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The Department of Political Science seeks to create active, informed citizens and leaders who use their analytical, research, and communication skills to improve their community.

Called the "queen of the sciences" by Aristotle because of its impact on law, society, philosophy, ethics, economics, and religion, political science is more than the study of government, political attitudes and behavior, and public policy. It is the study of people, their motives, their values, their relations with others, and the best way for individuals and groups to achieve their goals while improving society. Moreover, as Christians, the study of politics increases our understanding of God by learning how He wants us to live with others and how our faith leads us to be good stewards of our local, national, and global community.

Consequently, the Department seeks to (1) create an active, informed citizenry capable of influencing government; (2) prepare students for a changing world by developing and refining their analytical, communication, and research skills; (3) foster the understanding of the role of Christians in the public square and the most effective means to renew society; (4) prepare students for graduate and professional opportunities in politics, law, public service in the U.S. and abroad, business, teaching, and other endeavors; and (5) develop students who can be leaders in political, social, and religious institutions.

To this end, the Department offers a broad range of courses that focus on how individuals and groups interact with governmental and global systems while preparing students to exercise leadership in our changing domestic and global worlds. Each student begins by orienting themselves to the discipline by taking classes in each of the subfields of political science

(American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, and Research Methods). Then students have the opportunity to choose a concentration to pursue their specific interests. Moreover, the Department encourages both practical and theoretical learning through internships and study abroad experiences which provide a broader understanding of other cultures and worldviews. Finally, the capstone experience provides students the opportunity to synthesize their knowledge in writing their senior thesis.

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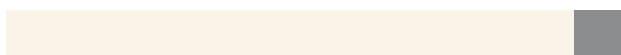
A. Required: PSC 111, 211, 214, 232, 245, 322, 323, 498.

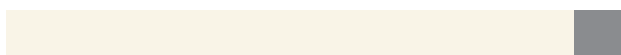
B. Upper-level American Politics—3 hours

C. Select one concentration and a total of no less than 15 hours

1. American: Select 9-15 hours from Upper-level American Political Politics courses
2. International Relations: Select 9-15 hours from Upper-level IR and Comparative Politics courses.
3. Political Theory: Select 9-15 hours from Upper-level Political Theory courses.
4. Select 15 hours from at least 2 of concentrations (1., 2., or 3. above)

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179-279-379-479. E D S P
(1-3) A N
All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.

180-280-380-480. S A P (1-4)
All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

195-6-7. S S (1-4) O D
295-6-7. S S (1-4) O D
Lower-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

395-6-7. S S (1-4) O D
Upper-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

495-6-7. I S (1-4) O D
Individual research under the guidance of a faculty member(s).

498. S (1-3) A N
To be used at the discretion of the department.

499. S P T (3)
An intensive analysis of more major issues in political theory.
This course may be repeated for credit.