

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Courses offered by the Department of Political Science are listed under the subject code POLISCI on the Stanford Bulletin's ExploreCourses web site.

Mission of the Undergraduate Program in Political Science

The mission of the undergraduate program in Political Science is to provide students with a solid grasp of the American political system and other political systems within the context of global forces, international conflicts, social movements, ideological systems and diversity. Courses in the major are designed to help students gain competency in the primary subfields of political science including American and comparative politics, international relations, and the theory/philosophy of politics; to introduce students to a variety of research methodologies and analytical frameworks; and to develop students' written and oral communication skills. Students in the program have excellent preparation for further study in graduate or professional schools as well as careers in government, business, and not-for-profit organizations.

Learning Outcomes (Undergraduate)

The department expects undergraduate majors in the program to be able to demonstrate the following learning outcomes. These learning outcomes are used in evaluating students and the department's undergraduate program. Students are expected to demonstrate:

1. an understanding of core knowledge within the discipline of political science.
2. the ability to communicate ideas clearly and persuasively in writing.
3. the ability to analyze a problem and draw correct inferences using qualitative and/or quantitative analysis.
4. the ability to evaluate theory and critique research within the discipline of Political Science.

Graduate Programs in Political Science

The Department of Political Science offers two types of advanced degrees:

- the Doctor of Philosophy
- the Master of Arts in Political Science which is available to Stanford students who are currently enrolled in other advanced degree programs.

The department does not have a terminal M.A. program for external applicants.

The principal goal of the Stanford Ph.D. program in Political Science is the training of scholars. Most students who receive doctorates in the program do research and teach at colleges or universities. The department offers courses and research opportunities in a wide variety of fields in the discipline, including American politics, comparative politics, international relations, political theory, and political methodology. The program is built around small seminars that analyze critically the literature of a field or focus on a research problem. These courses prepare students for the Ph.D. comprehensive exam requirement within a two-year period and for work on the doctoral dissertation.

Admission to the graduate program in Political Science is highly selective. Approximately 14-18 students, chosen from a large pool of applicants, enter the program each year. The small size of the student body allows more individual work with members of the faculty than most

graduate programs. It also makes possible financial assistance to most students admitted to the Ph.D. program.

Additional information on the admissions process is available on the Department of Political Science website (<https://politicalscience.stanford.edu/graduate-program/prospective-students/phd-admissions>).

Learning Outcomes (Graduate)

The Ph.D. is conferred upon candidates who have demonstrated substantial scholarship and the ability to conduct independent research and analysis in Political Science. Through completion of advanced course work and rigorous skills training, the doctoral program prepares students to make original contributions to the knowledge of Political Science and to interpret and present the results of such research.

Pursued in combination with a doctoral degree, the master's program furthers students' knowledge and skills in Political Science. This is achieved through completion of courses in three subfields, and experience with independent work and specialization.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

To receive a B.A. in Political Science, a student must:

1. Submit a Political Science major proposal during a meeting with the undergraduate administrator and declare on Axess. Forms are available in Encina Hall West, room 100, or at the Department of Political Science web site (<https://politicalscience.stanford.edu/undergraduate-major/major>). For additional information, students may visit the Political Science office or phone (650) 723-1608.
2. Complete 70 units including:
 - a. 5 unit introductory class, POLISCI 1 The Science of Politics, preferably taken before the end of sophomore year.
 - b. 40 Political Science course units in a primary and secondary track combined. Each major must declare a primary track and take at least 25 units in this track. The secondary track must be completed with at least 15 units. The five track options include:
 - i. Justice and Law

POLISCI 29N	Mixed-Race Politics and Culture	3
POLISCI 31N	Political Freedom: Rights, Justice, and Democracy in the Western Tradition	3
POLISCI 31Q	Justice and the City	3
POLISCI 102	Politics and Public Policy	4-5
POLISCI 103	Justice	4-5
POLISCI 114D	Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law	5
POLISCI 122	Introduction to American Law	3-5
POLISCI 124R	The Federal System: Judicial Politics and Constitutional Law	5
POLISCI 125P	The First Amendment: Freedom of Speech and Press	4-5
POLISCI 126P	Constitutional Law	3
POLISCI 127A	Finance and Society for non-MBAs	4
POLISCI 128S	The Constitution: A Brief History	5
POLISCI 130	20th Century Political Theory: Liberalism and its Critics	5
POLISCI 131A	The Ethics and Politics of Collective Action	3-4
POLISCI 131L	Modern Political Thought: Machiavelli to Marx and Mill	5
POLISCI 132A	The Ethics of Elections	5
POLISCI 133	Ethics and Politics of Public Service	3-5
POLISCI 133D	The Paradigm Shift	1

