

Political Science

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Political Science program is to emphasize the objectives of the liberal arts, which are to help the student cultivate powers of analysis and exposition in reading, writing, and communication; to expand the student's intellectual horizons; and to increase the student's knowledge and curiosity. The program explores the realm of politics; its vocabulary, its principal concepts and strategies, its ethics, and its expediencies. To do so, the program encourages students to appreciate and understand theories about government and politics, as well as the methods of the discipline.

Honors Program in History or Political Science

Students with a grade point average of 3.0 or better, and who meet all university and departmental curricular requirements, and have grades averaging 3.2 or better in courses in their major will be, at the end of their junior year, eligible to become candidates for the history or political science major with honors. Students who have not met these standards may be invited to candidacy by the department. Six hours of credit will be assigned, normally three hours each semester. A successful defense of an honors paper must be conducted and a minimum grade of 3.5 must be earned for the student's registration in an Honors Course to appear on the transcript. For further guidance, see the History and Political Science Department's Honors Thesis Guidelines.

Pre-Law Training

The Association of American Law Schools identifies the following as the major objectives to be sought in an undergraduate pre-law curriculum:

1. comprehension and expression in words;
2. critical understanding of the human institutions and values with which the law deals;
3. creative power in thinking.

These goals can best be approached by an undergraduate curriculum in which the social sciences and English play the leading part. One of the leading American law schools advises college students preparing to study law: "The importance of history in a pre-legal program cannot be over emphasized"; and of political science: "This subject also is one with which the lawyer must be well-acquainted and it, too, is a natural college major for pre-law students." Accounting (for which mathematics is a prerequisite) is also strongly recommended by law schools.

Internships

The Political Science Program has a strong record of supervising internships for students throughout Vermont and in Washington, DC. The intent of the internship is to provide students with opportunities to apply their classroom learning and to enhance their academic program through practical experience. Students find internships as an invaluable experience through which they can explore potential careers and examine the links between the theory and practice of politics and government.

Norwich University also maintains an institutional affiliation with **The Washington Semester Program (WSP)**, which is the oldest, most prestigious, and well-known experiential education program in the world.

This is a dynamic program that takes you outside of the classroom and into the real world. You *gain experience* and *contacts* to jump-start your *career* and get a taste of professional life while you *experience* the bustling pace of the capital city. Whatever your career interests, the WSP **a number of unique and intensive programs** that will provide you with a learning opportunity that can challenge your mind and change your life.

B.A. in Political Science - Required Courses

PO 105	American Politics	3
PO 106	Introduction to Public Policy and Administration	3
PO 202	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
PO 215	International Relations	3
PO 220	Research Methods	3
PO 410	Capstone Seminar in Political Science	3
Group 1 Political Philosophy (Select one course from the group.)		3
PO 303	Political Philosophy	3
PO 330	American Citizenship	3
Group 2 American Politics (Select one course from the group.)		3
PO 312	The Presidency	3
PO 313	Political Parties and Interest Groups	3
PO 314	The Legislative Process	3
PO 315	Public Opinion and Political Behavior	3
PO 321	U.S. Constitutional Law	3
PO 331	State and Local Politics	3
Group 3 Comparative Politics (Select one course from the group.)		3
PO 310	European Politics	3
PO 320	Topics in Area Studies	3
PO 333	American Foreign Policy	3
PO 340	Revolution and Forces of Change	3
PO 348	Asian Politics	3
Group 4 International Relations (Select one course from the group.)		3
PO 301	Special Topics in International Relations	3
PO 305	Geopolitics	3
PO 405	International Organizations	3
PO 415	International Law	3
PO 412	War and Peace	3
Group 5 Free PO Electives		
Upper-Division PO Elective-Must be 300 Level or Higher		
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Group 6 Area Requirements		
HI 121	American History Survey I (Must be passed with a grade of C or higher.)	3
HI 122	American History Survey II (Must be passed with a grade of C or higher.)	3
HI Elective (non-western) Must be passed with a grade of C or higher.		
EC 201	Principles of Economics (Macro)	3
or EC 202	Principles of Economics (Micro)	
EN 112	Public Speaking	3
MA 232	Elementary Statistics	3
PH Elective (all PH courses except PH 230)		

