

POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

Curriculum

To graduate with a minor in Political Science, students must complete 18 hours of course work (6 courses) in the department or through transfer or advanced placement credit.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
Select two of the following:		6
PLSC 100	Political Theory	
PLSC 101	American Politics	
PLSC 102	International Relations in an Age of Globalization	
PLSC 103	Comparative Politics	
Select four additional courses, either introductory or upper-level classes, regardless of the subfield.		12
Total Hours		18

Subfield Courses

American Politics

Code	Title	Hours
PLSC 202	Mock Trial ¹	3
PLSC 203	Moot Court ¹	3
PLSC 208	Representation in the United States	3
PLSC 215	Politics of Marginalized Groups	3
PLSC 218	African-American Politics	3
PLSC 224		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 ²	3

¹ This course is Engaged Learning.

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

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Learning Outcomes

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

- Provide students with an introduction to three foundational areas in the discipline of Political Science:
 - American Politics, including U.S. institutions and political processes.
 - 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 minors for purposeful careers in politics, government, international affairs, law, the non-profit world, journalism, business, education, social services, and other professions.
- Prepare minors for further graduate or professional study at professional schools and institutions of higher learning, both in the U.S. and abroad.

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.
- Learn about the Comparative Politics of various regions of the world, such as Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.
- Acquire advanced research skills by working on a research project under the mentorship of individual faculty members through Loyola's Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (LUROP) 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).
- Strengthen class-based learning by attending Political Science-sponsored events, most notably our endowed Hartigan (fall semester) 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.

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