup>	3	
General Electives	6	
General Electives as needed to total 120 degree credits		13
Year Total:	15	13

Total Units in Sequence: 120

<sup>1</sup> Meets 40-hour advanced credit hour requirement. See College Academic Regulations (<http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/collegesandschools/jwilliamfulbrightcollegeofartsandsciences>).

<sup>2</sup> 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>).

<sup>3</sup> 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/collegesandschools/jwilliamfulbrightcollegeofartsandsciences/africanandafricanamericanstudiesaast>).

**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/jwilliamfulbrightcollegeofartsandsciences/journalismjourthewalterjlemkedepartmentof/journalismpoliticalsciencedegreetext>). 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/jwilliamfulbrightcollegeofartsandsciences/latinamericanandlatinostudieslast>).

## Minor in Political Science

Requirements are 18 hours including PLSC 2003 and PLSC 2013. 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:

AGEC 3503	Agricultural Law I (Fa)	3
BLAW 3033	Commercial Law (Sp)	3
CMJS 2043	Criminal Law and Society (Sp, Fa)	3
CMJS 3503	Criminal Procedures (Irregular)	3
CMJS 3513	Criminal Evidence (Irregular)	3
COMM 4113	Legal Communication (Irregular)	3
FDSC 3202	Introduction to Food Law (Sp)	2
JOUR 3633	Media Law (Sp, Fa)	3
OMGT 4313	Law and Ethics (Sp, Su, Fa)	3
PHIL 4143	Philosophy of Law (Irregular)	3
PLSC 3203	Introduction to Legal Studies (Sp, Fa)	3
PLSC 3213	The South and the Law: Race, Gender, and Citizenship (Fa)	3
PLSC 3243	The Judicial Process (Fa)	3
PLSC 3813	International Law (Fa)	3
PLSC 4193	Administrative Law (Sp)	3
PLSC 4253	The U.S. Constitution I (Sp)	3
PLSC 4263	The U.S. Constitution II (Irregular)	3

Students should consult with their adviser each semester.

## Minor in Planning

The departments of Landscape Architecture and Political Science collaboratively offer an interdisciplinary minor in Planning for students interested in regional and urban 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 (Sp)	6
or LARC 5493	Environmental Land Use Planning (Sp)	
and one 3 credit-hour elective from the Spatial Concentration		

PLSC 3253	Urban Politics (Sp)	3
PLSC 4103	Introduction to Urban Planning (Fa)	3

**Electives** 6

Select two courses from one group

### Policy Group:

ANTH 4443	Cultural Resource Management I (Sp)
ANTH 5113	Anthropology of the City (Irregular)
ENSC 3413	Principles of Environmental Economics (Sp)
LARC 4033	Theory (Fa)
LARC 4743	Public Participation in Design and Planning (Irregular) (Public Participation in Design and Planning not offered until 2014)
PLSC 390V	Special Topics (Sp, Su, Fa)
PLSC 4283	Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations (Even years, Sp)
HDFS 4603	Environmental Sociology (Fa)
SCMT 3443	Transportation and Distribution Management (Sp, Fa)
<b>Spatial Group:</b>	
ARCH 5493	History of Urban Form (Irregular)
ARCH 5933	Preservation and Restoration (Irregular)
ANTH 5113	Anthropology of the City (Irregular)
ENSC 3413	Principles of Environmental Economics (Sp)
GEOS 4073	Urban Geography (Sp)
LARC 402V	Special Studies (Irregular)
LARC 4033	Theory (Fa)
LARC 4753	Incremental Sprawl Repair (Irregular) (Incremental Sprawl Repair not offered until 2014)
LARC 5053	Historic Landscape Preservation (Irregular)
HDFS 4603	Environmental Sociology (Fa)
<b>Environmental Group:</b>	
ANTH 4443	Cultural Resource Management I (Sp)
ANTH 4603	Landscape Archaeology (Fa)
BIOL 3863	General Ecology (Sp, Fa)
ENSC 3223	Ecosystems Assessment (Even years, Fa)
ENSC 3221L	Ecosystems Assessment Laboratory (Even years, Fa)
ENSC 3413	Principles of Environmental Economics (Sp)
LARC 4033	Theory (Fa)
LARC 5053	Historic Landscape Preservation (Irregular)
HDFS 4603	Environmental Sociology (Fa)
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, 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/jwilliamfulbrightcollegeofartsandsciences/#fieldsostudytext>) 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.