Group 7 Literature Elective (Select one course from the group.)	3
EN 210 Modern Short Story	3
EN 220 Children's Literature	3
EN 225 Survey of British Literature I	3
EN 226 Survey of British Literature II	3
EN 227 Survey of American Literature I	3
EN 228 Survey of American Literature II	3
EN 244 The Literature of Leadership	3
EN 250 Crime in Literature	3
EN 251 Literature of the Sea	3
EN 270 Military Literature	3
EN 333 The Plays of Shakespeare I	3
EN 334 The Plays of Shakespeare II	3
EN 399 Topics in English Studies	3
EN 370 Topics in British Literature	3
EN 390 Topics in American Literature	3
EN 420 Thematic Seminar-Literature	3
EN 373 Major Author	3
EN 450 Senior Seminar	3
FR 321 A Survey of French Literature I	3
FR 322 A Survey of French Literature II	3
FR 327 French Literature of the Twentieth Century I	3
FR 328 French Literature of the Twentieth Century II	3
FR 415 Seminar: Topics in French Literature	3

FR 421 Reading and Research on a Topic in French Literature and Civilization	3
GR 322 Survey of German Lit I: From the Beginnings to 1848	3
GR 324 Survey of German Literature II: 1848 to 1945	3
GR 326 Survey of German Literature III: 1945 to the Present	3
GR 415 Seminar on a Topic in German Literature and Culture	3
GR 421 Reading and Research in German Literature or Civilization	3
SP 321 Introduction to the Literature of Spain I	3
SP 322 Introduction to the Literature of Spain II	3
SP 327 Hispano-American Literature I	3
SP 328 Hispano-American Literature II	3
SP 415 Seminar: Topics in Spanish or Latin-American Literature and Culture	3
SP 421 Reading and Research in Spanish or Latin-American Literature and Culture	3

EN 420 and EN 425 may be designated as literature courses when specified.

All PO courses taken to satisfy the political science major requirements must be passed with a "C" or better.

B.A. in Political Science - Curriculum Map

First Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EN 101 Composition and Literature I	3	EN 102 Composition and Literature II	3
Modern Language	6	Modern Language	6
PO 105 American Politics	3	PO 106 Introduction to Public Policy and Administration	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
	15		15
Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EN 201 World Literature I	3	EN 202 World Literature II	3
HI 121 American History Survey I	3	HI 122 American History Survey II	3
MA Elective	3	MA 232 Elementary Statistics	3
PO 215 International Relations	3	EC 201 Principles of Economics (Macro) or 202 Principles of Economics (Micro)	3
PO 220 Research Methods	3	PO 202 Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
	15		15
Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EN 112 Public Speaking	3	HI (non-western) Elective	3
Lab Science	4	Lab Science	4
Philosophy Ethics Elective	3	Humanities Elective	3
Political Philosophy Elective	3	American Politics Elective (PO)	3
Elective	3	International Relations Elective (PO)	3
	16		16

Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Humanities Elective	3	EN Literature Elective	3
Elective	3	PO Upper Division Elective	3
Elective	3	PO Upper Division Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
PO Comparative Politics Elective	3	PO 410 Capstone Seminar in Political Science	3
	15		15
Total Credits: 122			

Course Prerequisites

100 level open to Freshmen only, except by permission of department chair or unless a major requirement for another program or major.

200 level not open to Freshmen without instructor's permission.

300 level typically for upper classmen, otherwise by permission of the instructor.

400 level typically for upper classmen, otherwise by permission of the instructor.

Topics courses may be repeated for credit as long as a new topic is offered.

Political Science Minor

For a minor in Political Science, the student must complete six courses of 3 or more credit hours as specified below with a grade of C or higher.

PO 105	American Politics	3
PO 106	Introduction to Public Policy and Administration	3
PO 202	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
PO 215	International Relations	3
PO 220	Research Methods	3
PO Elective (must be upper-division)		3
Total Credits		18

Courses

PO 105 American Politics 3 Credits

A study of the theoretical, institutional, and behavioral elements of the U.S. political system. Offered both semesters. Open freshman only, except by permission of department chair or unless a major requirement for another program or major. Open to students with freshmen and sophomore standing only, otherwise instructor permission.

