

# POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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**Department Description:** Political Science and International Relations examine how humans organize their societies and make collective choices. They focus on the behavior of individuals (both ordinary people and leaders) and groups, and on the institutions that humans use to make and implement public policy decisions. International Relations focuses in particular on the interactions among states and on international governance. Both examine not just “governments,” but the whole process of governing.

**Web Contact/Information:** Additional information about this department may be found at <http://www2.creighton.edu/ccas/politicalscience>. However, for definitive details, students are strongly encouraged to check the University’s website for Bulletin changes at <http://www.creighton.edu/Registrar>.

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## PROGRAMS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

**Specific Requirements for Admission to the Political Science Major:** PLS 121 or 215 are normally prerequisites for other political science courses for a department major.

### ***B.A., Major in Political Science: 34-40 Credits***

#### *Course Requirements*

*The following PLS courses are required for all tracks. In addition the student must choose one track.*

PLS 121	American Government and Politics	3 credits
PLS 215	Comparative Political Systems	3 credits
PLS 310	Political Science Research Methods	4 credits
PLS 591*	Senior Research Seminar in Political Science	3 credits

\*This course is offered only in the fall semester, and **may not** be taken on an independent study or transfer basis.

#### *Political Science Track*

A minimum of 21 additional credits in Political Science from the 200 level or above, as approved by the major advisor and from the subfields below. At least one course from each of the following five subfields:

##### *American Government and Politics*

PLS 235	Interest Group Politics	3 credits
PLS 320	Judicial Process	3 credits
PLS 321	American Indian Tribal Government and Politics	3 credits
PLS 322	American Presidency	3 credits
PLS 323	Campaign Management	3 credits
PLS 324	Congress and The Legislative Process	3 credits
PLS 325	American States and Regions	3 credits
PLS 326	Governing Metropolitan Areas	3 credits
PLS 327	Minority Politics in America	3 credits
PLS 328	Mass Media and American Politics	3 credits
PLS 329	Gender and Politics	3 credits
PLS 331	Managing the Public and Non-profit Sectors	3 credits
PLS 420	Seminar on American Government and Politics	3 credits
PLS 421	Public Opinion, Political Behavior, Survey Research	3 credits
PLS 437	Religion and Public Life in the United States	3 credits
PLS 465	Faith And Political Action	3 credits
PLS 482	Race in America: Idea and Reality	3 credits

*Comparative Politics*

PLS 301	Western European Political Systems	3 credits
PLS 303	Russia and the USSR Successor States	3 credits
PLS 305	Eastern European Political Systems	3 credits
PLS 313	Politics of Middle East	3 credits
PLS 314	Politics of Post-Communist South Eurasia	3 credits
PLS 315	Politics of Asia	3 credits
PLS 316	Government/Politics of People's Republic of China	3 credits
PLS 317	Latin American Government and Politics	3 credits
PLS 319	Politics of Developing Areas	3 credits
PLS 401	The European Union	3 credits
PLS 405	Ethnicity, Nationalism and Democracy	3 credits
PLS 407	Revolutions and Revolutionary Movements	3 credits
PLS 410	Seminar on Comparative Politics	3 credits
PLS 411	Politics of Africa	3 credits
PLS 435	Global Poverty and Development	3 credits
PLS 468	Christianity and Power: A Russian Case Study	3 credits
PLS 465	Faith And Political Action	3 credits
PLS 481	Poverty, Development, and Public Policy	3 credits
PLS 510	The New Institutionalism	3 credits

*International Relations*

PLS 340	International Politics	3 credits
PLS 341	Issues and Challenges in American Foreign Policy	3 credits
PLS 342	Foreign Policy and Diplomacy of Major Powers	3 credits
PLS 343	National Security and Strategic Studies	3 credits
PLS 345	International Political Economy	3 credits
PLS 347	International Regimes	3 credits
PLS 435	Global Poverty and Development	3 credits
PLS 440	Seminar on International Studies	3 credits
PLS 444	Nonviolence and Peaceful Resolution of Conflict	3 credits
PLS 451	Theories of Peace and World Order	3 credits
PLS 472	International Conflict	3 credits
PLS 537	International Law	3 credits

*Political Philosophy and Theory*

PLS 357	Alternative Political Futures	3 credits
PLS 360	Liberal Democracy and Its Critics	3 credits
PLS 362	Conservative Political Thought	3 credits
PLS 365	Classics of Political Thought	3 credits
PLS 367	Theory of Law	3 credits
PLS 432	Democratic Theory	3 credits
PLS 459	Marxism	3 credits
PLS 461	Contemporary Political Theory	3 credits
PLS 463	Game Theory and Social Choice	3 credits
PLS 510	The New Institutionalism	3 credits

