

# Political Science (POL)

## Major and Minor in Political Science

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Minors of particular interest to students majoring in Political Science: Africana Studies (AFS), Applied Mathematics and Statistics (AMS), Anthropology (ANT), Economics (ECO), Environmental Studies (ENS), History (HIS), International Studies (INT), Philosophy (PHI), Service Learning Research (LCR), Sociology (SOC), Technology and Society (EST), Women's Studies (WST)

## Faculty

Scott Basinger, *Assistant Professor, Ph.D., University of California, San Diego*: American politics; political economy.

Albert D. Cover, *Associate Professor, Ph.D., Yale University*: American politics and institutions; legislative politics.

Stanley Feldman, *Professor, Ph.D., University of Minnesota*: Political behavior and political sociology; logic of inquiry and research design; statistics.

Leonie Huddy, *Professor, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles*: Political psychology; public opinion.

Lee E. Koppelman, *Professor, D.P.A., New York University*: Regional planning; resource management.

Gallya Lahav, *Assistant Professor, Ph.D., City University of New York*: Comparative politics; European integration.

Howard Lavine, *Associate Professor, Ph.D., University of Minnesota*: Political psychology; attitudes and persuasion.

Matthew Lebo, *Assistant Professor, Ph.D., University of North Texas*: American politics, comparative politics and political methodology with emphasis on public opinion, voting behavior and time series analysis.

Bahar Leventoglu, *Assistant Professor, Ph.D., University of Rochester*: Democratization, comparative political institutions, and international organizations.

Milton Lodge, *Professor, Ph.D., University of Michigan*: Political psychology; political behavior.

Frank Myers, *Professor, Ph.D., Columbia University*: Comparative politics; political theory.

Helmut Norpoth, *Professor, Ph.D., University of Michigan*: Elections; comparative politics.

Peter Salins, *Professor, State University of New York Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Ph.D., Syracuse University*: Urban politics; public policy.

Howard A. Scarrow, *Emeritus Professor, Ph.D., Duke University*: Comparative politics; American government; political parties. Recipient of the State University Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1987, and the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1987.

Mark Schneider, *Professor, Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*: Public policy; urban politics.

Jeffrey A. Segal, *Professor, Ph.D., Michigan State University*: American institutions; constitutional and public law.

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## Affiliated Faculty

Lester Paldy, *Technology and Society*

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## Teaching Assistants

Estimated number: 6

Political Science is the study of how societies make collective decisions through politics and government. It is subdivided into the following areas: American politics (study of American institutions and practices); comparative politics (study of foreign governments); international relations (study of war, international organization, and foreign policies); political theory (study of the bases of legitimate political authority); political behavior (study of why people vote and act as they do in political matters); and public policy (study of organizational decision-making and the consequences of government action).

The objective of the Political Science major is to give the student a general introduction to all the major subfields of the discipline and an in-depth exposure to one or two of them. Students study not only the major literature of the subfields, but also learn research methods and become familiar with ongoing research. Internships in Long Island, Albany, and Washington offer selected students the opportunity to gain practical experience.

The Political Science major provides a strong liberal arts background for students who may enter such fields as journalism, business, public administration,

social welfare, teaching, and law. Those who graduate from law school go on to work in law firms, in businesses, and in government agencies at all levels. Most Political Science majors who apply to law school are admitted, many of them to top-ranking institutions. Some Political Science majors attend graduate school in the field, leading to careers as teachers and researchers of politics at colleges and universities.

## Courses Offered in Political Science

See the Course Descriptions listing in this *Bulletin* for complete information.

