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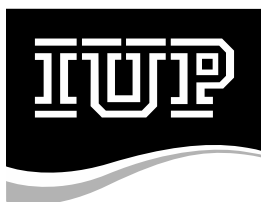
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Political scientists focus on political systems, including the effect of environment on the system, inputs, the decision-making agencies that render binding public policies, and system outputs. Approaches to the study of government and politics include the normative approach, in which philosophical attention centers on values by asking the question “What ought to be?” and the behavioral approach, in which an attempt is made to develop verifiable theories through scientific methods by asking the questions “How?” and “Why?”

Students majoring in political science have employment opportunities in federal, state, and local governments and with private civic groups, interest groups, and political groups. Students who go on to graduate work find appointments at higher levels and in college teaching. Students graduating in political science, as in any of the social sciences, are in demand by employers in business and industry. Students completing the political science internship program have experienced considerable success in finding employment upon graduation. The political science major is also especially suitable for the pre-law student.

Degree programs offered by the Political Science Department are the bachelor of arts degree programs in political science or political science/pre-law. An interdisciplinary major and an International Studies minor are sponsored by the Political Science Department. The department also offers a Political Science minor and a Homeland Security minor.

Bachelor of Arts—Political Science

Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: 46-47

Mathematics: 3cr

Social Science: PLSC 111

Liberal Studies Electives: 6cr, no courses with PLSC prefix

College: 0-6
Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)

Major: 33

Required Courses:

PLSC 101 World Politics (2) 3cr

PLSC 111 Power and Democracy in America (3) *cr

PLSC 260 Contemporary Political Ideas 3cr

PLSC 300 Research Methods in Political Science 3cr

Controlled Electives: 24cr

At least one course in three of the four areas:

American Studies: PLSC 251, 346, 350, 351, 353, 354, 355, 356, 358, 359

Political Theory: PLSC 360, 361, 362

Public Policy and Administration: PLSC 250, 370, 371

International Studies: PLSC 280, 282, 283, 285, 382, 383, 384, 385, 387, 388, 389, 422, 465 (4)

Free Electives: 34-41

Total Degree Requirements: 120

- (1) Intermediate-level foreign language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.
- (2) PLSC 101 satisfies the global and multicultural awareness requirement.
- (3) Credits for PLSC 111 are counted in the Liberal Studies social science requirements.
- (4) PLSC 280 and/or 285 recommended as prerequisite to PLSC 380 through 389.

Bachelor of Arts—Political Science/Pre-law Track

Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: 46-47

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Social Science: PLSC 111

Liberal Studies Electives: 6cr, no courses with PLSC prefix

College: 0-6
Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)

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International Studies: PLSC 280, 282, 283, 285, 382, 383, 384, 385, 387, 388, 389, 422, 465 (4)

Other Requirements: Pre-law Interdisciplinary Track 21

Seven courses, including at least one from each of six areas:

Business: ACCT 201, ACCT 202, BLAW 235

Criminology: CRIM 210, 215, 225, 255

Economics: ECON 121, 122, 332

English: ENGL 212, 227, 265, 310, 321

History: HIST 320, 341, 342, 346, 475

Philosophy: PHIL 101, 122, 130, 221, 270, 320, 450

Free Electives: 13-20

Total Degree Requirements: 120

- (1) Intermediate-level foreign language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.
- (2) PLSC 101 satisfies the global and multicultural awareness requirement.
- (3) Credits for PLSC 111 are counted in the Liberal Studies social science requirements.
- (4) PLSC 280 and/or 285 recommended as prerequisite to PLSC 380 through 389.

Bachelor of Arts—International Studies/Political Science

Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: 46-47

Mathematics: 3cr

Social Science: PLSC 111

Liberal Studies Electives: 6cr, no courses with PLSC prefix

College: 0-6
Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)

Major: 33

Required Courses:

PLSC 101 World Politics 3cr

PLSC 111 Power and Democracy in America (2) *cr

PLSC 260 Contemporary Political Ideas 3cr

PLSC 282 International Relations 3cr

PLSC 300 Research Methods in Political Science 3cr

Specializations:

International Political Economy 21cr

Required specialization course: PLSC 422

Six courses from the following: ACCT 471; BCOM 342;

COMM 320; ECON 121, 325, 326, 339, 345, 346, 350;

FSMR 357; GEOG 231, 333; MGMT 350, 451, 454, 459;

MKTG 350, 430; PLSC 361, 383; SOC 337

International Security Studies 21cr

Required specialization course: PLSC 283, 388, or 465

Six courses from the following: BIOL 117, 119; CRIM 344;

ECON 361; GEOG 230, 331, 334, 335, 341;

HIST 251, 308, 361, 362; JRNL 375; PLSC 283*, 422, 388*, 465*, RLST 110, 200

*(if not taken as the required specialization course)

International Political Systems 21cr

Required specialization course: PLSC 280, 285, or 389 3cr

Six courses from the following: ANTH 271, 272, 273, 274, 370; 18cr

ASIA 200; ENGL 226, 396, 398, 437, 463; FNLG 100;

FRNC 254, 370, 373, 375, 376, 460, 463; GEOG 104, 252, 253,

254, 255, 256, 257, 331; HIST 206, 208, 307, 308, 310, 311, 312,

313, 321, 322, 323, 325, 327, 330, 331, 334, 337, 351, 356;

PLSC 280*, 285*, 383, 384, 387, 389*, PNAF 131; RLST 220,

311, 360, 370, 372, 373, 380; SOC 271, 273, 274; SPAN 342, 382,

383, 384, 385, 410, 411, 412

*(if not taken as the required specialization course)

Other Requirements: (3) 0

Free Electives: 34-41

Total Degree Requirements: 120

- (1) Intermediate-level foreign language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.
- (2) Credits for PLSC 111 are counted in the Liberal Studies social science requirements.
- (3) Majors are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the study abroad opportunities available through IUP departmental programs and of exchange opportunities available through the Office of International Education.

Minor—Political Science 18

Required Courses:

PLSC 101 World Politics 3cr

PLSC 111 Power and Democracy in America 3cr

Controlled Electives:

Four additional PLSC courses, at least two of which must be 300 level or higher 12cr

Minor—Homeland Security 18

Required Courses:

PLSC 101 World Politics (1) 3cr

PLSC 111 Power and Democracy in America (1) 3cr

PLSC 283 American Foreign Policy 3cr

PLSC/CRIM 344 Terrorism 3cr

PLSC 388 Dimensions of National Security 3cr

PLSC 465 Intelligence Process and Policy 3cr

- (1) Must be completed before taking additional courses in the minor.

Minor—International Studies 18

Required Courses:

PLSC 101 World Politics 3cr

Controlled Electives:

Five additional PLSC courses (15cr) from the following, at least two of which must be 300 level or higher: 15cr

PLSC 280, 282, 283, 285, 383, 384, 387, 388, 389, 422, 465