

POLITICAL SCIENCE: LEGAL STUDIES TRACK

Specific Requirements for Admission to the Political Science Major

- The following are prerequisites for other political science courses for a department major.

Code	Title	Credits
PLS 121	American Government And Politics	
PLS 215	Political Science Research Methods 1	

B.A., Political Science: Legal Studies track requirements: 40 Credits

Code	Title	Credits
Required PLS Major Courses		
PLS 105	Introduction to World Politics	3
PLS 121	American Government And Politics	3
PLS 215	Political Science Research Methods 1	3
PLS 310	Political Science Research Methods 2	4
PLS 591	Senior Research Seminar In Political Science ¹	3

Legal Studies Track Courses

PLS 320	Law, Courts, and Politics	3
PLS 337	Constitutional Law	3
PLS 390	Philosophy of Law	3

Students will select 6 credits from the following: 6

Select six credits in either American Government/Politics or Public Policy/Law subfield.

American Government and Politics

PLS 321	American Tribal Indian Government and Politics	
PLS 322	American Presidency	
PLS 323	Campaigns and Elections	
PLS 324	Congress And The Legislative Process	
PLS 325	State and Local Government	
PLS 326	Urban Politics	
PLS 328	Mass Media In American Politics	
PLS 329	Gender and Politics	
PLS 420	Seminar On American Government And Politics	
PLS 421	Public Opinion, Political Behavior And Survey Research	
PLS 482	Race In America: Idea And Reality	
PLS 592	Advanced Research Practicum	

Public Policy, Theory, and Law

PLS 231	Introduction to Public Policy	
PLS 331	Public and Non-Profit Administration	
PLS 333	Environmental Politics And Policy	
PLS 334	Public Policy and Healthcare	
PLS 335	Federal Indian Policy and Law	
PLS 338	Rights, Liberties, and Justice	
PLS 339	Public Policy And Poverty In The United States	
PLS 356	Constitutional Issues	
PLS 357	Alternative Political Futures	

PLS 365	Classics of Political Thought	
PLS 409	International Law	
PLS 432	Democratic Theory	
PLS 433	Public Policy Analysis	
PLS 435	Global Poverty and Development	
PLS 436	Politics And Ethics Of Science And Technology	
PLS 459	Marxism	
PLS 592	Advanced Research Practicum	

Legal Studies Electives 6

ECO 203	Introductory Microeconomics	
ECO 205	Introductory Macroeconomics	
JRM 529	Law of Mass Communication	
MGT 315	Law for Business Leaders	
MGT 415	Advanced Law for Business Leaders	
PLS 356	Constitutional Issues	
PSY 363	Psychology and the Law	
SOC 201	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	
SOC 423	Law and Society	

Upper-Divison Electives 3

Three credits in either International Relations or Comparative Politics subfield.

Comparative Politics

PLS 301	European Political Systems	
PLS 302	British Government and Politics	
PLS 303	Politics of Russia	
PLS 311	Politics of Africa	
PLS 312	Canadian Government and Politics	
PLS 313	Politics of the Middle East	
PLS 314	The Politics of Japan	
PLS 315	Politics of Asia	
PLS 316	Government and Politics of People's Republic of China	
PLS 317	Latin American Government And Politics	
PLS 318	InterAmerican Politics	
PLS 319	Politics Of The Developing Areas	
PLS 401	The European Union	
PLS 402	Theories of Comparative Politics	
PLS 405	Ethnicity, Nationalism and Democracy	
PLS 407	Revolutions and Revolutionary Movements	
PLS 408	The New Institutionalism	
PLS 410	Seminar On Comparative Politics	
PLS 435	Global Poverty and Development	
PLS 592	Advanced Research Practicum	

International Relations

PLS 329	Gender and Politics	
PLS 340	International Politics	
PLS 341	Issues And Challenges In American Foreign Policy	
PLS 342	Foreign Policy And Diplomacy Of Major Powers	
PLS 343	Bombs and Rockets: National Security Policy	
PLS 345	International Political Economy	
PLS 347	International Regimes	
PLS 409	International Law	

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PLS 435	Global Poverty and Development
PLS 440	Seminar on International Relations
PLS 592	Advanced Research Practicum
Total Credits	40

¹ This course is offered only in the fall semester, and **may not** be taken on an independent study or transfer basis.

Students in this major are strongly encouraged to take PLS 483 Public Affairs Internship.