POL 101-F World Politics

POL 102-F Introduction to American Government

POL 103-F Introduction to Comparative Politics

POL 105-F Honors Introduction to American Government

POL 201-C Introduction to Statistical Methods in Political Science

POL 214-J Modern Latin America

POL 216-J History of U.S.-Latin American Relations

POL 287 Introductory Research in Political Science

POL 302 Graphical Analysis in Political Science

POL 305-I Government and Politics of the United Kingdom

POL 307-I Politics in Germany

POL 309-I Politics in the European Union

POL 311 Introduction to International Law

POL 313-F Problems of International Relations

POL 316-F Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations

POL 317-F American Election Campaigns

POL 318-F Voters and Elections  
 POL 319 Business Law  
 POL 320-F Constitutional Law and Politics: United States  
 POL 321-F Law and Politics  
 POL 322-F The Presidency in the American Political System  
 POL 323-F U.S. Congress  
 POL 324-F American Political Parties and Pressure Groups  
 POL 325-F Civil Liberties and Civil Rights  
 POL 326-F Politics of New York State  
 POL 327-K Urban Politics  
 POL 328-F Criminal Law  
 POL 329-F Administrative Law  
 POL 330-K Gender Issues in the Law  
 POL 331-F Law and Political Representation  
 POL 332-F Politics of Criminal Due Process  
 POL 333 Environmental Law  
 POL 336-F U.S. Foreign Policy  
 POL 337-J The Politics of Africa  
 POL 343-F Behavioral Assumptions of the Law  
 POL 344-F American Political Ideology and Public Opinion  
 POL 346-F Political Psychology  
 POL 347-K Women and Politics  
 POL 348-F Political Beliefs and Judgments  
 POL 349-F Social Psychology of Politics  
 POL 350-I Contemporary European Political Theory  
 POL 351 Social Surveys in Contemporary Society  
 POL 359-F Public Policy Analysis  
 POL 364-F Organizational Decision Making  
 POL 365-F Economy and Democracy  
 POL 366-F Government Regulation of Business  
 POL 367-F Mass Media in American Politics  
 POL 368-F American Political Development  
 POL 372-J Politics in the Third World  
 POL 374-F Global Issues in the United Nations  
 POL 377 Contemporary Political Philosophy (II)

POL 382-J Politics and Political Change in Latin America  
 POL 390, 391 Topics in Political Science  
 POL 392-I Topics in Political Science and the European Tradition  
 POL 401-404 Seminars in Advanced Topics  
 POL 405 Colloquium in Comparative Politics and Political Theory  
 POL 406 Strategic Models of Politics  
 POL 411-H Science, Technology, and Arms Control  
 POL 412 Intelligence Organizations, Technology, and Democracy  
 POL 413-J Asian Security and Technology Issues  
 POL 434-F Supreme Court Decision Making  
 POL 447 Directed Readings in Political Science  
 POL 475, 476 Undergraduate Teaching Practica I, II  
 POL 487 Directed Research  
 POL 488 Internship  
 POL 489 Washington or Albany Internship  
 POL 490 Washington or Albany Seminar  
 POL 495, 496 Senior Honors Projects in Political Science

### Requirements for the Major in Political Science (POL)

The major in Political Science leads to the Bachelor of Arts degree. All political science courses numbered 200 or higher offered for the major must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher.

Completion of the major requires 39 credits.

#### A. Study Within the Area of the Major

##### 1. Required courses: (9 credits)

POL 101 World Politics  
 POL 102 American Government  
*or* 105 Honors American Government  
 POL 103 Comparative Politics

Note: Above courses must be taken for a letter grade and passed with a grade of C or higher in order to be counted toward completion of the major requirements.

##### 2. Political Science electives: (24 credits)

a. All must be selected from courses numbered 200 or above (excluding

POL 201), and at least 12 credits must be from courses numbered 300 or above. At least 12 of these 24 credits must be selected from courses in one of the programs of study listed below. No more than six credits from courses with Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading may be applied.

b. No more than nine political science credits may be taken at another institution (with exceptions made in the case of planned foreign study). Of the nine credits no more than six may be used toward fulfilling the requirement of 24 credits from courses at the 200 level or above. Only transfer courses with grade of C or higher are accepted.