POLISCI 134L	Introduction to Environmental Ethics	4-5
POLISCI 134P	Contemporary Moral Problems	4-5
POLISCI 135D	The Ethics of Democratic Citizenship	5
POLISCI 136R	Introduction to Global Justice	4
POLISCI 137A	Political Philosophy: The Social Contract Tradition	4
POLISCI 138E	Egalitarianism: A course on the history and theory of egalitarianism and anti-egalitarianism	4
POLISCI 213S	A Post American Century? American Foreign Policy in a Uni-Multi-unipolar World	5
POLISCI 225C	Fixing US Politics: Political Reform in Principle and Practice	5
POLISCI 226	Race and Racism in American Politics	5
POLISCI 230A	Classical Seminar: Origins of Political Thought	4-5
POLISCI 231	High-Stakes Politics: Case Studies in Political Philosophy, Institutions, and Interests	3-5
POLISCI 232T	The Dialogue of Democracy	4-5
POLISCI 233	Justice and Cities	5
POLISCI 234	Democratic Theory	5
POLISCI 234P	Deliberative Democracy and its Critics	3-5
POLISCI 235J	Creative Political Thinking: From Machiavelli to Madison	4-5
POLISCI 236	Theories and Practices of Civil Society, Philanthropy, and the Nonprofit Sector	5
POLISCI 236S	Theories and Practices of Civil Society, Philanthropy, and the Nonprofit Sector	5
POLISCI 314D	Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law	5
POLISCI 327C	Law of Democracy	3-5
POLISCI 330A	Classical Seminar: Origins of Political Thought	4-5
POLISCI 331	High-Stakes Politics: Case Studies in Political Philosophy, Institutions, and Interests	3-5
POLISCI 332T	The Dialogue of Democracy	4-5
POLISCI 333M	Research and Methods in Political Theory	3-5
POLISCI 334P	Deliberative Democracy and its Critics	3-5
POLISCI 335A	Adam Smith: From Moral Philosophy to Political Economy	3-5
POLISCI 335J	Creative Political Thinking: From Machiavelli to Madison	4-5
POLISCI 337A	Political Philosophy: The Social Contract Tradition	4
ii International Relations		
POLISCI 10N	International Organizations and the World Order	3
POLISCI 11N	The Rwandan Genocide	3
POLISCI 18N	Civil War and International Politics: Syria in Context	3
POLISCI 43Q	Immigration Crisis? Policy Dilemmas in the US and Europe	3
POLISCI 45N	Civil War Narratives	3
POLISCI 101	Introduction to International Relations	5
POLISCI 110C	America and the World Economy	5
POLISCI 110D	War and Peace in American Foreign Policy	5
POLISCI 110G	Governing the Global Economy	5
POLISCI 110X	America and the World Economy	5
POLISCI 110Y	War and Peace in American Foreign Policy	5
POLISCI 114D	Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law	5
POLISCI 114S	International Security in a Changing World	5
POLISCI 115A	The Rise of Asia	3-5
POLISCI 116	The International History of Nuclear Weapons	5
POLISCI 118P	U.S. Relations in Iran	5
POLISCI 136R	Introduction to Global Justice	4
POLISCI 147	Comparative Democratic Development	5
POLISCI 149S	Islam, Iran, and the West	5
POLISCI 211N	Nuclear Politics	3-5
POLISCI 212C	Civil War and International Politics: Syria in Context	5
POLISCI 212X	Civil War and International Politics: Syria in Context	5
POLISCI 213E	Introduction to European Studies	5
POLISCI 213S	A Post American Century? American Foreign Policy in a Uni-Multi-unipolar World	5
POLISCI 214R	Challenges and Dilemmas in American Foreign Policy	5
POLISCI 216	State Building	5
POLISCI 216G	International Organizations and Institutions	5
POLISCI 217A	American Foreign Policy: Interests, Values, and Process	5
POLISCI 240T	Democracy, Promotion, and American Foreign Policy	5
POLISCI 245	Evidence and the Making of Foreign Policy	5
POLISCI 311N	Nuclear Politics	3-5
POLISCI 314D	Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law	5
POLISCI 314R	Challenges and Dilemmas in American Foreign Policy	5
POLISCI 315A	The Rise of Asia	3-5
POLISCI 316S	Decision Making in U.S. Foreign Policy	5
iii Elections, Representation, and Governance		
POLISCI 23Q	Analyzing the 2016 Elections	3
POLISCI 25N	The US Congress in Historical and Comparative Perspective	3
POLISCI 27N	Thinking Like a Social Scientist	3
POLISCI 28N	The Changing Nature of Racial Identity in American Politics	3
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POLISCI 31N	Political Freedom: Rights, Justice, and Democracy in the Western Tradition	3
POLISCI 72	Policy, Politics, and the Presidency: Understanding the 2016 Campaign from Start to Finish	2
POLISCI 102	Politics and Public Policy	4-5
POLISCI 104	Introduction to Comparative Politics	5
POLISCI 110D	War and Peace in American Foreign Policy	5
POLISCI 110Y	War and Peace in American Foreign Policy	5
POLISCI 120B	Campaigns, Voting, Media, and Elections	4-5