## Courses

### PLSC 2003. American National Government (ACTS Equivalency = PLSC 2003) (Sp, Su, Fa). 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. Required of all political science majors.

### PLSC 2003H. Honors American National Government (Fa). 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.

This course is equivalent to PLSC 2003.

### PLSC 2013. Introduction to Comparative Politics (Sp, Su, Fa). 3 Hours.

An introductory survey of comparative political systems.

### PLSC 2203. State and Local Government (ACTS Equivalency = PLSC 2103) (Odd years, Fa). 3 Hours.

Organization and functions of state and local governments in the United States, intergovernmental relations, administration, adjudication, and the organization and function of political parties on state and local levels.

### PLSC 2813. Introduction to International Relations (Sp, Fa). 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.

### PLSC 300V. Internship in Public Affairs (Sp, Su, Fa). 1-3 Hour.

Work experience in a public agency arranged by the student under the guidance of a faculty member. Paper required. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

### PLSC 3103. Public Administration (Sp). 3 Hours.

Trends and organization of public administration, dynamics of management; fiscal and personnel management; administrative powers and responsibility. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003.

### PLSC 3153. Public Policy (Fa). 3 Hours.

A study of public policy formulation, implementation, and evaluation at various levels of government. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003.

### PLSC 3183. Public Personnel Management (Irregular). 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.

### PLSC 3203. Introduction to Legal Studies (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.

An examination of the legal profession, legal writing, and the substantive areas of law in the U.S. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003.

**PLSC 3213. The South and the Law: Race, Gender, and Citizenship (Fa). 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.

**PLSC 3223. Arkansas Politics and the Nation (Sp). 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.

**PLSC 3233. The American Congress (Fa). 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.

**PLSC 3243. The Judicial Process (Fa). 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.

**PLSC 3253. Urban Politics (Sp). 3 Hours.**

Analysis of comparative urban systems, including political process, public policy, social problems, governmental structure, and voter behavior. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003.

**PLSC 3263. Latino Politics (Fa). 3 Hours.**

Analyzes the social, economic, and political issues impacting the Latino (or Hispanic) community in the United States. Attention is paid to how the community itself responds to and influences these factors.

**PLSC 3283. Civil Rights Policy and Politics (Sp). 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.

This course is cross-listed with AAST 3283.

**PLSC 3293. African American Politics (Fa). 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.

This course is cross-listed with AAST 3293.

**PLSC 3303. American Political Development (Irregular). 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.

**PLSC 3503. Governments and Politics of East Asia (Fa). 3 Hours.**

Comparative analysis of structures, processes, and problems of the political systems of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Japan, and the Peoples Republic of China. Prerequisite: PLSC 2013.

**PLSC 3523. Politics of the Middle East (Fa). 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.

**PLSC 3553. Western European Politics (Irregular). 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.

**PLSC 3573. Governments and Politics of Latin America (Irregular). 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.

**PLSC 3593. Politics of Mexico (Sp). 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.

**PLSC 3603. Scope and Methods of Political Science (Irregular). 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.

**PLSC 3803. International Organization (Sp). 3 Hours.**

The theory and practice of international organizations past and present, with emphasis on the United States and a critical examination of current trends. Prerequisite: Junior standing.

**PLSC 3813. International Law (Fa). 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.

**PLSC 3823. Theories of International Relations (Sp). 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 2013.

**PLSC 3853. American Foreign Policy (Fa). 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 2013.

**PLSC 390V. Special Topics (Sp, Su, Fa). 1-3 Hour.**

Special topics in political science. May be repeated for degree credit.

**PLSC 3913. American Political Thought Before 1900 (Irregular). 3 Hours.**

Major ideas, issues, and arguments in American Political Thought from the colonial period to approximately 1900. May be repeated for degree credit.

**PLSC 3923H. Honors Colloquium (Irregular). 3 Hours.**

Covers a special topic or issue, offered as part of the honors program. Prerequisite: Honors candidacy in political science. May be repeated for degree credit.

**PLSC 3933. Contemporary American Political Thought (Irregular). 3 Hours.**

Twentieth century American political thought, including who should participate, expanding concepts of freedom, political economy, equality, feminism, rights, conservatism and liberalism.

