

# POLITICAL SCIENCE AND LAW

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**Degree Offered:**

Bachelor of Arts.

**Professors:**

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**Associate Professors:**

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**Assistant Professor:**

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**Professional Accreditations or Memberships:**

American Political Science Association

**Student Organizations/Clubs:**

Prelaw Society

**Career Possibilities:**

For information about graduate school, law school or careers in political science, visit the department's website at [www.uwp.edu](http://www.uwp.edu)  
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## Department Overview

The Political Science and Law Department at UW-Parkside provides many educational opportunities for the undergraduate student. The department's strengths are in comparative politics, international relations, American politics, public policy and administration, and legal studies. A unique feature of the department is the internship program, which permits students to earn academic credit while directly experiencing government, politics, public administration and law.

## Preparation for Graduate School

The undergraduate major in political science can help prepare an individual for graduate study in law, public administration, the policy sciences, political science, or criminal justice. Internships, independent study, and off-campus programs for credit course work in political science provide an opening to the ideas and tools used in the field. Through internships with politicians and public officials, such as the district attorney and social service agencies, these tools and ideas may be used and evaluated in practice. The credit-bearing internship offers an excellent opportunity for exploring employment possibilities while supplementing academic training.

Independent-study projects are strongly encouraged for political science students who wish to acquire the ability to do research and to explore their own interests. Off-campus programs provide a third possibility for professional development outside of regular course work. Programs in New York with the United Nations and

in Washington with the federal government are available as are other individualized arrangements.

## Requirements for Admission to the Political Science Major and to the Major with a Concentration in Law

1. A student must be in good academic standing at the time of declaring the major.
2. At least two courses in political science in courses numbered 100 through 105 with a grade of C or better in each course. (C-minus does not count.)

## Requirements for the Political Science Major (34 credits)

This department offers the two major options: the traditional major in political science and the major in political science with a concentration in law. Students need to complete the requirements for one of these options. For example, a student choosing to major in political science with a concentration in law needs to meet the requirements listed under the concentration in law. The major in political science consists of a minimum of 34 credits. Students must complete a minimum of 15 credits at UW-Parkside in their major in courses numbered 300 or above in addition to POLS 445 Senior Seminar in Political Science. These credits are to be distributed as follows:

1. **Three of the following introductory courses: (9 credits)**

POLS 100	American Politics . . . . .	3 cr
POLS 103	Introduction to Comparative Politics . .	3 cr
POLS 104	Introduction to International Relations . .	3 cr
POLS 105	Political Beliefs . . . . .	3 cr
POLS 202	Public Policy . . . . .	3 cr
2. **The following course: (4 credits)**

POLS 200	Research Methods and Sources . . . . .	4 cr
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This course is required even if another research methods courses has been taken.
3. **Nine credits from the following advanced courses with at least one course from each of the three groups identified below: (9 credits)**

American Politics: POLS 214, 215, 216, 301, 360, 375, 385, 395

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World Politics: POLS 224, 304, 330, 331, 332, 334, 335, 340, 341, 350, 415

Political Theory: POLS 207, 303, 304, 306, 307, 332, 334, 350

Note: Students may count POLS 304, 332, 334, and 350 for world politics or political theory, not for both.

**4. And at least three additional courses numbered 300 or above: (9 credits)**

The political science internship and independent study are recommended options but are not required. No more than 6 credits of internship and 3 credits of independent study can be counted toward meeting the credit-hour requirements for the major. Independent study credits do not count toward meeting the 15 upper-level credit-hour requirement for the major. Only 3 credits of internship credit can be used to meet the 15 upper-level credit-hour requirement for the major.

**5. POLS 445 Senior Seminar in Political Science (3 cr)**

All students must complete their degree program within 10 years of declaring a major or minor in political science, or the concentration in law, or completing their first course in political science, whichever is earlier. Credits earned at UW-Parkside or at any other institution that are more than 10 years old cannot be used to complete any major, minor or concentration offered by this department. A student who has been inactive for three or more years must reapply for admission to the major. The department reserves the right to require additional credits or course work.

