



SISTERS OF CHARITY OF
THE INCARNATE WORD

GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

Program Description

This program 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. Students have numerous opportunities to participate in organizations related to Government and International Affairs: Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society; Moot Court team; the Model OAS; Amnesty International; and Phi Alpha Delta, the Pre-Law Society.

The Department offers two majors: a **Bachelor of Arts in Government** and a **Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs**. The Department also hosts several Interdisciplinary Concentrations that can substitute for a Minor, including **Concentrations in International Affairs, Justice and Peace Studies, Political Economy, and Pre-Law**.

Career Opportunities

Our majors develop analytical skills, combining organized knowledge with practical experience that introduces and prepares students for career opportunities in the public as well as non-governmental sectors. Internships are a vital part of the programs. 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. Government students prepare for professional training in public policy, public administration, law, graduate education in the policy sciences, as well as employment in government and non-government public sector organizations, including non-profit organizations or businesses relating to international affairs.

Faculty

Dr. Lydia Andrade, Professor (Ph.D., Texas A&M University): Presidential Politics, Campaigns & Elections, Congressional Politics, Interest Groups, Women in Politics, Public Policy, Research Methods, State & Local Government, and Public Administration.

Dr. Scott Dittloff, Professor (Ph.D., Texas A&M University): Caribbean Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Literature & Politics, Politics & Culture, and Human Rights.

Dr. Gary Keith, Associate Professor (Ph.D., Brandeis University): Texas Politics, Public Law, Parties & Elections, Legislative Politics, and Environmental Policy.

Degree Requirements for B.A. in Government

39 semester hours, of which 12 must be upper-division; students must also choose from either the American Government track or the Comparative Politics/ International Relations track of courses.

1. 21 semester hours of required courses:

- GOVT 1315 American Politics
- GOVT 1316 State and Local Politics
- GOVT 2305 Introduction to Political Studies
- GOVT 2310 Comparative Politics
- GOVT 2320 International Relations

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SOCI/PSYC 3381 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences or MATH 2303 Intro to Probability and Statistics

2. 18 semester hours selected from courses listed under one of the following tracks.

A. American Politics

GOVT 1391 Human Rights
GOVT 2342 Law & Social Justice in Movies & Novels
GOVT 2350 Environmental Politics
GOVT 2392 U.S. Legal System
GOVT 3300 U.S. Congress
GOVT 3305 U.S. Presidency
GOVT 3353 Texas Legislative Process
GOVT 3371 Political Theory
GOVT 3375 Moot Court
GOVT 4315 Constitutional Law I: Institutional Powers
GOVT 4316 Constitutional Law II: Civil Liberties & Civil Rights
GOVT 4317 Public Policy
GOVT 4321 United States Foreign Policy
GOVT 4325 Political Behavior
COMM 4332 Law & the Media
GOVT 4335 Political Parties and Elections
GOVT 4365 Political Economy
GOVT 4385 Topics in American Politics

B. Comparative Politics/International Relations

Students who choose to focus in Comparative Politics/International Relations must take three courses designated as Comparative Politics and three designated as International Relations:

Comparative Politics Courses

GOVT 1391 Human Rights
GOVT 2350 Environmental Politics
GOVT 3350 European Politics
GOVT 3351 Asian Politics
GOVT 3371 Political Theory
GOVT 4335 Political Parties and Elections
GOVT 4355 Politics of Developing Areas
GOVT 4387 Topics in Comparative Politics

International Relations Courses

GOVT 2375 International Organizations
GOVT 2376 Model Organization of the American States
GOVT 3356 Terrorism & Conflict in the International Arena
GOVT 3376 Model United Nations
BINT 4310 International Economics
BLAW 4320 International Business Law
GOVT 4321 United States Foreign Policy
GOVT 4322 National Security Policy
GOVT 4323 Politics of Coffee & Sugar
GOVT 4330 International Law
GOVT 4363 Political Globalization
GOVT 4365 Political Economy
GOVT 4387 Topics in International Relations

Minor in Government

12 hours from the following courses: GOVT 1315, 1316, 2305, and **either** 2310 **or** 2320; nine additional semester hours in other GOVT courses, 6 of which must be upper-division

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