

■ Political Science

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The B.A. in Historical and Political Studies with an emphasis in Political Science equips students with the knowledge, research experience, and analytical skills for successful careers in politics, law, government, international organizations, journalism, education, and interest groups.

The study of historical and current affairs at the local, national and international level trains students to analyze the policies, structures and changing environment of government and politics. Students are also strongly encouraged to acquire first-hand experience and further develop their research, analytical and leadership skills with internships in government or political organizations.

Major Requirements: See Historical and Political Studies

Political Science Minor

The Minor in Political Science is designed to educate the whole person in the Marianist tradition and to assist their preparation for careers in law, government and education through the development of an understanding of change, continuity and causality and the workings of politics and governance.

Pre-minor requirements: POL 111 and POL 211 with grades of 'C' or better.

Minor Requirements: twelve (12) semester hours of upper division political science courses, selected in consultation with program advisor.

Political Science Minor Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will demonstrate...

1. an understanding of change, continuity and causality;
2. a comprehension of the workings of politics and governance;
3. an understanding of political perspectives and interpretations

Recommended preparation for law school:

1. Develop writing and speaking skills with extra writing and speech courses.
2. Develop knowledge and critical thinking ability through a broad background in history, political science, philosophy, literature, business and criminal justice. Gain experience and contacts through internships in law and government. See program advisor for details.

Program Assessment

1. Individual Course Assessment is carried out at the major program level.

2. Program student learning outcomes are assessed individually in specific coursework (course student learning outcomes) as part of the major program assessment. Based on the student's course plan, an exit assessment tool based on the minor program outcomes will be given as part of the graduation clearance process.

Political Science (POL)

POL 111 Comparative Government and Politics (3)

Survey of the various areas of political science to include a comparative study of the government and politics of the United States and selected European, Asian, Latin American, or African nations. Offered annually.

POL 211 American Government and Politics (3)

An examination of how Washington works through a study of the dynamics of the American political system. Includes a review of the Constitution, the Congress, the presidency, the bureaucracy, the courts, elections, and the media. Offered annually.

English 102 and COM 101 are prerequisites for all upper division courses

POL 305 Contemporary America (3)

Analyses of the forces that shaped contemporary America, focusing on the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, and the counter-cultural movements of the 1960's. Fulfills interdisciplinary course requirement. Cross-listed as HI 305. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.*

POL 324 Modern Europe (3)

Europe from 1815 to the present gained global hegemony and then lost it after World War II. Analyzes developments leading to the world wars and the Cold War, the rise of the European Common Market, and the collapse of communist regimes in Eastern Europe. Fulfills Interdisciplinary course requirement. Cross-listed as HI 324. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.*

POL 341 Vietnam War (3)

This course examines why the United States went to war in the jungles of Southeast Asia that few Americans knew anything about. Students will examine the nature of the war itself, the tactics and strategies applied by both sides to the conflict, and experiences of soldiers on both sides. Central to the war effort, the home fronts held the keys to success or failure for both sides. Along with historical and political knowledge, the course emphasized the development of reading, writing, speaking, cognitive and collaborative skills. Cross-listed as HI 341. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.*

POL 342 Pre-Modern Southeast Asia (3)

This course surveys the history of Southeast Asia from pre-historic times to the beginning of the 19th century. It examines the physical environment, indigenous cultures, the nature and impact of Indian and Chinese influences, the process of state formation, the rise of major empires, the importance of trade, the coming of Islam, and early contacts with the West. Cross-listed as HI 342. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.*

POL 344 Modern Southeast Asia (3)

This course surveys the history of Southeast Asia from the nineteenth century to the present. It considers the nature of the traditional communities of Southeast Asia, the imposition and impact of western colonial rule, the emergence and activities of anticolonial movements, the formation of sovereign states, the effects of the Cold War, and contemporary politics. Cross-Listed as HI 344. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.*

POL 345 Comparative Asian Politics (3)

A study of the governments, politics, foreign affairs, defense policies, internal conditions of selected Asian nations and the explosive political, economic and military changes taking place in Asia. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.*

POL 347 Justice, Development and Human Rights (3)

This course examines the inter-relationships between justice, development and human rights norms and institutions at the global level. Students will explore the historical development of these concepts and their application and evolution from the 19th century to the present. Particular emphasis will be placed on the contemporary dialogue between Catholic Social Thought and secular international institutions that sets global norms for justice, human development and the international human rights regime. Cross-listed as POL 347 and RE 347. Offered annually. *This course satisfies the 300-level religion general education requirement, but it cannot be used to satisfy both the "Ethics" requirement for the International Relations concentration and the general education requirement.*

POL 374 International Law (3)

A review of the development of international law and the study of how international law works and why states obey it. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: Any 100 or 200 level political science course.*

POL 375 International Relations (3)

An investigation into the development of the relations between nations aimed at providing a conceptual framework within which current events can be organized and understood. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level political science course.*

POL 376 Public Administration (3)

Examines the theories and practices of bureaucracies and proposals for reform such as public-private partnerships and results-oriented government. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level political science course.*

POL 401 U.S. Constitution I (3)