## Requirements for the Political Science Major with a Concentration in Law (34 credits)

This department offers a concentration in law for political science majors interested in pursuing a career in law or legal studies (practicing law, teaching law, court administration, and government agencies). The concentration in law brings together the most significant perspectives and tools required for a thorough preparation in law and legal studies, grounded in democratic theory and practice.

Students must complete a minimum of 15 credits at UW-Parkside in their major in courses numbered 300 or above. This concentration requires a minimum of 34 credits. These credits are distributed as follows:

**1. Required courses: (22 credits)**

- POLS 100 American Politics . . . . . 3 cr
- POLS 200 Research Methods and Sources\* . . . . . 4 cr
- POLS 209 Legal Research and Writing . . . . . 3 cr
- POLS 216 Introduction to Law . . . . . 3 cr
- POLS 310 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties . . . . . 3 cr
- POLS 320 Constitutional Law: The Structure of Government . . . . . 3 cr
- POLS 444 Legal Studies Capstone . . . . . 3 cr

\* POLS 200 is required even if another research methods courses has been taken.

**2. Three credits from the following: (3 credits)**

- POLS 103 Introduction to Comparative Politics . . 3 cr
- POLS 104 Introduction to International Relations . . 3 cr
- POLS 105 Political Beliefs . . . . . 3 cr

**3. Nine credits from the following with at least 3 of the credits in POLS: (9 credits)**

- BUS 372 Business Law . . . . . 3 cr
- COMM 485 Practicum in Conflict Intervention . . . 3 cr
- CRMJ 325 Restorative Justice . . . . . 3 cr
- CRMJ 380 Criminal Law . . . . . 3 cr
- HSEM 300 Legal Issues in Sport and Fitness Management . . . . . 3 cr
- HSEM 400 Advanced Legal Issues in Sport Management . . . . . 3 cr
- PHIL 350 Philosophy of Law . . . . . 3 cr
- POLS 302 Environmental Policy . . . . . 3 cr
- POLS 315 Diversity Law: Tribal Nations . . . . . 3 cr
- POLS 316 Diversity Law: African Americans . . . . 3 cr
- POLS 415 International Law . . . . . 3 cr
- POLS 400 Internship\*\* . . . . . 3 cr
- SOCA 359 Law and Society . . . . . 3 cr

**4. Strongly recommended:**

- PHIL 201 Logic . . . . . 3 cr

\*\* A maximum of 3 credits of internship can be applied to the 9 credits required in this category.

**Note:** Courses in other departments may have course or departmental prerequisites.

## Student-Designed Political Science Minor (18 credits)

The following are the requirements for the political science minor: (18 credits)

Two introductory courses at the 100 level. (6 credits)

One course at the 200 level. (3 credits)

Three courses at the 300 level. (9 credits)

## World Politics Minor (18 credits)

The following are the requirements for the world politics minor: (18 credits)

- POLS 103 Introduction to Comparative Politics . . 3 cr
- POLS 104 Introduction to International Relations . . 3 cr
- POLS 304 Theories of International Relations . . . 3 cr

or

- POLS 350 Theories of Comparative Politics . . . . . 3 cr

Three additional courses from the group below :

World Politics: POLS 224, 304, 330, 331, 332, 334, 335, 340, 341, 350, 415.

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## Public Policy Studies Minor: (15 credits)

POLS 202	Public Policy . . . . .	3 cr
POLS 203	Women, Power and Politics . . . . .	3 cr
POLS 250	Introduction to Public Administration . . .	3 cr
POLS 291	Contemporary Political Issues . . . . .	3 cr

Any relevant public policy POLS 490 special topics course for 3 credits.

**Note:** POLS 200, Research Methods and Sources, is not required for any minor in the department. However, certain advanced courses have POLS 200 as a prerequisite. If you have not taken POLS 200, check with the instructor of a course to see if it is a course prerequisite.