POLISCI 120C	American Political Institutions in Uncertain Times	5	POLISCI 311E	Political Economy I	2-5
POLISCI 120Z	What's Wrong with American Government? An Institutional Approach	4	POLISCI 316S	Decision Making in U.S. Foreign Policy	5
POLISCI 121	Political Power in American Cities	5	POLISCI 322A	Advances in Political Psychology	3-5
POLISCI 121L	Racial-Ethnic Politics in US	5	POLISCI 324	Graduate Seminar in Political Psychology	1-3
POLISCI 124L	The Psychology of Communication About Politics in America	4-5	POLISCI 326T	The Politics of Education	3-5
POLISCI 124R	The Federal System: Judicial Politics and Constitutional Law	5	POLISCI 327C	Law of Democracy	3-5
POLISCI 125M	Latino Social Movements	5	POLISCI 344	Politics and Geography	3-5
POLISCI 125P	The First Amendment: Freedom of Speech and Press	4-5	POLISCI 344A	Authoritarian Politics	3-5
POLISCI 125S	Chicano/Latino Politics	5	POLISCI 344U	Political Culture	3-5
POLISCI 125V	The Voting Rights Act	5	POLISCI 346P	The Dynamics of Change in Africa	4-5
POLISCI 126P	Constitutional Law	3	POLISCI 348	Chinese Politics	3-5
POLISCI 128S	The Constitution: A Brief History	5	POLISCI 348S	Latin American Politics	3-5
POLISCI 130	20th Century Political Theory: Liberalism and its Critics	5	POLISCI 355A	Data Science for Politics	5
POLISCI 131A	The Ethics and Politics of Collective Action	3-4			
POLISCI 131L	Modern Political Thought: Machiavelli to Marx and Mill	5	iv	Political Economy and Development	
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POLISCI 134L	Introduction to Environmental Ethics	4-5	POLISCI 18N	Civil War and International Politics: Syria in Context	3
POLISCI 134P	Contemporary Moral Problems	4-5	POLISCI 25N	The US Congress in Historical and Comparative Perspective	3
POLISCI 135D	The Ethics of Democratic Citizenship	5	POLISCI 28N	The Changing Nature of Racial Identity in American Politics	3
POLISCI 140P	Populism and the Erosion of Democracy	5	POLISCI 31Q	Justice and the City	3
POLISCI 143S	Comparative Corruption	4-5	POLISCI 43Q	Immigration Crisis? Policy Dilemmas in the US and Europe	3
POLISCI 147	Comparative Democratic Development	5	POLISCI 45N	Civil War Narratives	3
POLISCI 147P	The Politics of Inequality	5	POLISCI 101	Introduction to International Relations	5
POLISCI 148	Chinese Politics	3-5	POLISCI 102	Politics and Public Policy	4-5
POLISCI 149T	Middle Eastern Politics	5	POLISCI 103	Justice	4-5
POLISCI 150A	Data Science for Politics	5	POLISCI 104	Introduction to Comparative Politics	5
POLISCI 213E	Introduction to European Studies	5	POLISCI 110C	America and the World Economy	5
POLISCI 217A	American Foreign Policy: Interests, Values, and Process	5	POLISCI 110G	Governing the Global Economy	5
POLISCI 220	Place-Making Policies	5	POLISCI 110X	America and the World Economy	5
POLISCI 220R	The Presidency	3-5	POLISCI 114D	Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law	5
POLISCI 222	The Political Psychology of Intolerance	5	POLISCI 115A	The Rise of Asia	3-5
POLISCI 223A	Public Opinion and American Democracy	5	POLISCI 116	The International History of Nuclear Weapons	5
POLISCI 223B	Money, Power, and Politics in the New Gilded Age	5	POLISCI 118P	U.S. Relations in Iran	5
POLISCI 225C	Fixing US Politics: Political Reform in Principle and Practice	5	POLISCI 120B	Campaigns, Voting, Media, and Elections	4-5
POLISCI 226T	The Politics of Education	3-5	POLISCI 121	Political Power in American Cities	5
POLISCI 234	Democratic Theory	5	POLISCI 121L	Racial-Ethnic Politics in US	5
POLISCI 240A	Democratic Politics	5	POLISCI 122	Introduction to American Law	3-5
POLISCI 241A	An Introduction to Political Economy of Development	5	POLISCI 124L	The Psychology of Communication About Politics in America	4-5
POLISCI 244	An Introduction to Political Development	5	POLISCI 125M	Latino Social Movements	5
POLISCI 244A	Authoritarian Politics	3-5	POLISCI 125S	Chicano/Latino Politics	5
POLISCI 244U	Political Culture	3-5	POLISCI 125V	The Voting Rights Act	5
POLISCI 245	Evidence and the Making of Foreign Policy	5	POLISCI 127A	Finance and Society for non-MBAs	4
POLISCI 245R	Politics in Modern Iran	5	POLISCI 137A	Political Philosophy: The Social Contract Tradition	4
POLISCI 246A	Paths to the Modern World: Islam and the West	5	POLISCI 141A	Immigration and Multiculturalism	5
POLISCI 246P	The Dynamics of Change in Africa	4-5	POLISCI 143S	Comparative Corruption	4-5
POLISCI 247G	Governance and Poverty	5	POLISCI 146A	African Politics	4-5
POLISCI 248S	Latin American Politics	3-5	POLISCI 147	Comparative Democratic Development	5
			POLISCI 148	Chinese Politics	3-5
			POLISCI 149S	Islam, Iran, and the West	5

POLISCI 149T	Middle Eastern Politics	5
POLISCI 152	Introduction to Game Theoretic Methods in Political Science	3-5
POLISCI 153	Thinking Strategically	5
POLISCI 153Z	Thinking Strategically	4
POLISCI 212C	Civil War and International Politics: Syria in Context	5
POLISCI 212X	Civil War and International Politics: Syria in Context	5
POLISCI 213E	Introduction to European Studies	5
POLISCI 216	State Building	5
POLISCI 220	Place-Making Policies	5
POLISCI 220R	The Presidency	3-5
POLISCI 223B	Money, Power, and Politics in the New Gilded Age	5
POLISCI 231	High-Stakes Politics: Case Studies in Political Philosophy, Institutions, and Interests	3-5
POLISCI 232T	The Dialogue of Democracy	4-5
POLISCI 234P	Deliberative Democracy and its Critics	3-5
POLISCI 236	Theories and Practices of Civil Society, Philanthropy, and the Nonprofit Sector	5
POLISCI 236S	Theories and Practices of Civil Society, Philanthropy, and the Nonprofit Sector	5
POLISCI 240T	Democracy, Promotion, and American Foreign Policy	5
POLISCI 241A	An Introduction to Political Economy of Development	5
POLISCI 241S	Spatial Approaches to Social Science	5
POLISCI 244	An Introduction to Political Development	5
POLISCI 244A	Authoritarian Politics	3-5
POLISCI 244U	Political Culture	3-5
POLISCI 245R	Politics in Modern Iran	5
POLISCI 246A	Paths to the Modern World: Islam and the West	5
POLISCI 246P	The Dynamics of Change in Africa	4-5
POLISCI 247A	Games Developing Nations Play	5
POLISCI 247G	Governance and Poverty	5
POLISCI 248S	Latin American Politics	3-5
POLISCI 311E	Political Economy I	2-5
POLISCI 314D	Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law	5
POLISCI 315A	The Rise of Asia	3-5
POLISCI 327C	Law of Democracy	3-5
POLISCI 331	High-Stakes Politics: Case Studies in Political Philosophy, Institutions, and Interests	3-5
POLISCI 332T	The Dialogue of Democracy	4-5
POLISCI 334P	Deliberative Democracy and its Critics	3-5
POLISCI 337A	Political Philosophy: The Social Contract Tradition	4
POLISCI 344	Politics and Geography	3-5
POLISCI 344A	Authoritarian Politics	3-5
POLISCI 344U	Political Culture	3-5
POLISCI 346P	The Dynamics of Change in Africa	4-5
POLISCI 347A	Games Developing Nations Play	5
POLISCI 348	Chinese Politics	3-5
POLISCI 348S	Latin American Politics	3-5