*Public Policy and Law*

PLS 332	Public Policy and Education	3 credits
PLS 333	Environmental Politics and Policy	3 credits
PLS 334	Public Policy and Health Care	3 credits
PLS 335	Federal Indian Policy and Law	3 credits
PLS 336	Politics of the American Economy	3 credits
PLS 337	Constitutional Law	3 credits
PLS 339	Public Policy and Poverty in the United States	3 credits
PLS 356	Constitutional Issues	3 credits
PLS 372	Equality, Minorities, and Public Policy	3 credits
PLS 433	Public Policy Analysis	3 credits

PLS 435	Global Poverty and Development	3 credits
PLS 436	Politics and Ethics of Science and Technology	3 credits
PLS 437	Religion and Public Life in the United States	3 credits
PLS 438	Contemporary Issues in Civil Liberties	3 credits
PLS 439	Dangerous Words: The First Amendment	3 credits
PLS 481	Poverty, Development, and Public Policy	3 credits

Additional six credits in Political Science at or above the 200 series chosen from the subfields above with the approval of the major advisor.

### *Public Policy Track*

PLS 331	Managing the Public and Non-profit Sectors	3 credits
PLS 433	Public Policy Analysis	3 credits

**(Six credits from Public Policy electives:)**

#### *Public Policy*

PLS 333	Environmental Politics and Policy	3 credits
PLS 334	Public Policy and Health Care	3 credits
PLS 337	Constitutional Law	3 credits
PLS 372	Equality, Minorities, and Public Policy	3 credits
PLS 435	Global Poverty and Development	3 credits
PLS 436	Politics and Ethics of Science and Technology	3 credits
PLS 438	Contemporary Issues in Civil Liberties	3 credits
PLS 481	Poverty, Development, and Public Policy	3 credits

**(Three credits selected from American Institutions:)**

#### *American Institutions*

PLS 320	Judicial Process	3 credits
PLS 322	American Presidency	3 credits
PLS 324	Congress and The Legislative Process	3 credits
PLS 325	American States and Regions	3 credits
PLS 326	Governing Metropolitan Areas	3 credits

Three credits in advanced comparative politics from the 300 or 400 level of Political Science. 3 credits

Three credits in advanced international relations from the 300 or 400 level of Political Science. 3 credits

#### *Recommended:*

PLS 483	Public Affairs Internship	3 credits
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**Requisite Courses for Public Policy Track:** ECO 203, 205.

### *Legal Studies Track*

PLS 320	Judicial Process	3 credits
PLS 337	Constitutional Law	3 credits
PLS 367	Theory of Law	3 credits
PLS 537	International Law	3 credits

Three credits in either International Relations or Comparative Politics subfield 3 credits

Six credits in either American Govern./Politics or Public Policy/Law subfield 6 credits

See lists of courses for these subfields above under the Political Science Track.

**Requisite Courses for Legal Studies Track:** Students will select 6 credits from the following: BUS 201, BUS 301, ECO 203, ECO 205, JRM 529, PHL 440, PLS 356, PSY 363, SOC 321, SOC 423.

## PROGRAMS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Specific Requirements for Admission to the International Relations Major: None.

### ***B.A., Major in International Relations: 36 Credits***

#### *Course Requirements*

*PLS 105	Introduction to World Politics	3 credits
PLS 121	American Government and Politics	3 credits
PLS 215	Comparative Political Systems	3 credits
PLS 310	Political Science Research Methods	3 credits
PLS 340	International Politics	3 credits
PLS 591	Senior Research Seminar in Political Science	3 credits

#### **(Six credits from the following:)**

PLS 345	International Political Economy	3 credits
PLS 347	International Regimes	3 credits
PLS 435	Global Poverty and Development	3 credits
PLS 472	International Conflict	3 credits

#### **(Twelve credits from the following:)**

PLS 345	International Political Economy	3 credits
PLS 347	International Regimes	3 credits
PLS 472	International Conflict	3 credits
PLS 341	Issues and Challenges to American Foreign Policy	3 credits
PLS 342	Foreign Policy and Diplomacy of Major Powers	3 credits
PLS 343	National Security and Strategic Studies	3 credits
PLS 440	Seminar on International Studies	3 credits
PLS 451	Theories of Peace and World Order	3 credits
PLS 537	International Law	3 credits
PLS 319	Politics of the Developing Areas	3 credits
PLS 405	Ethnicity, Nationalism and Democracy	3 credits
PLS 407	Revolutions and Revolutionary Movements	3 credits
PLS 410	Seminar on Comparative Politics	3 credits
PLS 435	Global Poverty and Development	3 credits
PLS 481	Poverty, Development, and Public Policy	3 credits
PLS 301	Western European Political Systems	3 credits
PLS 303	Politics of Russia and the USSR Successor States	3 credits
PLS 305	Eastern European Political Systems	3 credits
PLS 313	Politics of the Middle East	3 credits
PLS 314	Politics of Post-Communist South Eurasia	3 credits
PLS 315	Politics of Asia	3 credits
PLS 316	Government/Politics of People's Republic of China	3 credits
PLS 317	Latin American Government and Politics	3 credits
PLS 401	The European Union	3 credits
PLS 410	Seminar on Comparative Politics	3 credits
PLS 411	Politics of Africa	3 credits

