

Political Science Overview

Political science is one of the most popular undergraduate majors preparing students for a wide variety of careers. It is also one of the most popular majors for those planning to attend law school. The political science faculty seeks to prepare students for advanced study by providing introductions to major areas of the discipline. Additionally, the faculty aims to prepare students for active and thoughtful citizenship.

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POLS 1720 Introduction to American Government

This course provides an overview of the American political system. The course focuses on the principles of the constitution; the concept and processes of federalism; the interaction between the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government; the emergence of political parties, popular opinion, political campaigns; the evolution of domestic and foreign policy; and the role of the media in US politics. (Prerequisite(s): READ 0721 with a grade of “C” or better or appropriate assessment score.) (MnTC: Goals 5 & 9) 3C/3/0/0

POLS 1740 Introduction to World Politics

This course introduces core themes, concepts, and debates in the study of international politics. This course will focus on the causes of war, the global economy, human rights, and humanitarian intervention. Prerequisite(s): READ 0721 with a grade of “C” or better or appropriate assessment score.) (MnTC: Goals 5 & 8) 3C/3/0/0

POLS 1750 Introduction to Political Science

This course provides an introduction to political science with an emphasis on democracy, ideologies and current issues. We will explore how ideological differences lead to disagreements on a variety of global and domestic issues. (Prerequisite(s): READ 0721 with a grade of “C” or better or appropriate assessment score) (MnTC: Goals 5 & 9) 3C/3/0/0

POLS 1760 Introduction to Political Philosophy

This course provides an introduction to enduring themes and questions in the history of political philosophy. We will study a selection of both historical and contemporary thinkers as a way to investigate the social, moral and political foundations of modern society. (Prerequisite(s): READ 0721 with a grade of “C” or better or appropriate assessment score) (MnTC: Goals 5 & 9) 3C/3/0/0

POLS 1790 Special Topics in Political Science

This course is designed to present additional or unique material and learning experiences within a specified discipline. The course will be based on student need, flexibility, and may be designed to meet various transfer and pre-major course requirements. Please see a current Course Schedule for complete course details. (MnTC: Goals 5 & 9) Variable credits 1-6

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