POLISCI 352	Introduction to Game Theoretic Methods in Political Science	3-5
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v Data Science

POLISCI 27N	Thinking Like a Social Scientist	3
POLISCI 141A	Immigration and Multiculturalism	5
POLISCI 147P	The Politics of Inequality	5
POLISCI 150A	Data Science for Politics	5
POLISCI 150B	Machine Learning for Social Scientists	5
POLISCI 150C	Causal Inference for Social Science	5
POLISCI 152	Introduction to Game Theoretic Methods in Political Science	3-5
POLISCI 153	Thinking Strategically	5
POLISCI 153Z	Thinking Strategically	4
POLISCI 155	Political Data Science	5
POLISCI 241S	Spatial Approaches to Social Science	5
POLISCI 247A	Games Developing Nations Play	5
POLISCI 343A	Field Methods	3-5
POLISCI 347A	Games Developing Nations Play	5
POLISCI 352	Introduction to Game Theoretic Methods in Political Science	3-5
POLISCI 354	Thinking Strategically	5
POLISCI 355A	Data Science for Politics	5
POLISCI 355B	Machine Learning for Social Scientists	5
POLISCI 355C	Causal Inference for Social Science	5
POLISCI 356A	Formal Theory I: An Introduction to Game Theory	3-5
POLISCI 356B	Formal Theory II: Models of Politics	3-5
POLISCI 358	Data-driven Politics	3-5

c. A 5-unit methods requirement satisfied by:

Select one of the following:	5	
POLISCI 150A	Data Science for Politics	5
POLISCI 155	Political Data Science	5
STATS 60	Introduction to Statistical Methods: Precalculus	5
ECON 102A	Introduction to Statistical Methods (Postcalculus) for Social Scientists	5
CS 106A	Programming Methodology	3-5

- d. 20 additional Political Science units including no more than 5 units of directed reading.
- e. No more than two 3 unit Stanford Introductory Seminar courses can be applied toward the 70 unit major requirement.

3. Demonstrate the capacity for sustained research and writing in the discipline. This requirement is satisfied by taking a Political Science course designated as a Writing in the Major (WIM) course and does not need to be taken in your primary track.

Select one of the following approved Writing in the Major (WIM) courses:		
POLISCI 103	Justice	4-5
POLISCI 110C	America and the World Economy	5
POLISCI 110D	War and Peace in American Foreign Policy	5
POLISCI 120C	American Political Institutions in Uncertain Times	5
POLISCI 121	Political Power in American Cities	5

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POLISCI 212C	Civil War and International Politics: Syria in Context	5
POLISCI 236S	Theories and Practices of Civil Society, Philanthropy, and the Nonprofit Sector	5
POLISCI 299A	Research Design	5

- Take at least one 5-unit, 200-level or 300-level undergraduate seminar in Political Science. This course may be taken within any part of the major, including the primary or secondary track.
- Students may count up to 25 units of course work from outside the Political Science department toward their Political Science major. This related course work is intended to supplement your learning within the Political Science major.

Designated cognate courses are listed on the Approved Cognate Courses (<https://politicalscience.stanford.edu/undergraduate-major/major/cognatesrelated-courses>) list and can be applied directly to the major, without a petition. Cognate courses may be applied in any of the following ways:

- Up to one cognate course in your primary track
 - Up to one cognate course in your secondary track
 - Methods course requirement
 - Additional related course work requirement
- Courses not on the Approved Cognate Courses (<https://politicalscience.stanford.edu/undergraduate-major/major/cognatesrelated-courses>) list may be petitioned toward the major. Course petitions are reviewed and approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Petitions (https://files-politicalscience-stanford-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/political_science_course_petitionfillable.pdf) must be submitted to the undergraduate administrator within one quarter of course completion or within one quarter of declaring the major.
 - Directed reading and Oxford tutorial units require a petition and may only be applied towards related course work units. These units may not be used in the concentrations, and no more than 10 combined units of directed reading and Oxford tutorial units may count toward the required 70 Political Science units.
 - All courses for the major must be completed with a letter grade of 'C' or better.

Minor in Political Science

Students must complete their declaration of the minor on Axess no later than Autumn of their senior year. They must submit the minor declaration form to the undergraduate administrator in Encina Hall West 100. This form can be found in Encina Hall West 100 or on the Political Science web site (<https://politicalscience.stanford.edu/undergraduate-program/political-science-minor>).

To receive a minor in Political Science, a student must complete a minimum of 30 unduplicated units. All units must be in Political Science courses or related courses. All courses for the minor must be taken for a letter grade. Students must receive a minimum letter grade of 'C' in all courses for the minor.

Introductory Course

The student should enroll in POLISCI 1 The Science of Politics preferably in their freshman or sophomore year.

Track

The student selects a track in which four courses are taken. These courses are at a more advanced level (numbered above 100) and should follow enrollment in POLISCI 1. There are five track options: Justice

and Law, International Relations, Data Science, Political Economy and Development, and Elections, Representation, and Governance.

