

University of the Incarnate Word®

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

American Politics

College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences at the University of the Incarnate Word expands awareness and understanding of political life and issues of public concern and stimulates scholarship and continuing interest in government, government service and international affairs. Students also may explore themes of war and peace and the effects of globalization, the role of international law and organizations, and America's leadership in the world.

American Politics Track

The American Politics track emphasizes a deep understanding of United States politics and government. Through the required 18 hours of courses, students explore the U.S. legal system, constitutional law and the branches of government, and public and foreign policy. Courses on environmental law, human rights, political psychology and behavior, and gender and politics are also offered and provide insight into the intersection of political science and justice.

Career Opportunities

- Political Science majors develop analytical skills, combining organized knowledge with practical experience that introduces and prepares students for career opportunities in the public as well as nongovernmental sectors. Internships are a vital part of the program. Many occupations require a college-educated individual who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly, and work well with others on a team.
- Political Science students prepare for professional training in public policy, public administration, law, graduate education in the policy sciences, as well as employment in government and nongovernmental public sector organizations, including nonprofit organizations or businesses relating to international affairs.
- Students have numerous opportunities to participate in organizations related to Political Science: Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society; moot court team; Amnesty International; and Phi Alpha Delta, the Pre-Law Society.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for admission to the B.A. in Political Science program are the same as the requirements for admission to the University of the Incarnate Word.

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FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall

POLS 1315: American Politics (3 hours)
 ENGL 1311 (or 1311L) Composition I (3 hours)
 FINE ARTS CORE: Any three-hour Performance
 or History course in Visual Art, Dance, Music,
 or Theatre (Computer Graphic Arts course will
 not satisfy this requirement) (3 hours)
 HIST 1311, 1312, 1321, 1322, or 3310H (3 hours)
 Elective (3 hours)

Total Hours: 15

Spring

POLS 1316: State and Local Politics (3 hours)
 ENGL 1312: Composition II (3 hours)
 MATH CORE 2302 (3 Hours)
 RELS 1305, 1315, 1325, 1335 (3 hours)
 Minor (3 hours)

Total Hours: 15

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall

POLS 2305: Introduction to Political Studies
 (3 hours)
 POLS 2310: Comparative Politics (3 hours)
 ENGL 2310: World Literature Studies (3 hours)
 Modern Language I (3 hours)
 Natural Science with Lab (4 hours)

Total Hours: 16

Spring

POLS 2325: Social Science Research Methods
 (3 hours)
 POLS 2320: International Relations (3 hours)
 DWHP 1200 (or DWHP 3200) and
 PEHP Physical Activity Course (3 hours)
 PHIL 1381: Introduction to Philosophy (3 hours)
 Modern Language II (3 hours)

Total Hours: 15

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall

POLS Elective: See options below
 (3 hours)
 RELS or PHIL CORE: Any Upper-Division RELS or
 PHIL course (3 hours)
 SOCI 3381: Statistics for Behavioral Sciences (3 hours)
 Minor (3 hours)
 Minor or Elective (3 hours)

Total Hours: 15

Spring

POLS Electives (Upper-Division): See options below
 (6 hours)
 Elective (3 hours)
 Minor (3 hours)
 Minor or Elective (3 hours)

Total Hours: 15

SENIOR YEAR

Fall

POLS Electives (Upper-Division): See options
 below (6 hours)
 Minor or Electives (Upper-Division) (6 hours)
 Elective (Upper-Division) (3 hours)

Total Hours: 15

Spring

POLS Electives (Upper-Division): See
 options below (6 hours)
 Minor or Elective (9 hours)

Total Hours: 15

American Politics Electives:

Choose from POLS 1391, 2350, 2392, 3300, 3305, 3371, 4315, 4316, 4317, 4321,
 4325, 4385, 4335, 4340, 4345 and 4360

121 hours needed to complete the B.A. in Political Science-American Politics

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