#### B. Study in Related Areas (6 credits)

Two courses numbered 300 or higher, offered by another department (and not crosslisted with a political science course or included as a philosophy course in the political theory/philosophy program of study) in subjects directly related to the chosen program of study. Courses taken at another institution may be used to satisfy this requirement if they were passed with a grade of C or higher.

#### C. Methodology Requirement

Majors must demonstrate competence in appropriate social science methodology by passing with a grade of C or higher any one of the following courses: AMS 102, ECO 320, POL 201, PSY 201, or SOC 202. The Department suggests that students fulfill this requirement no later than the beginning of their junior year. A course taken to fulfill the methodology requirement may not count toward fulfilling any other major requirement.

#### D. Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Political Science majors are expected to fulfill the upper-division writing requirement by the end of their junior year. The requirement may be met in either of two ways:

Method I: Students may submit to the Department's director of undergraduate studies a portfolio of papers on subjects relevant to political science. These papers may include term papers or shorter pieces written for political science courses at Stony Brook or elsewhere. There is no requirement concerning the number of papers sub-

**Sample Course Sequence for the Major in Political Science**

| Freshman Fall  | Credits |
|----------------|---------|
| D.E.C. A       | 3       |
| POL 100-level* | 3       |
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| D.E.C.         | 3       |
| D.E.C.         | 3       |
| Total          | 15      |

| Spring         | Credits |
|----------------|---------|
| D.E.C. A       | 3       |
| POL 100-level* | 3       |
| D.E.C.         | 3       |
| D.E.C.         | 3       |
| D.E.C.         | 3       |
| Total          | 15      |

| Sophomore Fall | Credits |
|----------------|---------|
| POL 201**      | 3       |
| POL 200-level  | 3       |
| D.E.C.         | 3       |
| D.E.C.         | 3       |
| D.E.C.         | 3       |
| Total          | 15      |

| Spring                              | Credits |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| POL 300-level                       | 3       |
| Introductory course in related area | 3       |
| Introductory course in related area | 3       |
| D.E.C.                              | 3       |
| D.E.C.                              | 3       |
| Total                               | 15      |

| Junior Fall   | Credits |
|---|---------|
| POL Upper-Division course from selected Program of Study*** | 3       |
| POL Upper-Division course from selected Program of Study*** | 3       |
| Upper-Division course in related area                       | 3       |
| D.E.C.  | 3       |
| D.E.C.  | 3       |
| Total   | 15      |

| Spring  | Credits |
|---|---------|
| POL Upper-Division course from selected Program of Study*** | 3       |
| POL Upper-Division course from selected Program of Study*** | 3       |
| Upper-Division course related in area 3                     | 3       |
| Upper-Division elective                                     | 3       |
| Upper-Division elective                                     | 3       |
| Total   | 15      |

| Senior Fall                 | Credits |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| POL Upper-Division elective | 3       |
| POL Upper-Division elective | 3       |
| D.E.C.                      | 3       |
| Upper-Division elective     | 3       |
| Upper-Division elective     | 3       |
| Total                       | 15      |

| Spring  | Credits |
|---|---------|
| Electives, directed research, internship, or honors | 15      |
| Total   | 15      |

\* Every Political Science major must take POL 101, 102, and 103. The three courses are independent of one another and may be taken in any sequence.

\*\* Any of the following courses may be substituted for POL 201: AMS 102, ECO 320, PSY 201, or SOC 202.

\*\*\* See the lists under "Programs of Study" (right).

- American Government, Law, and Public Policy;
- Political Behavior and Political Psychology;
- Political Theory/Philosophy.

**Programs of Study**

**Comparative Politics and International Relations**

POL 214, 216, 302, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 336, 337, 350, 372, 382, 405, 411, 412, 413. Also 287, 401, 402, 403, 404, 447, 487, and 495 when the topic is appropriate.

