

BACHELOR OF ARTS

POLITICAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE



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DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The goals of the department are to employ discovery learning to develop an understanding of both the foundational concepts of systems of government and the theoretical concepts that animate contemporary public affairs; to create a balanced perspective among the subdisciplines within political science; to empower the student to integrate lessons learned in other disciplines with those framed in political science and to prepare the student for an effective transition, after graduation, to either career employment or graduate studies.

DEGREE OBJECTIVES

- **Employ** the principles of discovery learning in developing an understanding of both the foundational concepts of systems of government and the theoretical concepts that animate contemporary public affairs.
- **Create** a balanced perspective among the subdisciplines within political science.
- **Empower** students to integrate lessons learned in other disciplines with those framed in political science.
- **Prepare** students for an effective transition, after graduation, to either career employment or graduate studies.

RELATED CAREERS

- Administrator
- Activist
- Campaign Coordinator
- Community Organizer
- Congressional Aide
- Congressperson
- Consultant
- Foreign Correspondent
- Immigration Officer
- Intelligence Officer
- International Development Consultant
- Law Clerk
- Legislative Aide
- Lobbyist
- Policy Analyst
- Political Correspondent
- Press Secretary
- Professor
- Public Affairs Coordinator
- Public Relations Manager
- United Nations Officer

FACULTY

- Frank P. Kessler, Ph.D.**
Professor Emeritus
- Nathan Orlando, Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor
- John F. Settich, Ph.D.**
Professor and Chair
- Kimberly Shankman, Ph.D.**
Professor and
Dean of the College
- Susan Orr Traffas, Ph.D.**
Associate Professor

LOCATION

St. Benedict Hall

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SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSES

FRESHMAN YEAR

POLS-1000 or POLS-1500	Introduction to American Government or Amer. 20th Cent. Pol. History	3
-	Foreign Language	4
THEO-1100	Introduction to Theology	3
ENGL-1010	English Composition	3
PSYC-1000 or SOC-1000	General Psychology or General Sociology	3
GNST-1000	BC Experience	1
Total		17

ECON-2090	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
-	Foreign Language	4
-	Historical Foundation	3
-	Aesthetic experience	3
-	Skills & perspectives course	3
Total		16

SOPHOMORE YEAR

POLS-2010	Comp World Government & Politics	3
EXSC-1115	Wellness for Life	1
-	Faith foundation	3
PHIL-1750	Principles of Nature	3
ACCT-2090	Principles of Financial Accounting	3
-	Elective, preferably in political science	3
Total		16

POLS-2750	Public Policy Analysis	3
POLS-2500	Research Methods	4
-	EXSC Fitness course	1
-	Aesthetic Experience	3
-	Faith Foundation	3
-	Understanding the Nat. World Found. (w/ lab)	4
Total		18

JUNIOR YEAR

POLS-3800	Development of Political Thought	3
-	Elective courses (Political Science or non-departmental) upper-division	10
-	Philosophical inquiry	3
Total		16

-	Understanding the Nat. World Found. (w/ lab)	3
-	Constitutional law class	3
POLS-4010	International Relations	3
POLS-4790	Internship	3
-	Elective courses (Political Science or non- departmental) upper-division	3
Total		15

SENIOR YEAR

POLS-4950	Capstone Senior Seminar	3
POLS-COMP	Senior Comprehensive Exam	cr
-	Elective courses (Political Science or non-departmental) upper-division	12
Total		15

POLS-4600 or POLS-4700	Public Administration or Policy Implementation	3
-	Political Science elective	3
-	Elective courses (Political Science or non- departmental) upper-division	10
Total		16

OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFERINGS:

- MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
- MINOR/CONCENTRATION IN PRE-LAW
- MINOR IN ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

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*Courses subject to change



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