

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science International Relations/Comparative 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.

International Relations/Comparative Politics Track

This track integrates courses from both the fields of International Relations and Comparative Politics. Students examine global political structures and climates of European and Asian countries, as well as politics in developing regions. Political Science majors choosing this track round out their 18-hour track requirements with studies in human rights, U.S. foreign policy, globalization and terrorism and conflict.

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. Graduates of UIW's Political Science program are at work throughout the United States and abroad. They include teachers and educators, administrators, public safety officers, attorneys, law enforcement officers and nonprofit leaders. Others have pursued law school or continued their studies at the master's or doctoral level. Others have worked at institutions such as the United Nations or the Democracy Collaborative, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and many more. The professional forecast for Political Science majors looks bright. In the United States today, there is an increased demand for public policy analysis in both government and nongovernmental organizations, which will support employment growth. In fact, between 2019 and 2029, employment of political scientists is projected to increase 6%, faster than the average for all occupations.

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.

CONTACT

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DEGREE PLAN

B.A. in Political Science - International Relations/Comparative Politics

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)
FYES 1211: First Year Engagement Seminar (2 hours)
PEHP Physical Activity Course (1 hour)

Total Hours: 15

Spring

POLS 1316: State and Local Politics (3 hours)
ENGL 1312: Composition II (3 hours)
MATH CORE 2303: Students who select other than
MATH 2303 will be required to take an additional
statistics for the major. (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)
PHIL 1381: Introduction to Philosophy (3 hours)
Modern Language II (3 hours)
Elective (3 hours)

Total Hours: 15

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall

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

Total Hours: 15

Spring

Comparative/IR Elective (Upper-Division): See
options below (6 hours)
Elective (3 hours)
Minor (3 hours)
Minor or Elective (3 hours)

Total Hours: 15

SENIOR YEAR

Fall

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

Total Hours: 15

Spring

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

Total Hours: 15

Natural Science Electives: Choose from BIOL 1401, 1402, 2321 and 2121; CHEM 1301/1101, 1405; ENSC 1401 or ENSC 3420H; GEOL 1401, 1402, 1415, 1420;
METR 1430; NUTR 2400; PHYS 1301/1101, 2305/2105, 2308/2108

Comparative Politics Electives: Choose from POLS 2350, 3350, 3351, 3352, 3371, 4325, 4335, 4340, 4355, 4360, 4387

International Relations Electives: Choose from POLS 1391, 3356, 4321, 4330, 4343, 4345, 4363, or 4387

121 hours needed to complete the B.A. in Political Science-International Relations/Comparative Politics

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