Additional Course Work

This may include courses within any of the five tracks or a directed reading, Stanford in Washington, Bing Overseas courses, or cognate courses from the Approved Cognate Course (<https://politicalscience.stanford.edu/undergraduate-major/major/approved-cognate-courses>) list. A maximum of 5 units of directed reading may count if supervised by a member of the Political Science department. Cognate courses may be applied only to additional course work.

Transfer Work

A maximum of 10 units of work completed outside Stanford may be given Political Science credit toward the minor for transfer students. All such cases must be individually reviewed and approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Master of Arts in Political Science

The Political Science department does not offer a terminal M.A. degree. An M.A. degree may only be pursued in combination with a doctoral degree from another department within the University or with an advanced degree from one of the University's professional schools. Students interested in pursuing the M.A. should discuss the application requirements with the graduate administrator in Political Science.

The department does not offer a coterminal master's degree.

Students from within the department and from other degree programs who have applied to the M.A. program may elect to take the M.A. degree in Political Science when they have met the following requirements:

- Completion of at least three quarters of residency as a graduate student with 45 units of credit of which at least 25 units must be taken in Political Science graduate seminars of 300 level and above. Not more than 25 units of the 45-unit requirement may be taken in a single field.
- At least two graduate seminars (10 units) in each of two fields and at least one graduate seminar (5 units) in a third field.

The Political Science fields that students may choose from are: International Relations, Comparative Politics, American Politics, Political Theory and Political Methodology.

- The remaining 20 units must come from courses numbered above 100. Of those 20 units, not more than 10 units of work from related departments may be accepted in lieu of a portion of the work in Political Science. Not more than 10 units may be taken as directed reading.
- A grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 (B-) or better must be attained for directed readings and all course work. No thesis is required.

Political Science doctoral candidates may pursue master's degrees from other departments. Recent examples include but are not restricted to master's degrees in Statistics and Economics. Students interested in this option should consult the relevant sections of this bulletin for both University and department requirements for master's degrees.

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

The University's basic requirements for the Ph.D. degree are discussed in the "Graduate Degrees (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees>)" section of this bulletin.

Programs of study leading to the Ph.D. degree are designed by the student, in consultation with advisers and the Director of Graduate Studies, to serve his or her particular interests as well as to achieve the general department requirements. A student is recommended to the

University Committee on Graduate Studies to receive the Ph.D. degree in Political Science when the following program of study has been completed:

1. **Statement of Purpose:** By the beginning of the fourth quarter in residence, each graduate student submits a statement of purpose to the student's adviser. This statement indicates the student's proposed major fields of study, the courses taken and those planned to be taken to cover those fields, the student's plan for meeting language and/or skill requirements, plans for scheduling of comprehensive examinations and/or research papers, and, where possible, dissertation ideas or plans. This statement is discussed with, and must be approved by, the student's adviser. In the Autumn Quarter following completion of their first year, students are reviewed at a regular meeting of the department faculty. The main purposes of this review are, in order of importance: to advise and assist the student to realize his or her educational goals; to provide an opportunity for clarifying goals and for identifying ways to achieve them; and to facilitate assessment of progress toward the degree.
2. **Two Major Fields:** The candidate for the Ph.D. degree must demonstrate proficiency in two major fields: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, methodology, and political theory. Students demonstrate proficiency by fulfilling, depending on the field, combinations of the following: written qualifying examinations, research papers, or course work. Each field offers a series of three or four courses designed to familiarize students with the literature of that field. In addition, a field may require that students take one or more elective courses covering a specific aspect of the field. All courses that a student uses to fulfill a major field requirement must be taken for a letter grade of 'B' or better. Specific requirements for completing each field can be found on the field statements (<https://politicalscience.stanford.edu/academics/graduate-programs/resources-current-students>), available on the Political Science department website.
3. **Third Minor Field:** The candidate for the Ph.D. degree must also complete a third minor field. The third field requirement is usually satisfied by taking two courses for at least three units each from among courses approved by the field convener. All courses used to fulfill the third minor field requirement must be taken for a letter grade of 'B' or better. The third field cannot be satisfied by courses taken as a requirement for a major field. A third field in political theory requires two courses in addition to the five units necessary to fulfill the political theory program requirement (see item 4). A third concentration in methodology requires 10 units in addition to the 10 units necessary to fulfill the quantitative methods program requirement (see item 5).
4. **Political Theory Requirement:** Every Ph.D. candidate must complete at least one quarter of graduate-level instruction in political theory. All courses used to fulfill the political theory requirement must be taken for a letter grade of 'B' or better.
5. **Quantitative Methods Requirement** Every Ph.D. candidate must take POLISCI 450A Political Methodology I: Regression and POLISCI 450B Political Methodology II: Causal Inference in order to fulfill the quantitative methods requirement. Credit for equivalent classes is at the discretion of the political methodology field convener. All courses used to fulfill the quantitative methods requirement must be taken for a letter grade of 'B' or better.
6. **Competence in a Language and/or Skill:** The Ph.D. candidate is required to demonstrate competence in a language and/or skill that is likely to be relevant to the dissertation research. The level of competence needed for completion of the research is determined by the student's adviser. Previous instruction can be counted towards this requirement only if approved by the Director of Graduate Studies.
7. **Comprehensive Exams:** Students must take a comprehensive exam in their primary field by the end of their second year in the program. Students are expected to have passed this examination by the end of their second year.
8. **Second-year Research Paper:** Prior to being advanced to candidacy, each student must produce a research paper (field paper) demonstrating the capacity to produce research at a level expected of students preparing to write a high quality Ph.D. dissertation. The second-year research paper is given considerable weight as the faculty consider an application for candidacy. Students are advised to begin work on their second-year research papers in the summer between their first and second years in the program, and to submit a first draft to their advisers sometime in the Autumn Quarter of their second year. Second-year research papers are considered incomplete until approved by the two faculty readers. Students are expected to have submitted an approved field paper by the end of their second year.
9. **Advancement to candidacy:** In accordance with University guidelines, Ph.D. students are expected to advance to candidacy by the end of their sixth quarter in the program (i.e., by the end of their Spring Quarter in their second year in the program). It is the department's practice that all students in their sixth quarter be considered for candidacy at a special meeting of the faculty (typically in Week 10 of Spring Quarter). All the requirements for advancing to candidacy listed below must be completed by this meeting. Should a student not be advanced to candidacy by the end of the sixth quarter, the student is at risk of being dismissed from the Ph.D. program. To be eligible for advancement to candidacy, students must complete the requirements listed below.
 - a. two major fields
 - b. a third minor field
 - c. the political theory requirement
 - d. the quantitative methods requirement
 - e. the second-year research paper
 - f. Advancement to candidacy is not automatic upon completion of these requirements. Advancement to candidacy is an expression by the faculty of their confidence that the student can successfully complete the Ph.D. program, and in particular, complete a doctoral dissertation that is an original contribution to scholarship that exemplifies the highest standard of the discipline.
10. **Dissertation Prospectus:** During the third year, a formal dissertation prospectus must be submitted to and approved by the student's dissertation adviser and the Director of Graduate Studies. The dissertation prospectus must be approved by the end of the third year. Students must also make a dissertation prospectus presentation in the third year.
11. **TA Requirement:** A candidate for the Ph.D. in Political Science is required to serve as a teaching assistant (TA) in the department for a minimum of three quarters. Many students need to TA for up to five quarters as part of their funding package.
12. **Oral Examination:** The candidate must pass the University oral examination on the area of the dissertation at a time, after the passing of the written comprehensive examinations, suggested by the candidate's dissertation committee.
13. **Dissertation:** The candidate must complete a dissertation satisfactory to the dissertation reading committee.
14. **Adequate Progress** In addition to the specific program requirements listed above, at each stage of the Ph.D. program, the department has the following minimum standards for adequate academic progress:
 - Except in rare circumstances, no more than two of the following on the transcript at any given time: incomplete ('I'); grade not reported ('GNR'); not passed or no credit ('NP' or 'NC'); or withdraw ('W').
 - Adequate grades in all courses taken each term ('B-' and below are regarded as inadequate).
 - Graduate students in the first year must enroll for at least 15 units and must pass at least 8 units per term by the end of the term. Graduate students in years 2, 3 and 4 must register for at