\*Students beginning this major in their Sophomore year should substitute an upper-level political science course for this requirement.

**Requisite Courses for International Relations Major:** ECO 203 and 205. Mastery of a modern language is strongly urged for students pursuing the INR major.

## AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS MINOR

**Program Description:** The American Government and Politics minor examines how humans organize society and make collective choices within the context of the United States. It focuses particularly on political actors, political institutions and political process in the United States. This minor examines institutions and institutional design, political actors and the decision-making process, and public participation in the political and legal process. Students completing the American Politics minor will have the requisite skills to work within local, state and federal government agencies and offices, work on election campaigns, and work for organizations that seek to influence the political process.

**Contact:** Chair, Department of Political Science and International Relations

**(All of the following:)**

PLS 121	American Government and Politics	3 credits
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**(Fifteen credits from the following:)**

PLS 235	Interest Group Politics	3 credits
PLS 320	Judicial Process	3 credits
PLS 322	American Presidency	3 credits
PLS 323	Campaign Management	3 credits
PLS 324	Congress and The Legislative Process	3 credits
PLS 325	American States and Regions	3 credits
PLS 326	Governing Metropolitan Areas	3 credits
PLS 327	Minority Politics in America	3 credits
PLS 328	Mass Media and American Politics	3 credits
PLS 329	Gender and Politics	3 credits
PLS 331	Managing the Public and Non-profit Sectors	3 credits
PLS 420	Seminar on American Government and Politics	3 credits
PLS 421	Public Opinion, Political Behavior and Survey Research	3 credits
PLS 437	Religion and Public Life in the United States	3 credits
PLS 482	Race in America: Idea and Reality	3 credits

## COMPARATIVE POLITICS MINOR

**Program Description:** The minor in Comparative Politics explores politics in different nation-states. It focuses on the unique functioning of states while at the same time looking for explanations for common global phenomena such as democratization, economic and political integration, and cultural and ethnic fragmentation. The minor is recommended for students intending to seek employment in business, government, and public service organizations with global reach.

**Contact:** Chair, Department of Political Science and International Relations

### (All of the following:)

PLS 215	Comparative Political Systems	3 credits
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### (Fifteen credits from the following:)

PLS 301	Western European Political Systems	3 credits
PLS 303	Russia and the USSR Successor States	3 credits
PLS 305	Eastern European Political Systems	3 credits
PLS 313	Politics of Middle East	3 credits
PLS 314	Politics of Post-Communist South Eurasia	3 credits
PLS 315	Politics of Asia	3 credits
PLS 316	Government and Politics of PR of China	3 credits
PLS 317	Latin American Government and Politics	3 credits
PLS 319	Politics of Developing Areas	3 credits
PLS 401	The European Union	3 credits
PLS 405	Ethnicity, Nationalism and Democracy	3 credits
PLS 407	Revolutions and Revolutionary Movements	3 credits
PLS 410	Seminar on Comparative Politics	1-3 credits
PLS 411	Politics of Africa	3 credits
PLS 435	Global Poverty and Development	3 credits
PLS 468	Christianity and Power: A Russian Case Study	3 credits
PLS 481	Poverty, Development, and Public Policy	3 credits
PLS 510	The New Institutionalism	3 credits

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MINOR

**Program Description:** International Relations examines global governance. Among the core issues are international conflict, inter-state cooperation, growing global integration, the role of international institutions and global nonprofit organizations, and the development and extension of international law. This minor is recommended for those seeking employment in the US State Department, Department of Defense, The United Nations, international business, and global non-profits.

