

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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The Political Science Department offers a program intended to provide students with:

- An understanding of politics and government as practiced in the U.S. and throughout the world
- A knowledge of international political relationships
- The opportunity to develop analytical and communication skills
- A comprehension of the scope and method of the study of political science
- An opportunity to prepare for professional careers in law, government, international affairs, political science and many other areas.

Concentration in Political Science

Requirements:

- POS 101 American Government • POS 202 Introduction to International Relations • POS 205 Comparative Politics • POS 207 Research Methods • POS 315 Political Theory • One approved political science senior level seminar • Six additional advanced political science courses • One advanced course in history, the social/behavioral sciences, or philosophy

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Interdisciplinary Combined Concentration in Crime and Justice

The Political Science, Sociology and Psychology Departments offer a crime and justice interdisciplinary area of concentration, which focuses on the legal, political, administrative, psychological, and sociological analysis of criminal deviance and societal responses to crime. See Crime and Justice under the Sociology Department for requirements.

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Co-Concentration in Political Science

Requirements:

- POS 101 American Government (general studies social science)
- POS 202 Introduction to International Relations
- POS 205 Comparative Politics
- POS 207 Research Methods
- POS 315 Political Theory
- One approved political science senior level seminar
- Two additional advanced political science courses (excluding internships and Interim courses)

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International Relations Combined Concentration

The interdisciplinary concentration in international relations provides students the tools they need to understand and evaluate relationships among nations, states and people as these are affected by conflict, globalization, health, climate changes and other challenges. Students contemplating careers in government, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, intelligence, international business, international law and diplomacy should consider this co-concentration. Students interested in an international relations co-concentration should contact Professor Irene Langran or Professor Theresa Smith.

For more detailed information about the program, please visit the International Relations web site at <http://www.albright.edu/IR/>

Requirements:

- POS 202 International Relations (POS/IR concentrators substitute IDS 273 or HIS 272)
- POS 205 Comparative Politics (POS/IR concentrators substitute POS 260, 345 or approved area of studies course)
- POS 352 International Law and Organizations
- POS 399 Internship or approved study abroad program
- An approved international relations seminar in political science
- One of the following:- ANT 204 Introduction to Anthropology- IDS 273 Globalization- HIS 272 American Foreign Relations- SOC 305 Terrorism
- One of the following:- ECO 233 Comparative Economics- ECO 234 Economic Development- ECO 301 International Economics

International relations co-concentrators are strongly encouraged to develop facility in languages other than their native language. Co-concentrators are also advised to study or work abroad for at least one term during their undergraduate careers. Students should stay alert to the options provided by independent study with qualified and willing instructors in the departments.

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Legal Studies Program

The interdisciplinary program in legal studies is designed to help students develop a thorough understanding of our legal system. For those considering law school, it serves as excellent academic preparation. Students study the place of the legal system among our civil institutions, and develop the ability to read, understand, and assess critically Supreme Court cases. This program is open to all students interested in studying our legal system regardless of concentration or career goal. Students should contact Dr. Bruce Auerbach for additional information. A total of six courses are required for the program in legal studies.

Requirements:

- POS 216 Law and Society
- Two or three courses from:- POS 371 Constitutional Law- POS 372 Civil Liberties- POS 412 Law and Public Policy
- Two or three courses from:- BUS 250 or BUS 251 Business Law I or II- IDS 305 Psychology and the Law - PHI 150 Critical Thinking/Legal Reasoning- PHI 203 Ethics or PHI 204 Moral Problems- PHI 230 Philosophy and Law- POS 231 Criminal Law- POS 399 Internship

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Public Administration and Policy Analysis Program

Students considering careers in government and not-for-profit organizations should consider this program designed to offer the basic academic preparation for management in the public sector. Students should contact Dr. Mark Oleszek for additional information. Five courses are required for the program in public administration and policy analysis, excluding prerequisites:

• ECO 337 Public Finance• POS 207 Research Methods• POS 214 Public Policy• POS 302 Public Administration• POS 399 Internship

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Teacher Certification

Students intending to pursue secondary education certification in social sciences should consult with advisers in the Political Science and Education Departments to assure selection of appropriate courses to fulfill all the mandated state requirements.

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