PO 106 Introduction to Public Policy and Administration 3 Credits

An introductory examination of theoretical and practical approaches to policymaking and administration, the essential steps in the process, and the roles of key actors at all levels. This course prepares students for more in-depth study of all other facets of the political realm. Open to students with freshmen and sophomore standing only, otherwise instructor permission.

PO 202 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3 Credits

An introductory course that acquaints students with the comparative study of politics. The course will compare executive and legislative relationships, electoral systems, ideologies, and political parties. Various countries from around the world will be used to illustrate the application and consequences of different institutions and ideas. Open to students with freshmen and sophomore standing only, otherwise instructor's permission.

PO 215 International Relations 3 Credits

An inquiry in assumptions, theories, and dogmas of the modern state system. Examination and evaluation of such topics as realist theory; conflict resolution; game theory; decision-making theory; and ecopolitics. Open to students with freshmen and sophomore standing only, otherwise instructor's permission.

PO 220 Research Methods 3 Credits

An introduction to the methods of political analysis, standard nomenclature, and basic research methods relied upon in the study of politics. Emphasis is placed on quantitative methods and ethical issues in conducting research. Not open to freshman without instructor's permission.

PO 300 Special Topics in Politics 3 Credits

Select topics offered on occasion. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

PO 301 Special Topics in International Relations 3 Credits

Select topics in the area of International Relations offered on occasion. Topics courses may be repeated for credit as long as a different topic is offered. 3 lecture hours. pre-req of PO 215, C or higher; open to all students.

PO 303 Political Philosophy 3 Credits

After introducing the political philosophies of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, this course explores the ideas of major Western thinkers from the Renaissance through the Industrial Revolution. The course not only examines each philosopher's understandings of power, justice, equality and freedom, but also contemporary applications and implications of these ideas. Open to Sophomore 2 and above, otherwise instructor permission.

PO 305 Geopolitics 3 Credits

Geopolitics will give students an increased appreciation of the influence of geography on political decision-making. This course will help students "visualize" world politics and understand how geography affects both national and transnational political behaviors. Students will learn to think and write critically about such issues and forces as globalization, development, and conflict. Students will develop an understanding of how interests and perceptions are shaped by geography. Pre-req of PO 202 or PO 215, C or higher; open to all students.

PO 310 European Politics 3 Credits

A study of the political systems, cultures, and issues of selected countries from western, northern and southern Europe as well as Russia and the European Union. This course will also consider the relationship between domestic and foreign policies and the relationship between the United States and Europe. Pre-req of PO 202, C or higher; open to all students.

PO 312 The Presidency 3 Credits

A study of the presidential office and its relationship with the major American political institutions. Pre-req of PO 105, C or higher; open to all students.

PO 313 Political Parties and Interest Groups 3 Credits

A study of political parties and interest groups as they influence the decision making process, the formulation of government policy, and the selection of official personnel. Pre-req of PO 105, C or higher; open to all students.

PO 314 The Legislative Process 3 Credits

A study of the national and state legislatures in the United States through a combination of lectures, readings, contact with legislators, and actual investigations on the state legislative scene itself. Pre-req of PO 105, C or higher; open to all students.

PO 315 Public Opinion and Political Behavior 3 Credits

A study of the development of political attitudes and the formation of public opinion; the influence of public opinion on governmental policy through its relationship to political participation representation and leadership. Pre-req of PO 105, C or higher; open to all students.

PO 320 Topics in Area Studies 3 Credits

Selected topics in area studies will be offered on occasion. This course will be used to cover subjects not included in the regular offerings in comparative politics. Topics may include the politics of a particular country or region such as Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe, or the Middle East. A topics course may also be offered on a particular issue area such as foreign and defense policy, healthcare policy, welfare policy, or environmental policy. Pre-req of PO 202, C or higher; open to all students.

PO 321 U.S. Constitutional Law 3 Credits

Introduction to the evolution and structure of the American constitutional system, focusing on the federal relationship, the separation of powers, and judicial review, relying primarily upon the case method of analysis. Open to Sophomore 2 and above, otherwise instructor permission.

