

Political Science



Department of Social Sciences
College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

The Field

Politics deals with “who gets what,” and political science is the study of that process of getting and maintaining power. It is an attempt to analyze systematically the processes by which individuals define their interests and interact to promote those interests. At the same time it is the study of the moral ends to which power is used. Sub-fields within political science are American politics, political theory, comparative politics, international relations, public policy, and methodology.

Requirements

General Information

Degree-seeking students are required to fulfill the required courses in effect at the time admitted or readmitted to the program. Since these are subject to change, students should see an advisor for current requirements.

Prerequisites

POL 101 American Government
POL 201 Comparative Politics
POL 300 Political Analysis

Cognates

Six hours at the 300-level or above in anthropology, economics, history, philosophy, psychology, or sociology.

The Concentration

Twenty-one additional political science credits at the 300- or 400-level. At least 15 credits must be at UM–Dearborn. Internship experience and internship-related directed studies are limited to six hours towards the 21-hour total.

Field Requirements

Students entering after June 30, 1992 must have at least one 300- or 400-level course from each of the six defined fields. Those admitted before this date must meet the earlier five-field requirement. The defined fields are:

- American Politics
- International Relations
- Political Theory
- Public Policy
- Comparative Politics
- Methodology (PS 300)

Minor or Area of Focus in Liberal/General Studies

Twelve hours of upper-division credit, including POL 300.

Evening Offerings

Political science faculty have a commitment to a comprehensive evening program. The goal of the discipline is to offer POL 101 each semester and POL 201 and POL 300 at least every year. If either POL 201 or POL 300 is not offered during a reasonable period, a full-time evening student may petition for permission to substitute another course. Evening students should watch for infrequently offered courses and take them when they are available.

Internships

The discipline offers valuable internship opportunities. The regular internship (POL 495) is offered during fall and winter semesters, the Canada Internship (POL 496) during the Summer I semester, and the Washington, D.C., Internship (POL 497) during the Summer II semester. Students taking an internship must take the Internship Seminar (POL 494) as well. Admission to internship programs is by permission of the internship director.

Faculty

Donald Anderson, Ph.D., Cornell University, Professor of Political Science. Teaches American presidency, public law, and American politics.

Julio Borquez, Ph.D., The University of Michigan, Assistant Professor of Political Science. Teaches American politics, with a focus on urban politics, policy process and political communication.

Christine Kelleher, Ph.D., University of North Carolina. Teaches parties and elections, state and local government, public policy, and methodology and statistics.

Michael Rosano, Ph.D., University of Toronto, Associate Professor of Political Science. Teaches political theory with emphasis on the development of Western political thought and on classical political philosophy, enlightenment political theory, and American political thought in particular.

Ronald Stockton, Ph.D., Michigan State University, Professor of Political Science. Teaches comparative politics and political change with an emphasis on the non-western world.

Frank Wayman, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, Professor of Political Science. Teaches international relations, comparative politics, and American foreign policy.

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Fields in Political Science

Field I: American Politics

311	Interest Groups and Political Process
312	Legislative Process
313	American State Government
315	American Chief Executive
316	American Judicial process
318	Criminal Law
320	Political Man
322	Government of Michigan
323	Urban Politics
327	Political Parties and Elections
328	Public Opinion and Pressure Groups
329	Politics and the Media
340	Federalism
362	Women, Politics, and the Law
413	American Constitutional Law
414	Civil Rights and Liberties
415	Problems in Constitutional Law
489	Seminar in Urban Politics

Field II: Political Theory

302	Theory of Law
303	Justice
304	American Political Thought
305	Race, Justice, and Freedom in America
306	Political Ideologies
307	Marxist Thought
308	Moral and Political Dilemmas
309	Ancient Political Theory
310	Modern Political Theory

Field III: Public Policy

325	Environmental Politics
333	Citizen/Bureaucrat
360	American Policy Process
363	Criminal Justice Policy and Administration
364	Health Policy
365	Energy Policy
490	Seminar in Public Administration

Field IV: Comparative Politics

341	Canadian Politics
350	Politics of Developing Areas
355	Religion and Politics
370	Comparative Communist Systems
385	Middle East Politics
386	African Politics
387	Southern Africa
450	Revolution

Field V: International Relations

361	American Foreign Policy
371	Problems in International Politics
375	Great Powers
451	Peace and War
471	American Foreign Policy I
472	American Foreign Policy II

Field VI: Research Methods

300 Introduction to Political Analysis
POL 300 fulfills two requirements: Prerequisite and Research Methods Field.
The discipline thoroughly recommends that you take this course by the first semester of your junior year.

For More Information

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