## Teacher Licensure

Students seeking teacher licensure in a political science major or minor must fulfill Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction requirements; therefore course requirements may differ from those of the non-teaching major and minor. Information about the teacher education program and additional requirements for licensure can be obtained from the Political Science and Law Department or the teacher education adviser at 262-595-2100.

## Courses in Political Science (POLS)

- 100 American Politics .....3 cr  
*Prereq: None. Freq: Fall, Spring, Summer.*  
The institutions, processes and dynamics of the American governmental system. Special emphasis is placed on problems of policy making in a pluralistic democratic system.
- 103 Introduction to Comparative Politics.....3 cr  
*Prereq: None. Freq: Fall.*  
Introduction to comparative governments with selected examples from the developed and developing world. Structural and functional evaluation of comparative performance in areas of political systems, economic programs, social equality and quality of life.
- 104 Introduction to International Relations .....3 cr  
*Prereq: None. Freq: Fall, Spring.*  
Historical development of the international political system, basic foreign policy analysis, conflict and cooperation among nation states and emphasis on current issues in international systems (terrorism, arms races/arms control, ecology).
- 105 Political Beliefs.....3 cr  
*Prereq: None. Freq: Fall, Spring.*  
Introduction to liberalism, conservatism, socialism, fascism, fundamentalism, and concepts of liberation. Discussion of the current political uses of these ideas.

- 200 Research Methods and Sources .....4 cr  
*Prereq: Completion of POLS introductory sequence. Freq: Yearly.*  
Methods, philosophy and sources of political science research. Required for the major in political science and for the concentration in legal studies.
- 202 Public Policy .....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100. Freq: Yearly.*  
The processes, problems, methods and issues involved in the formulation of public policies. Emphasis on policy formation at the national, state and local levels. Case studies employed.
- 203 Women, Power and Politics .....3 cr  
*Prereq: None. Freq: Occasionally.*  
Examination of the environmental, systematic and political variables that define the existing and potential political position of women in a variety of international cultures. Cross-listed with WOMS 203.
- 207 Classical Political Philosophy.....3 cr  
*Prereq: One of the following: POLS 105, PHIL 101, HIST 118. Freq: Occasionally.*  
The works of classical Greek political philosophers Thucydides, Plato and Aristotle. Cross-listed with PHIL 207.
- 209 Legal Research and Writing.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100. Freq: Yearly.*  
Analysis of the case reporting systems, access to legal journals, statutory law reporting, research on the web, and other research tools. The basics of writing legal briefs, documents, and research papers will be covered.
- 214 Legislative Politics.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100. Freq: Occasionally.*  
Analysis of the nature of Congressional behavior, the legislative process, and the structure of Congress. Case studies included. Problems of Congressional reform.
- 215 The Presidency.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100. Freq: Occasionally.*  
The office of the president of the United States as an institution and as shaped by its incumbent. The president's political, statesman, social and ceremonial roles. Comparative material included where relevant.
- 216 Introduction to Law.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100. Freq: Spring.*  
Utilizing the case approach, students will analyze the structure of the legal system, the process of judicial decision making, legal remedies, and will be introduced to substantive areas of the law, including contracts, property, family law and torts.
- 221 Politics, Law and Society .....3 cr  
*Prereq: None. Freq: Yearly.*  
Issues in political philosophy such as the nature and justification of political doctrines and systems, and analysis of such concepts as justice, freedom, equality and authority. May be repeated once for credit with different content. Cross-listed with PHIL 220.