PO 324 Civil Liberties 3 Credits

An examination of the relationship of individuals to government, relying primarily upon the case method of study, with specific consideration of problems of equal protection, due process, privacy, and freedoms of speech and religion. Open to Sophomore 2 and above, otherwise instructor permission.

PO 330 American Citizenship 3 Credits

Using the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights as a foundation, this course examines what it means to be a citizen of the United States. The course addresses such questions as: What are citizens entitled to and what do they owe the state and each other? Is there an obligation to obey political authority? Is there ever an obligation to disobey authority? An important consideration is the role of the military in American political life and in particular, the relationship between the military ethic and republican values. Pre-req of PO 105, C or higher; open to all students.

PO 331 State and Local Politics 3 Credits

The primary objective of this course is to gain an understanding of the role of the state and local political institutions within the context of American federalism. Emphasis is placed on procedural and policy differences as well as political issues in state, regional, and local governments. Pre-req of PO 105, C or higher; open to all students.

PO 333 American Foreign Policy 3 Credits

Through studies of the three "levels of analysis" personal political psychology, bureaucratic politics, and international relations-this course examines the processes of American foreign policy formulation and execution; it explores the objectives, methods, and consequences of major U.S. foreign and military policies. If practicable, students will take part in role-playing simulations. Pre-req of PO 105 or PO 202, C or higher; open to all students.

PO 340 Revolution and Forces of Change 3 Credits

A critical analysis of several revolutions that will examine causes, outcomes, and accepted explanations in an attempt to discern generalities applicable to all revolutions. Pre-req of PO 202, C or higher; open to all students.

PO 348 Asian Politics 3 Credits

A study of the political systems, cultures, and issues of the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Japan, North and South Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, Pakistan, and India. This course will pay particular attention to the relationship between the West and Asia, the processes of "modernization," and the role of Asia in contemporary international relations. Pre-req of PO 202, C or higher; open to all students.

PO 400 Independent Study 3 Credits

An opportunity for qualified upperclass students to engage in an intensive reading or research program in fields of interest not satisfactorily covered by regular course offerings. Periodic conferences will be required. Prerequisite: written consent of the instructor to a specific project presented by the applicant. Offered as occasion demands. Open to upperclassmen, otherwise by permission of the instructor.

PO 403 Internship 3-15 Credit

Direct participation in the practical workings of state, municipal, and Federal government. Ordinarily open only to seniors. Offered on availability to internships. Credits to be determined by instructor. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

PO 405 International Organizations 3 Credits

This course focuses on the increasingly influential and varied roles international organizations play in the world today from peace and security to international development, human rights, and environmental protection. It traces the evolution of the thinking behind, and efforts to establish international organizations, and analyzes not only their promise and challenges, but also their successes and failures to date. Although particular attention is paid to the United Nations and its many affiliated bodies, regional organizations (e.g. European Union, Organization of American States, African Union, NATO), international non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and multi-national corporations are also assessed. Offered alternate years. pre-req of PO 215, C or higher; open to all students.

PO 410 Capstone Seminar in Political Science 3 Credits

A research and writing course designed to introduce students to graduate standards of original research and critical writing in political science. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

PO 412 War and Peace 3 Credits

An inquiry into the ostensible causes of war-- biological, economic, psychological, strategic, and theological; and an examination of the purported causes of war -- personal probity, military counterpoise, political utopia, and world government. Preparation of a substantial paper is required. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

PO 415 International Law 3 Credits

This course examines the development of international law, and assesses its effectiveness in governing the relations among nation-states. The course examines early as well as more recent efforts to build a body of such law. It compares international law with domestic law, and explores the principal sources of international law. The course uses cases to analyze the development of international law in areas such as extraterritorial jurisdiction, the range of sovereignty, diplomatic relations, the treaty system, arbitration and adjudication, the use of force, human rights, the environment, and economic relations. Offered alternate years. Pre-req of PO 215, C or higher; open to all students.

PO 490 Honors in Political Science 3 Credits

A substantial, sequential, research and writing project. See description of department honors program. Offered as occasion demands. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor.

PO 491 Honors in Political Science 3 Credits

The second semester of honors in political science. Devoted to writing and defending the honors thesis. Prerequisite: Student must earn a grade of B or higher in PO 490 and permission of the instructor and program coordinator.