least 8 units and must pass at least 6 units by the end of each term.

- Advance to candidacy by close of sixth quarter (i.e., for most students, the end of their second academic year in the Ph.D. program);
- Dissertation prospectus presentation made and approval of dissertation prospectus on file by the end of the third year.
- Dissertation reading committee formed by end of the fourth year.
- Advance to TGR status by end of the fourth year.
- Substantial progress toward completion of the dissertation in fourth and fifth years.

Designated cognate courses are listed on the Approved Cognate Courses (<https://politicalscience.stanford.edu/undergraduate-major/major/cognatesrelated-courses>) list and can be applied directly to the major, without a petition. Cognate courses may be applied in any of the following ways:

- Up to one cognate course in your primary track
- Up to one cognate course in your secondary track
- Methods course requirement
- Additional related coursework requirement

Ph.D. Minor in Political Science

Candidates in other departments which accept a minor in Political Science select two concentrations in political science in consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies and submit to her or him a program of study for approval. Written approval for the program must be obtained from the Director of Graduate Studies before application for doctoral candidacy. Students are required to complete at least 20 units in Political Science courses. Courses must be 300 level and above. Grades must be a GPA of 3.0 (B) or better.

Emeriti: (Professors) David B. Abernethy, Lucius J. Barker, Richard A. Brody, Joshua Cohen, David Danielski, Charles Drekmeier, Richard R. Fagen, John A. Ferejohn, Terry L. Karl, John W. Lewis, John Manley, James March, Daniel Okimoto, Robert A. Packenham, Philippe Schmitter, Hans N. Weiler

Chair: Judith L. Goldstein

Professors: David W. Brady, Bruce E. Cain, Gary W. Cox, James D. Fearon (on leave, Autumn), Morris P. Fiorina, Judith L. Goldstein, Stephen H. Haber (on leave, Spring), Jens Hainmueller (on leave, Fall), David J. Holloway (on leave, Autumn), Shanto Iyengar (on leave, Autumn), Stephen D. Krasner, Jon A. Krosnick, David D. Laitin (on leave), Margaret Levi, Michael A. McFaul, Terry M. Moe, Josiah Ober, Jean C. Oi, Jack N. Rakove (on leave, Autumn and Spring), Rob Reich, Condoleezza Rice, Douglas Rivers, Jonathan A. Rodden, Scott D. Sagan, Kenneth F. Scheve Jr., Kenneth A. Schultz, Paul M. Sniderman, Michael R. Tomz, Barry R. Weingast (on leave Autumn), Jeremy M. Weinstein

Associate Professors: Lisa Blaydes, Beatriz Magaloni (on leave)

Assistant Professors: Avidit Acharya, Adam Bonica (on leave, Autumn), Emilee Chapman (on leave Autumn and Winter), Lauren Davenport (on leave), Vasiliki Fouka, Saad Gulzar, Andrew B. Hall (on leave, Winter), Karen L. Jusko, Phillip Y. Lipsky, Alison McQueen (on leave), Clayton Nall

Lecturers: Brian Coyne, Abbas Milani, Bruce Sievers, Yuki Takagi, Patricia Young

Courtesy Professors: Jonathan B. Bendor, Coit D. Blacker, Steven Callander, Martha Crenshaw, Larry Diamond, Jean-Pierre Dupuy, James Fishkin, Lawrence Friedman, Francis Fukuyama, Keith Krehbiel, Neil Malhotra, Nathaniel Persily, Debra M. Satz, Ken Shotts, Stephen J. Stedman, Andrew Walder, Amy Zegart

Courtesy Associate Professor: Alberto Diaz-Cayeros, Saumitra Jha

Courtesy Assistant Professor: Juliana Bidadanure, Jennifer Pan

Cognate Courses

- Students may count up to twenty-five units of coursework from outside the Political Science department toward their Political Science major. This related coursework is intended to supplement your learning within the Political Science major.

