

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA)

## Curriculum

To graduate with a major in Political Science, students must complete 33 hours of course work (11 courses) in the department or through transfer or advanced placement credit. All majors are required to take any three of the following four courses: PLSC 100 Political Theory, PLSC 101 American Politics, PLSC 102 International Relations in an Age of Globalization, and PLSC 103 Comparative Politics plus one upper-division (200- or 300-level) course from each of the discipline's four subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations and Political Theory.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>PLSC Requirements</b>		
<i>Select three of the following:</i> <sup>1</sup>		9
PLSC 100	Political Theory	
PLSC 101	American Politics	
PLSC 102	International Relations in an Age of Globalization	
PLSC 103	Comparative Politics	
<i>Subfield Requirements</i>		
One (1) course in American Politics Subfield		3
One (1) course in Political Theory Subfield		3
One (1) course in Comparative Politics Subfield		3
One (1) course in International Relations Subfield		3
<i>Four (4) PLSC Electives</i>		12
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>33</b>

<sup>1</sup> If students take PLSC 100, 101, or 102 as the three required courses for the major, they can also take PLSC 103 and have it count as an elective in the major. Students in the BA/MA Political Science and Students in the BA/MA in International Affairs can count two of the graduate level courses (at the 400 or 500 level) that they take in their senior year as electives in the PLSC major, alongside the other two courses at the 200 or 300 level.

## Curricular Notes

- The Political Science internship program (PLSC 370), a 3- or 6-credit hour course, counts as one of the four Political Science electives. Only 3 credits of PLSC 370 may count toward the PLSC major, the other three will be counted as general electives. An exception is made for students who complete an internship in Chicago as well as an internship via the Washington, DC program. In that case, 3 credit hours from each internship may be applied to the major.
- The following courses do not fulfill subfield requirements but do count as electives toward the PLSC major: PLSC 396 Directed Readings and PLSC 216 Political Numbers (PLSC 216 also fulfills the core quantitative reasoning requirement for PLSC majors only.)
- The following courses neither fulfill subfield requirements nor count as electives toward the PLSC major: PLSC 395 Political Science Honors Seminar. This is an extra course that students take beyond the major requirements in order to graduate with Honors in Political Science.

## Subfield Courses

### American Politics

Code	Title	Hours
PLSC 202	Mock Trial <sup>1</sup>	3
PLSC 203	Moot Court <sup>1</sup>	3
PLSC 208	Representation in the United States	3
PLSC 215	Politics of Marginalized Groups	3
PLSC 218	African-American Politics	3
PLSC 236	Political Communication	3
PLSC 238	Political Advocacy	3
PLSC 251	Women in American Politics	3
PLSC 300A	Contemporary Political Issues: American Politics	3
PLSC 318	Politics & the Economy	3
PLSC 319	Women, Law & Public Policy	3
PLSC 320	Constitutional Law-Due Process	3
PLSC 321	Constitutional Law-Powers of Government	3
PLSC 322	Constitutional Law-Rights and Liberties	3
PLSC 323	Children, Law & Public Policy	3
PLSC 324	Civil-Military Relations	3
PLSC 326	American National Security	3
PLSC 327	Political Psychology	3
PLSC 328	Political Behavior	3
PLSC 329	Interest Group Politics	3
PLSC 332	Politics of American Bureaucracies	3
PLSC 334	Urban Policies and Problems	3
PLSC 335	Urban Semester Seminar	3
PLSC 357	Hollywood and Law	3
PLSC 372	Crime, Race & Violence	3
PLSC 376	Political Behavior and Public Opinion	3
PLSC 377	American Public Policies	3
PLSC 378	Intro to Political Economy	3
PLSC 379	The Legislative Process	3
PLSC 380	Public Policy Analysis	3
PLSC 381	The American Presidency	3
PLSC 384	The Judicial Process	3
PLSC 385	Introduction to Law	3
PLSC 386	Campaigns and Elections	3
PLSC 387	Politics and the Press	3
PLSC 389	State Politics	3
PLSC 390	Urban Politics	3
PLSC 391	Chicago Politics	3
PLSC 392	Environmental Politics	3
PLSC 393	Black Politics	3
PLSC 398	Washington DC Internship Seminar <sup>2</sup>	3

<sup>1</sup> This course is Engaged Learning.

<sup>2</sup> This course is Writing Intensive.

### Political Theory

Code	Title	Hours
PLSC 300B	Contemporary Political Issues: Political Theory	3
PLSC 301	Political Justice	3
PLSC 302	American Political Thought	3

PLSC 303	Conservatism	3	PLSC 333	Crossing Borders: The Politics of Immigration	3
PLSC 304	Ancient Political Thought	3	PLSC 340	International Relations of Africa	3
PLSC 306	Modern Political Thought	3	PLSC 350	Politics of International Economic Relations	3
PLSC 307	Democratic Theory	3	PLSC 351	Latin American International System	3
PLSC 308	Contemporary Political Thought	3	PLSC 353	International Law	3
PLSC 309	Socialism	3	PLSC 354	Global Environmental Politics	3
PLSC 310B	Catholic Political Thought	3	PLSC 356	Intervent in World Politics	3
PLSC 312	Feminist Theory	3	PLSC 358	War, Peace and Politics	3
PLSC 313	Resistance and Obligation	3	PLSC 358D	The Scientific Study of War	3
PLSC 314	Liberalism	3	PLSC 363	International Politics	3
PLSC 330	Global Justice	3	PLSC 364	UN & International Organization	3
PLSC 331	Islamic Political Thought	3	PLSC 367	Model United Nations <sup>1</sup>	3
PLSC 339	Political Ideologies	3	PLSC 369	Politics of Energy	3
PLSC 373	Politics and Literature	3	GLST 302	States and Firms	3
PLSC 388	The Morality and Legality of War	3	GLST 305	Globalization and Environmental Sustainability	3

