

COURSES:

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR:

11 courses, including:

- PS 1004 Introduction to Politics
- PS 1014 Introduction to U.S. Politics
- PS 2194 International Politics
- PS 3044 Modern Political Concepts, Methodology, and Analysis
- PS 4444 Senior Seminar

1 course in political theory chosen from the following:

- PS 3114 Political Theory I: Classical and Medieval
- PS 3124 Political Theory II: ModernP

1 course in comparative government chosen from the following:

- PS 2504 Politics of the Middle East
- PS 2514 Politics of Africa
- PS 2524 Politics of Asia
- PS 2534 Politics of Europe and Russia

At least 6 course units earned in fulfillment of the requirements of the major pattern in political science must be at the 3000 level or above.

POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

6 courses, including:

- PS 1004 Introduction to Politics
- PS 1014 Introduction to U.S. Politics

4 political science electives

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ABOUT THE MAJOR:

The political science program looks at historical and contemporary themes in politics and helps students develop a sense of context about the world they live in.

Political science examines how people interact in the public arena. If the workings of government at the community, state, national and international levels interest you, political science courses will give you the theoretical and practical background to better understand these complex policy issues that affect virtually everyone.

Beyond course content, the program stresses the cultivation of good analytic skills through reading, writing, research and presentations. Many students travel abroad to study foreign governments, and in some cases, complete internships within governing bodies and with governmental officials both in the U.S. and abroad.

Our program is committed to a revival of the “public sphere” in social, political and academic institutions. We work to fulfill one of the fundamental ends of liberal education—to cultivate civic spirit and the human capacity for free choice and self-rule, collectively and individually.

CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MAJOR:

Pi Sigma Alpha (national political science honor society)
Student Government Association
College Democrats/College Republicans
State, national and international internships

POSSIBLE CAREER OPTIONS:

Business
Diplomat
Government official
Journalist
Lawyer
Physicians

WHERE OUR GRADUATES HAVE STUDIED:

Emory University
Harvard Law School
Indiana University
New York Law School
Stanford University
University of Chicago
University of Washington
Vanderbilt School of Law

POSITIONS OUR GRADUATES HAVE HELD:

Law firms in New York City; Washington, D.C., and Chicago
State and federal courts
Disability Law Center
Diplomatic service
FBI and other governmental agencies

COURSES OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

Congress and the Presidency
Globalization and Civic Responsibility
Politics of the Middle East
International Politics
The Legal System
American Constitutional Development



“Transylvania political science graduates have done very well both in graduate and professional schools and as professionals—attorneys, judges and college professors. But success is not limited to those fields—our graduates have been successful in business, film and as authors.”

Don Dugi, professor of political science