		Units
AFRICAST 111	Education for All? The Global and Local in Public Policy Making in Africa	5
AFRICAST 112	AIDS, Literacy, and Land: Foreign Aid and Development in Africa	5
AFRICAST 138	Conflict and Reconciliation in Africa: International Intervention	3-5
AFRICAST 142	Challenging the Status Quo: Social Entrepreneurs Advancing Democracy, Development and Justice	3-5
AFRICAST 211	Education for All? The Global and Local in Public Policy Making in Africa	5
AFRICAST 212	AIDS, Literacy, and Land: Foreign Aid and Development in Africa	5
AFRICAST 238	Conflict and Reconciliation in Africa: International Intervention	3-5
AFRICAST 242	Challenging the Status Quo: Social Entrepreneurs Advancing Democracy, Development and Justice	3-5
AFRICAST 301A	The Dynamics of Change in Africa	4-5
AMSTUD 116	American Economic History	5
ANTHRO 138A	Conflict and Reconciliation in Africa: International Intervention	3-5
ANTHRO 337	The Politics of Humanitarianism	5
BIOE 253	Science and Technology Policy	3-4
COMM 106	Communication Research Methods	4-5
COMM 130N	The idea of a free press	3-4
COMM 206	Communication Research Methods	4-5
CSRE 145	Race and Ethnic Relations in the USA	4
EARTHSYS 106	World Food Economy	5
EARTHSYS 206	World Food Economy	5
ECON 1	Principles of Economics	5
ECON 50	Economic Analysis I	5
ECON 51	Economic Analysis II	5
ECON 52	Economic Analysis III	5
ECON 102A	Introduction to Statistical Methods (Postcalculus) for Social Scientists	5
ECON 102B	Applied Econometrics	5
ECON 106	World Food Economy	5
ECON 113	Economics of Innovation	5
ECON 154	Law and Economics	4-5
ECON 155	Environmental Economics and Policy	5
ECON 180	Honors Game Theory	5
ECON 206	World Food Economy	5
EDUC 178	Latino Families, Languages, and Schools	3-5
EDUC 197	Education, Gender, and Development	4
EDUC 220D	History of School Reform: Origins, Policies, Outcomes, and Explanations	3-5
EDUC 270	Latino Families, Languages, and Schools	3-5
ESS 106	World Food Economy	5
ESS 206	World Food Economy	5