Examines the nature of law and constitutionalism in the United States, with an emphasis on the struggles for power and calls for accountability from various sectors. Cross-listed as HI 401. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.*

POL 402 U.S. Constitution II (3)

Examines the evolution of civil liberties in the United States, including free speech, religious liberties, rights of the accused and the right to privacy. Cross-listed as HI 402. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.*

POL 403 American Diplomacy (3)

A study of America's international relations from 1776 to the present, including the influence of domestic affairs on diplomacy. Cross-listed as HI 403. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.*

POL 411 Public Policy (3)

Examination of the relationship between Congress, the bureaucracy, the executive branch, and interest groups in the development and implementation of public policy. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: Any 100 or 200 level political science course.*

POL 418 International History of the Cold War (3)

This course considers problems and issues that affected different regions of the world as those problems and issues related to the Soviet-American rivalry, or the Cold War, between 1945 and 1991. Specifically, it explores the origin of the Cold War; its implications for the United States and the Soviet Union; its impact in Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, South and Central Asia, East Asia, and Southeast Asia; and the collapse of Soviet-style communism in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union itself.

Crosslisted as HI 418 and POL 418. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.*

POL 419 Contemporary World Order (3)

This course considers problems and issues that have affected humanity since the end of the Cold War. Specifically, it explores how the end of the Cold War contributed to the creation of a new world order, and how that order has served to shape world societies and the challenges they currently face. While the end of the Cold War contributed in no small measure to the expansion and acceleration of globalization (i.e., the economic, cultural, and political integration of global communities), it also produced a variety of new and serious challenges, several of which are directly attributable to developments in the period from the end of World War Two to 1991. The primary objective of this course is to help students recognize and understand those challenges – and the legacies of the Cold War generally – as they pertain to ethnic and religious fundamentalism, economic dislocation, cultural homogenization, environmental degradation, and global terrorism and the so-called "War on Terror." This course is cross-listed as HI 419 and POL 419. It is offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: Any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.*

POL 420 Cold War and After (3)

Analyzes the 'new world order' after the 'fall of communism' beginning in the late 1980s. Cross-listed as HI 420. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.*

POL 442 Modern China (3)

Examines China's internal and external struggles in the modern world, including the rise and fall of the Ching dynasty, the Nationalist period, the civil war and communist rule. Fulfills interdisciplinary course requirement. Cross-listed as HI 442. Offered alternate years.

Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.

POL 444 Modern Japan (3)

Study of the rise, fall and rebirth of Modern Japan, focusing on her internal politics, economics and culture, and how they relate to her international posture. Fulfills interdisciplinary course requirement. Cross-listed as HI 444. Offered alternate years.

Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.

POL 446 Modern Middle East (3)

A study of the modern history, politics and culture of the Middle East, with emphasis on the Arab-Israeli conflict, oil, Islam and the analysis of different governments and policies. Cross-listed as HI 446. Offered alternate years.

Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.

POL 451 Modern Hawai'i (3)

This course examines the political, economic, and cultural forces that shaped modern Hawai'i and its people from first contact in 1778 to Hawaii's overthrow, annexation and through the present day. Cross-listed as HI 451. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.*

POL 453 Pacific Islands in the Modern Era (3)

This course examines the impact and legacy of imperialism and colonialism on the indigenous inhabitants of the Pacific. Examining the Pacific from the 18th century to the present, this course focuses on the emergence of the Pacific as a distinct and influential region in today's global community and how indigenous islanders have adapted and fared during this post-colonial period. Cross-listed as HI 453. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.*

POL 475 History and Politics of Film (3)

This course is an inquiry into the relationship between film, history and politics. It will examine how is shaped by the politics, economics and culture of the society in which it is created. It will also study how film reflects that culture. It will relate how class, gender, ethnicity and other issues relate to the making and interpreting of film. Questions on morality, justice, service and community will be central to the course. Cross-listed as HI 475. Offered alternate years. *Prerequisite: any 100 or 200 level history or political science course.*

POL 480 Special Topics (3)

Selected topics on any aspect of political science or international studies to be announced. Prerequisite vary according to topic.

POL 486 Legislative Internship (1-15)

Internship with the City Council, State Legislature or Congress. A maximum of six semester hours may be applied to the major requirement. Offered according to sessions, junior or senior standing and consent of program advisor. *Prerequisite: major in Historical & Political Studies.*

POL 490 Directed Study (1-3)

Individualized study on a topic arranged through program advisor. *Prerequisite: junior or senior standing or consent of program advisor.*

POL 494 Research Seminar (3)

This is a capstone course that explores the core principles and methodologies of historical and political studies. It also monitors the students' career preparation. In this course, the student will conduct research in history or political science (learning outcome 4). Utilizing this research, the student will write a research paper and present it in class (learning outcome 4). The research paper written by the student will incorporate the following principles and methodologies: understanding change, continuity and causality (learning outcome 1), comprehension of the workings of politics and governance (learning outcome 2), awareness of perspectives and interpretations (learning outcome 3). During the course, the instructor will review the progress of each student in preparing for his or her career (learning outcome 5). Offered annually. *Prerequisites: Students must be in their senior year, completed a minimum of 12 credits of the major, and have the permission of the discipline coordinator to enroll in this course.*