Political Science

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Political Science Concentration
Total of 12 credits in Political Science.

Required 12
POLS 115 American Government 3

Additional Credits in Political Science 9

Courses

POLS 95. Political Science Experience. 0 Hours.
POLS 095 - Political Science Experience provides students with a diverse selection of applied experiences to gain more critical understanding of a variety of political and cultural topics at all levels - International, National, State and Local. The experience requires students to actively engage in the political process - broadly defined. It is designed to fulfill the IP2 requirements of General Education.

POLS 115. American Government. 3 Hours.
Principles of American government, political behavior, institutions.

POLS 116. State and Local Government. 3 Hours.
Structures, politics, and behavior in state and local governments.

POLS 275. Contemporary Community Issues. 3 Hours.
This course is designed to develop your understanding of the different communities you are a member of and the issues facing them in the 21st century. Drawing on theories and concepts from various disciplines, we will expand on how communities and the issues associated with them are defined, constructed and addressed at multiple levels of society. Specifically, we will examine various political and social issues facing our communities including but not limited to: crime, ecology, inequalities, health care and the family. We will also set those issues in their larger state, national and global context, address the impact of that context and the proposed possible outcomes for the future.

POLS 299. Special Topics. 1-6 Hour.

POLS 325. Graphic Novels and Politics. 3 Hours.
Graphic Novels - like any form of social commentary - has a history of addressing the politics of the day. This course will take critical look at how the Graphic Novels have addressed the political and civic issues today and historically. Drawing on primary source materials and analytical texts, the course examines not only how civic issues and politics shape Graphic Novels, but also how Graphic Novels impact larger civic and political discussions.

POLS 375. Contemporary Political Issues. 3 Hours.
This course is designed to develop your understanding of the larger political world and the issues facing it in the 21st century. Drawing on theories and concepts from various disciplines, we will expand on how political issues are defined, constructed and addressed at multiple levels of society. Specifically, we will look at various political issues and policies facing the United States, including but not limited to: crime, ecology, inequalities, health care and the family. We will also set those issues in their larger global context, address the impact of that context and the proposed possible outcomes for the future.

POLS 394. Independent Study General Ps. 1-4 Hour.

POLS 451. Political Sociology. 3 Hours.
Political sociology broadly conceived is the study of power and domination in social relationships to include the relationship between state and society. The course draws upon comparative history to analyze socio-political trends and thereby includes the analysis of the family, the mass media, universities, trade unions, etc. A typical research question might, for example, be: what factors explain why so few American citizens choose to vote.

POLS 494. Independent Study Honors Ps. 1-8 Hour.

POLS 499. Special Topics In Political Sci. 1-6 Hour.