ETHICSOC 20	Introduction to Moral Philosophy	5	OSPBER 115X	The German Economy: Past and Present	4-5
FEMGEN 297	Education, Gender, and Development	4	OSPBER 126X	A People's Union? Money, Markets, and Identity in the EU	4-5
HISTORY 4	Introduction to Geospatial Humanities	3-5	OSPCPTWN 31	Political Economy of Foreign Aid	3
HISTORY 102	History of the International System	5	OSPCPTWN 69	Comparatively Assessing South Africa's Transition to Democracy: Past, Present and Future	3
HISTORY 104	Introduction to Geospatial Humanities	3-5	OSPFLOR 43	Machiavelli	3-4
HISTORY 106A	Global Human Geography: Asia and Africa	5	OSPFLOR 78	The Impossible Experiment: Politics and Policies of the New European Union	5
HISTORY 106B	Global Human Geography: Europe and Americas	5	OSPOXFRD 18	Making Public Policy: An Introduction to Political Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	4-5
HISTORY 152	History of American Law	5	OSPOXFRD 22	British Politics Past and Present	4-5
HISTORY 153	CREATION OF THE CONSTITUTION	5	OSPOXFRD 82	Politics of Inequality: Implications of Electoral Geography for Democratic Representation Quality	5
HISTORY 156	American Economic History	5	OSPPARIS 32	French History and Politics: Understanding the Present through the Past	5
HISTORY 170B	Culture, Society and Politics in Latin America	5	OSPPARIS 45	Comparative Politics in the Contemporary Arab World	4
HISTORY 172A	Mexico: From Colony to Nation, or the History of an impossible Republic?	5	OSPPARIS 122X	Challenges of Integration in the European Union	4-5
HISTORY 181B	Formation of the Contemporary Middle East	5	OSPSANTG 116X	Modernization and its Discontents: Chilean Politics at the Turn of the Century	5
HISTORY 201C	The U.S., U.N. Peacekeeping, and Humanitarian War	5	OSPSANTG 129X	Latin America in the International System	4-5
HISTORY 228	Circles of Hell: Poland in World War II	5	PHIL 2	Introduction to Moral Philosophy	5
HISTORY 246	The Dynamics of Change in Africa	4-5	PHIL 20S	Introduction to Moral Philosophy	3
HISTORY 258E	History of School Reform: Origins, Policies, Outcomes, and Explanations	3-5	PSYCH 10	Introduction to Statistical Methods: Precalculus	5
HISTORY 261G	Presidents and Foreign Policy in Modern History	5	PUBLPOL 106	Law and Economics	4-5
HISTORY 279	Latin American Development: Economy and Society, 1800-2014	4-5	PUBLPOL 132	The Politics of Policy Making	3
HISTORY 328	Circles of Hell: Poland in World War II	5	PUBLPOL 135	Regional Politics and Decision Making in Silicon Valley and the Greater Bay Area	4
HISTORY 346	The Dynamics of Change in Africa	4-5	PUBLPOL 154	Politics and Policy in California	5
HISTORY 352B	History of American Law	5	PUBLPOL 156	Health Care Policy and Reform	5
HISTORY 379	Latin American Development: Economy and Society, 1800-2014	4-5	PUBLPOL 184	Poverty and Policies in Developing Economies	5
HUMBIO 120	Health Care in America: An Introduction to U.S. Health Policy	4	PUBLPOL 194	Technology Policy	3-4
HUMBIO 120A	American Health Policy	3	PUBLPOL 206	Law and Economics	4-5
HUMBIO 129S	Global Public Health	4	PUBLPOL 232	The Politics of Policy Making	3
HUMBIO 143	Adolescent Sexuality	4	PUBLPOL 294	Technology Policy	3-4
HUMBIO 172B	Children, Youth, and the Law	5	PUBLPOL 353	Science and Technology Policy	3-4
HUMBIO 173	Science, Innovation and the Law	5	PUBLPOL 354	Economics of Innovation	5
INTNLREL 102	History of the International System	5	REES 320	State and Nation Building in Central Asia	3-5
INTNLREL 123	The Future of the European Union: Challenges and Opportunities	5	RELIGST 18N	Religion and Politics: Comparing Europe to the U.S.	3-4
INTNLREL 140A	International Law and International Relations	5	SIW 103	Economic Growth and Development Patterns, Policies, and Prospects	5
INTNLREL 140C	The U.S., U.N. Peacekeeping, and Humanitarian War	5	SIW 105	Education Policy	5
INTNLREL 142	Challenging the Status Quo: Social Entrepreneurs Advancing Democracy, Development and Justice	3-5	SIW 106	Criminal Justice Policy	5
INTNLREL 173	Presidents and Foreign Policy in Modern History	5	SIW 107	Civil Rights Law	5
IPS 219	Intelligence and National Security	3	SIW 124	The American Presidency: From TR to Nixon	5
IPS 244	U.S. Policy toward Northeast Asia	5	SIW 131	United States and Europe in Comparative Perspective	5
IPS 246	China on the World Stage	4	SIW 146	Diplomacy in Practice: Security Issues in the South Caucasus	5
JEWISHST 18N	Religion and Politics: Comparing Europe to the U.S.	3-4	SIW 156	Washington Policymaking: A New Era? Advocacy and Strategy at the Federal Level	5
JEWISHST 282	Circles of Hell: Poland in World War II	5	SIW 198Z	International Economic Policy	5
JEWISHST 382	Circles of Hell: Poland in World War II	5	SLAVIC 120	Hacking Russia: Technological Dreams and Nightmares of Russian Culture	3-5
LAW 2519	Water Law	3	SOC 117A	China Under Mao	5
MS&E 93Q	Nuclear Weapons, Energy, Proliferation, and Terrorism	3	SOC 118	Social Movements and Collective Action	4
MS&E 180	Organizations: Theory and Management	4	SOC 134	Education, Gender, and Development	4
MS&E 193	Technology and National Security	3			
MS&E 293	Technology and National Security	3			
OSPBER 37	Leading from Behind? Germany in the International Arena since 1945	4-5			

SOC 135	Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy in the United States	4
SOC 136	Sociology of Law	4
SOC 140	Introduction to Social Stratification	3
SOC 145	Race and Ethnic Relations in the USA	4
SOC 149	The Urban Underclass	4
SOC 217A	China Under Mao	5
SOC 218	Social Movements and Collective Action	4
SOC 235	Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy in the United States	4
SOC 236	Sociology of Law	4
SOC 240	Introduction to Social Stratification	3
SOC 245	Race and Ethnic Relations in the USA	4
SOC 249	The Urban Underclass	4
STATS 60	Introduction to Statistical Methods: Precalculus	5
STATS 110	Statistical Methods in Engineering and the Physical Sciences	4-5
STATS 160	Introduction to Statistical Methods: Precalculus	5
THINK 5	Justice and the Constitution	4
THINK 19	Rules of War	4
THINK 42	Thinking Through Africa: Perspectives on Health, Wealth, and Well-Being	4
THINK 47	Inventing Government: Ancient and Modern	4
URBANST 112	The Urban Underclass	4

Overseas Studies Courses in Political Science

The Bing Overseas Studies Program (<http://bosp.stanford.edu>) manages Stanford study abroad programs for Stanford undergraduates. Students should consult their department or program's student services office for applicability of Overseas Studies courses to a major or minor program.

The Bing Overseas Studies course search site (<https://undergrad.stanford.edu/programs/bosp/explore/search-courses>) displays courses, locations, and quarters relevant to specific majors.

For course descriptions and additional offerings, see the listings in the Stanford Bulletin's ExploreCourses (<http://explorecourses.stanford.edu>) or Bing Overseas Studies (<http://bosp.stanford.edu>).

		Units
OSPBER 15		4-5
OSPBER 37	Leading from Behind? Germany in the International Arena since 1945	4-5
OSPBER 115X	The German Economy: Past and Present	4-5
OSPBER 126X	A People's Union? Money, Markets, and Identity in the EU	4-5
OSPCPTWN 31	Political Economy of Foreign Aid	3
OSPFLOR 78	The Impossible Experiment: Politics and Policies of the New European Union	5
OSPOXFRD 24		4-5
OSPPARIS 32	French History and Politics: Understanding the Present through the Past	5
OSPPARIS 122X	Challenges of Integration in the European Union	4-5
OSPSANTG 116X	Modernization and its Discontents: Chilean Politics at the Turn of the Century	5