### Comparative Politics

Code	Title	Hours
PLSC 232	Politics of the United Kingdom	3
PLSC 300C	Contemporary Political Issues: Comparative Politics	3
PLSC 336	Politics in Contemporary China	3
PLSC 337	Terrorism	3
PLSC 338		3
PLSC 339	Political Ideologies	3
PLSC 342	African Politics	3
PLSC 343	Latin American Politics	3
PLSC 344	Contemporary Issues in Latin America	3
PLSC 345	South & Southeast Asian Politics	3
PLSC 346	East Asian Politics	3
PLSC 347	The European Union	3
PLSC 348	Soviet & Post-Soviet Politics	3
PLSC 349	Eastern European Politics	3
PLSC 352	Canadian Politics	3
PLSC 355C	Women and Politics: A Cross-National Perspective	3
PLSC 359	Revolutions	3
PLSC 360	Western European Politics	3
PLSC 362	Politics Developing Societies	3
PLSC 365	Italian Politics & Government	3
PLSC 366	Dictatorship	3
PLSC 368	Politics of the Middle East	3
PLSC 374	Democracy	3
GLST 303	Technological Change and Society	3

### International Relations

Code	Title	Hours
PLSC 204	Conflict Management	3
PLSC 213	International Human Rights	3
PLSC 252	Capitalism and Its Discontents	3
PLSC 300D	Contemporary Political issues in International Relations	3
PLSC 316	Politics of Genocide	3
PLSC 317	Politics of International Health	3
PLSC 325	American Foreign Policy	3

<sup>1</sup> This course is Engaged Learning.

### Majors Declared Prior to July 2021

All students who declared their major prior to July 1 2021, are subject to the previous requirements: they are required to take all three of the following courses: PLSC 100 Political Theory, PLSC 101 American Politics, and PLSC 102 International Relations in an Age of Globalization plus one upper-division (200- or 300-level) course from each of the discipline's four subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations and Political Theory.

### Transferring Credit

At least 17 credit hours of PLSC courses must be completed at Loyola.

### Double Dipping Policy

Political Science adheres to the CAS Double Dipping Policy (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#policiestext>).

### College of Arts and Sciences Graduation Requirements

All Undergraduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to take two Writing Intensive courses (6 credit hours) as well as complete a foreign language requirement at 102-level or higher (3 credit hours) or a language competency test. More information can be found here (<https://www.luc.edu/cas/college-requirements/>).

### Additional Undergraduate Graduation Requirements

All Undergraduate students are required to complete the University Core, at least one Engaged Learning course, and UNIV 101. SCPS students are not required to take UNIV 101. Nursing students in the Accelerated BSN program are not required to take core or UNIV 101. You can find more information in the University Requirements (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/university-requirements/>) area.

### Learning Outcomes

The BA in Political Science is designed to achieve the following learning outcomes:

- Provide students with an in-depth understanding of four foundational areas in the discipline of Political Science:
  - American Politics, including U.S. institutions and political processes.
  - Comparative Politics of various regions of the world, such as Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.
  - International Relations, most notably the impact of globalization on international affairs, and how it relates to U.S. foreign policy.
  - Political Theory, or the study of political philosophy ranging from Ancient to Modern and Contemporary political thought.
- Provide students more broadly with an in-depth understanding of political institutions and processes in the United States and abroad.
- Challenge students to think critically about various dilemmas, including achieving justice, in political life.
- Enhance the ability of students to express their thoughts in writing (all upper division Political Science classes include a significant writing component).
- Prepare majors for purposeful careers in politics, government, international affairs, law, the non-profit world, journalism, business, education, social services, and other professions.
- Prepare majors for further graduate or professional study at professional schools and institutions of higher learning, both in the U.S. and abroad.

and Covey (spring semester) lecture series that bring prominent scholars and political figures to Loyola every semester to share their ideas and to meet with students.

For more information, please contact Professor David Doherty (ddoherty@luc.edu), Undergraduate Program Director for the Department of Political Science.

We as a Political Science department also encourage our students to take advantage of additional learning opportunities through numerous Political Science-sponsored programs that will enhance learning outcomes:

- Obtain professional experience through our Chicago-based internship program that places students in host offices throughout Chicago during the fall, spring, and summer sessions, including participating in an internship class where you share your experiences with other student interns.
- Obtain professional experience through our Washington DC-based internship program, in which students spend either the fall or spring semester in Washington DC interning and taking classes full-time at Loyola's new Washington DC center with Loyola faculty and under the guidance of a Loyola Resident Director.
- Acquire unique experience through semester-long programs, most notably the department's Model United Nations (spring semester), Mock Trial (spring semester), and Moot Court (fall semester) programs, each of which involves national competitions and a semester-long class.
- Acquire advanced methodological training, most notably through the Political Science "Political Numbers" class that satisfies the Quantitative Knowledge requirement of the Core Curriculum for Political Science students.
- Acquire advanced research skills by working on a research project under the mentorship of individual faculty members through Loyola's Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (LURUP) and other internal or external grants.
- Gain international, cross-cultural experience by participating in study abroad opportunities led by Political Science faculty or more broadly offered through Loyola's Office for International Programs (OIP).
- Graduate with Honors in Political Science by applying for enrollment in the Political Science Honors Seminar which is offered each spring semester and open to students in their junior and senior years.
- Strengthen class-based learning by attending Political Science-sponsored events, most notably our endowed Hartigan (fall semester)