Requirements for a Major: 48-68 units

Standard Track: 48 Units

Required Lower-Division Courses: 16 units
- POL 010 American Government (4)
- POL 020 International Politics (4)
- POL 030 Political Theory and Ideology (4)
- POL 040 Empirical Political Research (4)

Required Upper-Division Courses: 28 units

American Government and Politics: Two of the following (8)
- POL 104 Constitutional Law (4)
- POL 105 The Presidency (4)
- POL 106 Presidential Election Politics (4)
- POL 107 Voting Behavior (4)
- POL 108 Congress (4)
- POL 109 Political Parties and Interest Groups (4)
- POL 110 American Public Opinion (4)
- POL 111 American Foreign Policy (4)
- POL 141 Politics of Sport (4)

International Relations and Comparative Politics: Two of the following (8)
- POL 112 International Organizations and Law (4)
- POL 123 Comparative Foreign and Security Policies (4)
- POL 126 Sex, Gender, and Power (4)

One of the following (4)
- POL 122 European Politics (4)
- POL 124 International Development (4)

Political Theory: Two of the following (8)
- POL 130 Classical Political Theory (4)
- POL 131 Modern Political Theory (4)
- POL 132 American Political Thought (4)
- POL 133 Contemporary Political Theory (4)
- POL 140 Christianity and Politics (4)

Internship
- POL 190 Internship (4)

Electives: 4 units
- Upper-Division POL Electives (4) in consultation with major advisor

B. Pre-Law Track: 64 units

Required Lower-Division Courses: 16 units
- POL 010 American Government (4)
- POL 020 International Politics (4)
- POL 030 Political Theory and Ideology (4)
- POL 040 Empirical Political Research (4)
Required Upper-Division Courses: 32 units

*Both of the following:* (8) (these courses may not double-count with the subfield requirements listed below)
- POL 104 Constitutional Law (4)
- POL 190 Internship (law related) (4)

*Two of the following:* (these courses may double-count with the subfield requirements listed below)
- POL 108 Congress (4)
- POL 112 International Organizations and Law (4)
- POL 132 American Political Thought (4)
- POL 133 Contemporary Political Theory (4)

*American Government and Politics: Two of the following* (8)
- POL 106 Presidential Election Politics (4)
- POL 107 Voting Behavior (4)
- POL 108 Congress (4)
- POL 109 Political Parties and Interest Groups (4)
- POL 110 American Public Opinion (4)
- POL 111 American Foreign Policy (4)
- POL 141 Politics of Sport (4)

*International Relations and Comparative Politics: Two of the following* (8)
- POL 112 International Organizations and Law (4)
- POL 123 Comparative Foreign and Security Policies (4)
- POL 126 Sex, Gender, and Power (4)
- POL 122 European Politics (4)
- POL 124 International Development (4)

*Political Theory: Two of the following* (8)
- POL 130 Classical Political Theory (4)
- POL 131 Modern Political Theory (4)
- POL 132 American Political Thought (4)
- POL 133 Contemporary Political Theory (4)
- POL 140 Christianity and Politics (4)

Requirements from outside POL Department: 16 units

*Communication: Two of the following* (8)
- COM 015 Public Speaking (4)
- COM 130 Argumentation and Advocacy (4)
- ENG 104 Modern Grammar and Advanced Composition (4)

*Theory and Analysis: One of the following* (4)
- PHI 012 Critical Reasoning and Logic (4)
- PHI 104 Ethics (4)
- PHI 133 Political and Legal Philosophy (4)

*Specific Emphases: One of the following* (4)
- COM 133 Conflict and Reconciliation (4)
- EB 012 Principles of Microeconomics (4)
- EB 105 Business Law (4)
- HIS 178 California Experience (4)

Recommended Course:
- POL 130 Classical Political Theory (4)
C. International Affairs Track: 68 units

Required Lower-Division Courses: 16 units
- POL 010 American Government (4)
- POL 020 International Politics (4)
- POL 030 Political Theory and Ideology (4)
- POL 040 Empirical Political Research (4)

Required Upper-Division Courses: 28 units
- POL 111 American Foreign Policy (4)
- POL 190 Internship (4) (international or foreign policy related in an off-campus/study abroad program approved by the major advisor)

American Government and Politics: One of the following (4)
- POL 104 Constitutional Law (4)
- POL 105 The Presidency (4)
- POL 106 Presidential Election Politics (4)
- POL 107 Voting Behavior (4)
- POL 108 Congress (4)
- POL 109 Political Parties and Interest Groups (4)
- POL 110 American Public Opinion (4)
- POL 141 Politics of Sport (4)

International Relations and Comparative Politics: Two of the following (8)
- POL 112 International Organizations and Law (4)
- POL 123 Comparative Foreign and Security Policies (4)
- POL 126 Sex, Gender, and Power (4)
- POL 122 European Politics (4)
- POL 124 International Development (4)

Political Theory: Two of the following (8)
- POL 130 Classical Political Theory (4)
- POL 131 Modern Political Theory (4)
- POL 132 American Political Thought (4)
- POL 133 Contemporary Political Theory (4)
- POL 140 Christianity and Politics (4)