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- 224 American Foreign Policy** .....3 cr  
*Prereq: One POLS course or junior standing. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Formulation and implementation of foreign policy in the United States. Relationship of American foreign policy to its domestic foundations and to the larger international system.
- 250 Introduction to Public Administration**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Contemporary public administration theory and practice. The impact of politics on administrative decision making. Case studies and simulations where applicable.
- 290 Special Topics in Political Science**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100 or consent of instructor and section prereqs. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Selected topics in political science will be studied.
- 291 Contemporary Political Issues**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100 or consent of instructor. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Examination of issues, problems, and events of current interest. Subject matter varies. May be taken as often as a new topic is featured.
- 301 Sexuality and Politics** .....3cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100 or consent of instructor. Freq: Fall, Spring*  
 Explores intersections among various identities—gender, race, ethnicity, class, nationality and sexuality—and American politics. Central emphasis will be placed upon the roles played by sexual identity, sexual orientation, and/or sexual desire in American political debates and public policy questions.
- 302 Environmental Policy**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100 or ENVV minor. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 A survey of the political and social aspects of environmental policy making and how different political decision-making structures respond to various environmental issues.
- 303 Science Fiction and Politics**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 104 or 105. Freq: Summer*  
 Exploration of current political and social issues using works of science fiction. Topics include individualism, collectivism, democracy, gender issues, and biopolitics. Various dystopic political futures will be discussed.
- 304 Theories of International Relations**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 104 and 200. Freq: Spring.*  
 Contemporary theories of international relations with selected applications to current issues or relationships in international politics. Emphasis on critical theories in the evaluation and comparison of various theoretical approaches. Cross-listed with PHIL 304.
- 306 Modern Political Philosophy**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: One of the following: POLS 105, PHIL 101, HIST 119, 120. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 The works of modern political thinkers such as Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Mill, Hegel, Marx and Nietzsche. Cross-listed with PHIL 306.
- 307 Contemporary Political Thought**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: One POLS or PHIL course. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Explores major ideas, directions, issues and problems of contemporary political thinkers. Philosophical dimensions of contemporary political and social problems; applications of concepts to contemporary problems. Cross-listed with PHIL 307.
- 310 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties** .....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100, 200, 209 216. Freq: Yearly.*  
 The nature and scope of constitutional government and limitations on government. Includes due process, equal protection, free speech, freedom of religion, and the implied right to privacy.
- 315 Diversity Law: Tribal Nations**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100 or ETHN minor, POLS 216 recommended. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Tribal relationship with the U.S. government, as nations within a nation. Tribal sovereignty, Marshall trilogy, removal, allotment, Reorganization Act, the Indian Civil Rights Act, termination, Public Law 280, religious freedom, and modern tribal governments. The tribal nations of Wisconsin are emphasized. Cross-listed with ETHN 315.
- 316 Diversity Law: African Americans** .....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100 or ETHN minor. POLS 216 recommended. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Analyzes the relationship of African Americans to the United States Constitution, and includes such topics as slavery, the Fugitive Slave Acts, the Civil War Amendments, segregation, the civil rights movement, voting rights, affirmative action, and housing laws.
- 320 Constitutional Law: The Structure of Government**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100, 200, 209, 216. Freq: Yearly.*  
 The structure of power in the tri-federal system of government as viewed through major decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court. Emphasis on the scope and limitations of executive, judicial, and legislative powers, and on the relationship between the states, federal government, and tribal nations.
- 330 European Politics** .....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 103 or 104. Freq: Spring.*  
 Political culture, political institutions, and public choices of European democratic states. Special focus as well on the history, institutions, and policies of the European Union.
- 331 The Politics of Developing Nations** .....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 103 or 104 and 200. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Political systems in selected African, Middle Eastern, Asian and Latin American countries. Problems of developing political institutions to cope with and generate processes of social change, economic development and cultural independence.
- 332 Socialist Thought and Practice** .....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 103, 104 or 105 and 200. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 The thought of Marx and his later interpreters, such as Lenin and Bernstein. Discussion of the ideological foundations of and political dynamics of socialist systems. May include discussion of other socialist thinkers.