**PLSC 394V. Readings in Political Science (Sp, Su, Fa). 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. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

**PLSC 3983. Politics in Literature (Sp). 3 Hours.**

Analysis of political theories and issues through extensive reading and discussion of selected works of literature. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003 or PLSC 2013.

**PLSC 399VH. Honors Course (Irregular). 1-3 Hour.**

Prerequisite: Junior standing. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

**PLSC 400V. Special Topics (Irregular). 1-3 Hour.**

Topics in political science not usually covered in other courses. May be repeated for degree credit.

**PLSC 4103. Introduction to Urban Planning (Fa). 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. Prerequisite: PLSC 3253.

This course is cross-listed with PADM 5833.

**PLSC 4193. Administrative Law (Sp). 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.

**PLSC 4203. American Political Parties (Irregular). 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.

**PLSC 4213. Campaigns and Elections (Irregular). 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.

**PLSC 4233. The American Chief Executive (Sp). 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.

**PLSC 4253. The U.S. Constitution I (Sp). 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.

**PLSC 4263. The U.S. Constitution II (Irregular). 3 Hours.**

United States Supreme Court decisions interpreting the political, economic, and civil rights of individuals and groups. Prerequisite: PLSC 2003.

**PLSC 4273. Political Psychology (Irregular). 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.

**PLSC 4283. Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations (Even years, Sp). 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.

**PLSC 4303. History of Political Parties in the U.S. 1789-1896 (Even years, Fa). 3 Hours.**

Origin and development of the American party system from the implementation of the Constitution to the election of McKinley.

This course is cross-listed with HIST 4503.

**PLSC 4313. History of Political Parties in the United States Since 1896 (Odd years, Sp). 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.

This course is cross-listed with HIST 4513.

**PLSC 4323. Racial Identity, Politics, and Public Policy (Even years, Sp). 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.

This course is cross-listed with AAST 4323.

**PLSC 4333. Southern Politics (Sp). 3 Hours.**

Evaluates the significance of the southern region within the national political scene, as well as discuss 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.

**PLSC 4343. Money and Politics (Fa). 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.

**PLSC 4373. Political Communication (Even years, Sp). 3 Hours.**

Study of the nature and function of the communication process as it operates in the political environment.

This course is cross-listed with COMM 4373.

**PLSC 4513. Creating Democracies (Even years, Fa). 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.

**PLSC 4533. China's Foreign Trade and International Order: History, Policy, and Theory (Irregular). 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.

This course is cross-listed with HIST 4533, ECON 4533.

**PLSC 4563. Government and Politics of Russia (Even years, Sp). 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.

**PLSC 4573. Gender and Politics (Irregular). 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.

**PLSC 4583. Political Economy of East Asia (Sp). 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.

**PLSC 4593. Islam and Politics (Fa). 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.

**PLSC 4613. Social Network Analysis (Fa). 3 Hours.**

Introduces the fundamentals of Social Network Analysis (SNA), and its applications for research in various social science fields. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013.

This course is cross-listed with SOCI 4183.

**PLSC 4803. Foreign Policy Analysis (Irregular). 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.

**PLSC 4823. Foreign Policy of East Asia (Sp). 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.

**PLSC 4833. International Political Economy (Fa). 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.

**PLSC 4843. The Middle East in World Affairs (Sp). 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.

**PLSC 4853. International Norms and Corporate Social Responsibility (Sp). 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.

**PLSC 4863. Political Psychology and International Relations (Irregular). 3 Hours.**

Examines psychological approaches to international relations and examines how these perspectives advance the study of world politics.

**PLSC 4873. Inter-American Politics (Irregular). 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.

**PLSC 4883. Politics of International Law (Irregular). 3 Hours.**

This course examines the interaction between law and politics in the international system, focusing on international law.

**PLSC 4933. African American Political Ideology (Odd years, Sp). 3 Hours.**

A survey course designed to identify and examine characteristics and functions of several variants of black political ideology/thought.

This course is cross-listed with AAST 4933.

**PLSC 498V. Senior Thesis (Sp, Su, Fa). 1-6 Hour.****PLSC 499VH. Honors Essay (Sp, Su, Fa). 1-3 Hour.**

Not part of the 30 hours requirement for the major. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.