**American Government, Law, and Public Policy**

POL 302, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 336, 343, 344, 347, 350, 351, 359, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 406, 434. Also 287, 401, 402, 403, 404, 447, 487, and 495 when the topic is applicable.

**Political Behavior and Political Psychology**

POL 302, 316, 317, 318, 323, 343, 344, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 364, 367, 368, 377, 434. Also 287, 401, 402, 403, 404, 447, 487, and 495 when the topic is applicable.

**Political Theory/Philosophy**

Students may choose from the following courses in political science and philosophy to complete this program of study:

- PHI 249 Marxism
  - PHI 277 Political Philosophy
  - PHI 363 Philosophy of the Social Sciences
  - PHI 366 Philosophy and the Environment
  - PHI 367 Philosophy of War and Peace
  - PHI 372 Ethical Inquiry
  - PHI 375 Philosophy of Law
  - PHI 377 Contemporary Political Philosophy
  - PHI 379 Philosophy of Race
  - PHI 384 Advanced Topics in Feminist Theory
- Also POL 321, 325, 344, 350. Also POL 402, 403, 404, and 405 when the topic is applicable.

mitted, but the portfolio must consist of at least 20 pages of material.

Method II: Students may seek to have their writing evaluated by the instructor of any upper-division political science course in which there is an assigned research paper. Writing evaluation forms are available in the Department office for students to give to their instructors along with their papers. Students should check with the undergraduate office if they have any questions about whether

they have fulfilled the writing requirement.

Students whose writing is not judged adequate should consult with the director of undergraduate studies on further steps to fulfill the writing requirement.

**Note:**

Students must take four 300-level courses in one of the following programs of study within the major:

- Comparative Politics and International Relations;

## Honors Program

Departmental majors with a 3.50 g.p.a. in political science courses and a 3.00 cumulative g.p.a. may enroll in the Political Science honors program at the end of their junior year. The student, after asking a faculty member to be a sponsor, must submit a proposal to the Department describing the research project that is to be the subject of the honors thesis. The supervising faculty member must also submit a statement supporting the student's proposal. If the project is approved by the Department, the student may enroll in POL 495-496 Senior Honors Project in Political Science in the fall and spring semesters of the senior year. The honors paper resulting from the student's research is read by two Political Science faculty members and a faculty member from another department, as arranged by the director of undergraduate studies. If the paper is judged to be of extraordinary merit and the student's record warrants such a determination, honors are conferred.

## Requirements for the Minor in Political Science (POL)

The minor in Political Science is organized around one of the four programs of study listed for the major and must be approved by the Department's director of undergraduate studies.

Completion of the minor requires 24 credits distributed as follows:

1. Two 100-level POL courses selected from 101, 102 (or 105), and 103
2. Six POL courses numbered 200 or higher (excluding POL 201), of which at least three must be at the upper-division level. At least four of the courses must be in one of the programs of study listed above.

No more than six credits of courses with Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading may be applied to the minor. All courses except POL 287, 488, and 489 must be taken for a letter grade. No grade less than C in courses numbered 200 and above may be used to fulfill minor requirements. No more than nine credits may be taken at another institution, and of these no more than six credits may be used toward the requirement of 18 credits from courses numbered 200 and above. Only transfer courses graded C or higher are accepted for minor credit.

## B.A. / M.A. Combined Degree Program in Political Science

Undergraduate Stony Brook students currently enrolled with a major in Political Science are eligible for the five-year combined B.A./M.A. in Political Science/ Public Policy Program, in which up to six graduate credits are earned during the senior year, while also fulfilling the B.A. requirements. Upon admission to the program, the student takes the following two courses (or others approved by the Graduate Program Director) in the senior year:

POL 535 Public Policy Analysis and Evaluation

POL 536 Public Management and Organizational Behavior

These six credits will also be applied to the 24-credit, upper-level undergraduate elective requirement for political science majors. The student then completes the remaining graduate requirements during the fifth year of full-time study.