- 334 Resistance** .....3 cr  
*Prereq: Junior standing or consent of instructor. Freq: Yearly.*  
 Examines the dissemination of and resistance to power (in a Foucauldian sense) in the global economy/polity. Introduces the concept of modernity and its underside via Horkheimer and Adorno, & Foucault's notion of power within modern and post-modern contexts. Extends these notions through the works of Deleuze, Hardt and Negri, and others. Cross listed with INTS 334.
- 335 Democratization** .....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 103, POLS 200. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Empirical exploration of how countries democratize as well as concepts and theories regarding these processes. Topics will include maximalist versus minimalist definitions of democracy; how democratization can best be operationalized and measured; and what cultural, economic and political-institutional factors make democratization viable and long-lived.
- 340 The Latin American Left** .....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 104, POLS 200. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Course will focus on the Latin American Left—the environment that spawned it, its historical role in changing Latin American politics, and its role in the present and future political and economic development of the region.
- 341 International Conflict and Cooperation**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 104 and 200. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Cooperation and competition in the anarchic environment of international politics. Selected models of world order investigating integration and fragmentation of nation-states; development and maintenance of international regime structures; and the influence of international/regional organizations.
- 350 Theories of Comparative Politics** .....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 200. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Contemporary theories in comparative politics focusing on major ideas, current issues, actors, institutions, and processes in the analysis of political systems worldwide.
- 356 Political Sociology**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: SOCA 100 or 101. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 An examination of the relationship between politics and the larger social structure, e.g., structure of power in the United States, state, and the economy; political consciousness and the debate on the changing nature of industrial societies. Cross-listed with SOCA 356.
- 360 Political Parties and Interest Groups**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100, 200 (or concurrent registration in 200). Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Political party development in the United States; structure, functions, and behavior of parties and pressure groups; responsiveness to the electorate and public opinion; and some theories on the role of parties and interest groups in a democracy. Comparative material included.
- 375 Campaigns and Elections**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100 and 200 (or concurrent registration in 200). Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Strategies, tactics and resources used in modern political campaigns and their implications. Examination of the U.S. electoral process and proposals for change.
- 385 Public Opinion** .....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100 and 200 (or concurrent registration in 200). Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Formation and interpretation of public opinion and consequence for governance. An analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of opinion surveys will be featured.
- 390 Special Topics** .....3 cr  
*Prereq: None. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Selected topics in political science will be examined. May be repeated for credit with different topic.
- 395 Voting Behavior and Political Participation**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100 and 200 (or concurrent registration in 200). Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Examination and criticism of several competing explanations of voting behavior and political participation in the United States. The dynamics of citizen involvement in the political process will be featured.
- 400 Internship** .....1-12 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100, 200, junior standing. Freq: Fall, Spring, Summer.*  
 Student internship in state, regional, county or local government offices or in the offices of elected officials. A maximum of 6 credits of internship can be counted toward meeting the credit-hour requirements for the major. Internship credit does not count toward the 15 credits of upper-division course work required for the major.
- 415 International Law** .....3 cr  
*Prereq: Senior standing, POLS 104, 200. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Survey course in the international legal relationships among actors in world politics. Although much of the course is an overview of the legal framework of public international law, various case studies are investigated.
- 444 Legal Studies Capstone** .....3 cr  
*Prereq: Senior standing, POLS 209, POLS 216. Freq: Fall.*  
 Moot court experience in which students have the opportunity to apply legal research and legal argumentation skills.
- 445 Senior Seminar in Political Science** .....3 cr  
*Prereq: Senior standing. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 A capstone research experience for majors in their last year. Also serves to assess mastery of the discipline of political science. Required of all political science majors who are not concentrating in legal studies. Required civic initiative project.
- 490 Special Topics in Political Science**.....3 cr  
*Prereq: POLS 100 or consent of instructor and section prereq. Freq: Occasionally.*  
 Select topics in political science will be studied at an advanced level.

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**499 Independent Study .....1-3 cr**

*Prereq: POLS 200, 206, junior standing; consent of instructor and department chair. Freq: Fall, Spring, Summer.*

Each student who wishes to take independent study must work out a program with a member of the political science faculty. A maximum of 3 credits of independent study may be applied toward meeting the credit-hour requirements for the major. Independent study credit does not count toward the 15 credits of upper-division course work required for the major.

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