POL Electives: 4 units
- Upper-Division POL Elective (4) in International Relations and Comparative Politics

Requirements from outside POL Department: 20 units
- EB 011 Principles of Macroeconomics (4)
- Foreign Language (8) with approval of major advisor
- AN 001 Introduction to Anthropology (4)

One of the following: (4)
- HIS 140 European Politics and Diplomacy Since 1789 (4)
- HIS 162 Modern and Contemporary Latin America (4)
- HIS 182 History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (4)
(Other HIS courses may be approved by major advisor)

Recommended Courses:
- RS 142 World Religions (4)
EB 012 Principles of Microeconomics (4)

D. International Security and Development Track: 68 units

Required Lower-Division Courses: 24 units
- POL 020 International Politics (4)
- POL 030 Political Theory and Ideology (4)
- POL 040 Empirical Political Research (4)
- AN 001 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (4)
- EB 011 Principles of Macroeconomics (4)
- EB 012 Principles of Microeconomics (4)

Required Upper-Division Courses: 28 units
- POL 112 International Organizations and Law (4)
- POL 123 Comparative Foreign and Security Policies (4)
- POL 133 Contemporary Political Theory (4)
- POL 124 International Development (4)
- POL 190 Internship (4) (international or foreign policy related in an off-campus/study abroad program approved by the major advisor)
- Foreign Language (8) with approval of major advisor

Required Upper-Division Elective Courses: 16 units

One of the following: (4)
- AN 135 Gender and Sex Roles in Cross-Cultural Perspective (4)
- POL 126 Sex, Gender and Power (4)

One of the following: (4)
- POL 140 Christianity and Politics (4)
- RS 142 World Religions (4)

Two of the following: (8)
- AN 140 Food Systems (4)
- COM 133 Conflict and Reconciliation (4)
- COM 138 International Rhetoric (4)
- EB 104 World Poverty and Economic Development
- EB 105 Business Law (4)
- HIS 162 Modern and Contemporary Latin America (4)
- HIS 182 History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (4)
- HIS 185 Imperialism and Independence (4)
- HIS 186 Modern South Asia
- POL 111 American Foreign Policy (4)
- POL 122 European Politics (4)
- POL 125 Change and Conflict in the Modern Middle East (4)

Other elective courses may be approved by the major advisor

Requirements for a Minor: 24 units

Required Lower-Division Course: 12 units
- POL 010 American Government (4)
- POL 020 International Politics (4)
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POL 030 Political Theory and Ideology (4)

Other Required Courses: 12 units

One of the following: (4)
  POL 104 Constitutional Law (4)
  POL 105 The Presidency (4)
  POL 107 Voting Behavior (4)
  POL 108 Congress (4)
  POL 109 Political Parties and Interest Groups (4)
  POL 110 American Public Opinion

One of the following: (4)
  POL 112 International Organizations and Law (4)
  POL 122 European Politics (4)
  POL 123 Comparative Foreign and Security Policies (4)
  POL 124 International Development (4)
  POL 126 Sex, Gender, and Power (4)

One of the following: (4)
  POL 130 Classical Political Theory (4)
  POL 131 Modern Political Theory (4)
  POL 132 American Political Thought (4)
  POL 133 Contemporary Political Theory (4)
  POL 140 Christianity and Politics (4)

Lower-Division Course Descriptions

POL 010 American Government (4) The basic concepts, background, organization, functions, and processes of the United States political system.

POL 020 International Politics (4) An introduction to the study of what produces conflict and cooperation in the international system, including attention to historical, social, economic, religious and political factors that impact world peace and security.

POL 030 Political Theory and Ideology (4) An introduction to the project of political theory, locating this study within a broader framework of Christian thought and the liberal arts. The course critically examines the features and philosophical underpinnings of major political ideologies, including liberalism, conservatism, socialism, anarchism, fascism, nationalism, democracy, ideologies of gender and sexuality, race, the environment, and radical Islam.

POL 040 Empirical Political Research (4) An introduction to empirical methods and quantitative analysis in political research: applications of philosophy of science, survey and alternative methods of data collection, basic statistical analysis, reporting results, and ethical issues associated with research using human participants.
Upper-Division Course Descriptions

POL 104 Constitutional Law (4) An introduction and analysis of the major cases, themes, theories and problems in American Constitutional Law, illuminated by comparative constitutional perspectives and including a trial simulation project; major course themes include: federalism, judicial power, separation of powers, foreign affairs, civil rights, and civil liberties.

POL 105 The Presidency (4) Prerequisites: POL 010 and POL 040. An analysis of the American presidency, including its powers, leadership styles, policy-making roles, and current trends.

POL 106 Presidential Election Politics (4) An analysis of how Americans choose their President, including the nomination process, the campaign, electoral behavior and outcomes, and an evaluation of how well the system works, including proposals for reform. (Offered only in presidential election years.)

POL 107 Voting Behavior (4) Prerequisites: POL 010 and POL 040. This course explores a range of topics related to political participation in the United States. While focusing on voting behavior, it examines voting in the context of political participation considered more broadly, examining a variety of relevant participatory factors. The majority of the course explores major patterns, explanations, changes and themes in how Americans participate in politics.