**Contact:** Chair, Department of Political Science and International Relations

### (All of the following:)

PLS 340	International Politics	3 credits
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### (Fifteen credits from the following:)

PLS 341	Issues and Challenges in American Foreign Policy	3 credits
PLS 342	Foreign Policy and Diplomacy of Major Powers	3 credits
PLS 343	National Security and Strategic Studies	3 credits
PLS 345	International Political Economy	3 credits
PLS 347	International Regimes	3 credits
PLS 435	Global Poverty and Development	3 credits
PLS 440	Seminar on International Studies	1-3 credits
PLS 444	Nonviolence and Peaceful Resolution of Conflict	3 credits
PLS 451	Theories of Peace and World Order	3 credits
PLS 472	International Conflict	3 credits
PLS 481	Poverty, Development, and Public Policy	3 credits
PLS 537	International Law	3 credits

## LEGAL STUDIES MINOR

**Program Description:** The Legal Studies minor explores the role of the law in society. This includes a close look at legal history and philosophy as well as legal institutions at all levels of government. This minor focuses on one of the most important institutions of Western Civilization, and on particular contributions of American institutions, and, as such, its study makes an important contribution to the study of the liberal arts. Moreover, this minor is intended to help students reflect on and prepare for making career choices in fields such as law, court administration, law enforcement, and dispute resolution.

**Contact:** Chair, Department of Political Science and International Relations

### (All of the following:)

PLS 337	Constitutional Law	3 credits
PLS 320	Judicial Process	3 credits
PLS 367	Theory of Law	3 credits
PLS 537	International Law	3 credits

### (Two of the following:)

BUS 201	Legal Environment of Business	3 credits
HIS 354	Constitutional History before 1877	3 credits
HIS 355	Constitutional History after 1877	3 credits
JRM 529	Law of Mass Communications	3 credits
PHL 440	Legal Philosophy	3 credits
PLS 438	Civil Liberties	3 credits
PLS 439	Dangerous Words	3 credits
PLS 324	Congress and Legislative Process	3 credits
PSY 363	Psychology of Law	3 credits
SOC 321	Criminal Justice System	3 credits
SOC 423	Law and Society	3 credits

## POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

**Program Description:** The Political Science minor is designed for students seeking to supplement their primary major with coursework on politics. The minor provides students with an introduction to Political Science methodology, and it provides an overview of community decision-making at the local, national, and international levels. This will be useful to students as they pursue careers in business, journalism, medicine, the law, and other fields.

**Contact:** Chair, Department of Political Science and International Relations

### (All of the following:)

PLS 121	American Government and Politics	3 credits
PLS 215	Comparative Politics	3 credits
PLS 310	Political Science Research Methods	4 credits
Three additional courses in Political Science numbered 300 and above.		9 credits

## PUBLIC POLICY MINOR

**Program Description:** The Public Policy minor examines how humans organize society and make collective choices. It focuses particularly on political actors and the institutions that humans use to implement public policy choices. Students with a Public Policy minor examine the policy process, substantive policy areas and the application of policy analysis tools and advocacy strategies in the contemporary political system.

**Contact:** Chair, Department of Political Science and International Relations

### *Policy Process*

#### **(Six credits from the following:)**

PLS 235	Interest Group Politics	3 credits
PLS 320	Judicial Process	3 credits
PLS 322	American Presidency	3 credits
PLS 324	Congress	3 credits
PLS 325	American States and Regions	3 credits
PLS 326	Governing Metropolitan Areas	3 credits
PLS 328	Mass Media in American Politics	3 credits

### *Policy Skills*

#### **(Six credits from the following:)**

PLS 323	Campaign Management	3 credits
PLS 331	Managing the Non-Profit Sector	3 credits
PLS 465	Faith and Political Action	3 credits
PLS 433	Public Policy Analysis	3 credits
PLS 483	Public Affairs Internship	3 credits

### *Substantive Policy Areas*

#### **(Six credits from the following:)**

PLS 329	Gender and Politics	3 credits
PLS 332	Public Policy and Education	3 credits
PLS 333	Environmental Politics	3 credits
PLS 334	Public Policy and Health Care	3 credits
PLS 335	Federal Indian Policy and Law	3 credits
PLS 336	Politics of the American Economy	3 credits
PLS 339	Public Policy and Poverty in the United States	3 credits
PLS 341	Issues and challenges in American Foreign Policy	3 credits
PLS 342	Foreign Policy and Diplomacy of Major Powers	3 credits
PLS 372	Equality, Minorities and Public Policy	3 credits
PLS 435	Global Poverty and Development	3 credits
PLS 436	Politics and Ethics of Science and Technology	3 credits
PLS 463	Game Theory and Social Choice	3 credits
PLS 481	Poverty, Development, and Public Policy	3 credits

### ***Teacher Certification***

Students who think they may teach Social Science in secondary schools must consult with the Education Department, with the Political Science Department, and with the appropriate agency in the state in which they intend to teach.

### ***Certificate Program in University College***

This department does not offer a certificate program to students in University College.

***For all PLS courses, please refer to page 459.***