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.

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<td>PLSC 102 International Relations in an Age of Globalization</td>
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<td>PLSC 103 Comparative Politics</td>
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Total Hours 18

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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