POL 108 Congress (4) The organization and processes of the United States Congress and its relationships with other actors in the political system and home constituencies.

POL 109 Political Parties and Interest Groups (4) Prerequisites: POL 10 and POL 040. This course examines political parties and interest groups as two conduits that link citizens to their governments. Students will assess the theoretical and empirical literature to determine how well parties and interest groups fulfill their roles as representative intermediaries. Although much of the course is focused on the American political system, students will also examine the influence of parties and interest groups in other democracies. This is a service learning course in which students are expected to volunteer with a political party or interest group of their choice.

POL 110 American Public Opinion (4) Prerequisites: POL 010 and POL 040. This course examines the beliefs, opinions, and ideology of the American public. Students explore such issues as the measurement of public opinion, the process by which individuals acquire their beliefs and identity, the influence of mass opinion on public policy, and the question of whether there is a unique American character. Although most of the course will focus on the United States, we will also look at public opinion in a comparative perspective. This service learning course offers students the opportunity to design, implement, and analyze their own survey.

POL 111 American Foreign Policy (4) Prerequisites: POL 010, POL 020, and POL 040. The United States in world politics. The policy process, its assumptions, objectives, and decision-making processes and strategies; the influence on American policy of changing trends in the international environment and the interaction between domestic and external policies.
POL 112 International Organizations and Law (4) Prerequisites: POL 020. Political Science majors and minors only. Fee required. Advanced study of international politics, law and organizations including a case study and simulation of the United Nations system at the National Model UN in New York City.

POL 122 European Politics (4) Prerequisite: POL 040 or HIS 001. The comparative analyses of political systems in Europe with a special emphasis on the role of the European Union in transforming the landscape of European politics at the local, regional, national, and global levels.

POL 123 Comparative Foreign and Security Policies (4) Prerequisites: POL 020 and POL 040. Part one of the course provides an in-depth exploration of comparative foreign policy (of great, middle and small state powers) using the three levels of foreign policy analysis – individual, state and systems. The second half of the course examines contemporary security issues through a study of human, state and international security approaches.

POL 124 International Development (4) Prerequisites: POL 020 and POL 040. An examination of international development and the North-South gap within a political economy and human development perspective, focusing on the main arguments about the two faces of development (national and international) and the contending theories and strategies in world development.

POL 125 Change and Conflict in the Modern Middle East (4) This course will be offered on the Westmont in Istanbul off-campus program. It will introduce students to the complex geo-political alignments that shape the modern Middle East. In particular, Turkey and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will provide case studies of how states engage with international actors and how in turn states conform to or resist international expectations.

POL 126 Sex, Gender and Power (4) A comparative analysis of sex and gender identity to an understanding of political behavior. Other forms of identity are examined in light of their intersection with both sex and gender, including race, class, sexual orientation, and nationalism. The comparative method is used to analyze global gender issues, cross-national variations among women's movements, revolutionary struggles, and nationalist movements.

POL 130 Classical Political Theory (4) Prerequisites: POL 030 and POL 040. An in-depth survey of ancient and medieval political philosophy, focusing on the relationship between politics and virtue. Centered in the Western philosophical tradition of Greek, Roman, and Christian thinkers (Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, etc.), this course also introduces elements of classical Jewish and Islamic political thought.

POL 131 Modern Political Theory (4) Prerequisites: POL 030 and POL 040. A study in the politics of freedom, particularly theories of limited government central to democracy. The course critically examines the departure from the classical emphasis on virtue (Machiavelli), social contract theories and liberalism (Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau), communism (Marx and Engels), and early contributions to feminist theory (Wollstonecraft, J.S. Mill).
POL 132 American Political Thought (4) Prerequisites: POL 010 and POL 030. An in-depth introduction to central features of American political theory. The course proceeds thematically, using a broad range of primary sources to explore the development of ideas and their relevance to contemporary thought and practice. Key areas of focus include rights, equality, religion, constitutionalism, federalism, and the separation of powers.

POL 133 Contemporary Political Theory (4) Prerequisites: POL 030 and POL 040. A survey of the political thought of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, exploring the problematic relationship between post-modernity and political theory. Particular attention is given to contemporary theories of liberalism and democracy.

POL 140 Christianity and Politics (4) Prerequisite: junior standing. Examines the interrelation of Christian faith and politics, including scriptural foundations, historical political theology, distinctive features of various Christian traditions, and contemporary patterns of Christians’ political behavior.

POL/KNS 141 Politics of Sports (4) This cross-listed course examines the intersection of politics and sports. Because sports occupy an important place in most cultures, it is of little surprise that they are also highly politicized. Governments not only regulate athletics, but have used sports both as a tool of political socialization and as a means to advance the national interest in international affairs.

POL 150 Seminar (4) Prerequisite: junior standing. Advanced study of selected issues in political science.

POL 190 Internship (4-8) Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Supervised internship in government agencies, law offices, nonprofit organizations, and NGOs (nongovernmental organizations).