

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Description

A political science major combines the analytical and communication skills of a liberal arts degree with an in-depth understanding of governments and political processes. Your political science major prepares you for virtually any career path—from government to law, journalism to business. Courses in political science examine government and politics in the United States and around the world.

Pre-law Students

Students in Pre-law may find the courses in American government, politics, and law particularly useful. In particular, they are advised to take some of the following courses: POLS 345 Courts, Judges, and Lawyers; POLS 347 Myths and Realities of the Justice System; POLS 441 Constitutional Law; POLS 442 Civil Liberties: Freedom of Expression and Conviction; POLS 443 Civil Liberties: Issues of Fairness and Equality; and POLS 469 International Law.

Learning Outcomes

Graduates of political science will be able to:

1. Explain the basic theories and concepts of at least two fields of political science.
2. Understand the exercise of power in pursuit of political objectives.
3. Engage in analytical and critical thinking about political subjects.
4. Effectively communicate the products of analytical and critical thinking orally and in writing.

Academic and Career Advising

Academic and Career Advising Center

Not sure where to go or who to ask? The Advising Center team in 107 Oldfather Hall can help. The Academic and Career Advising Center is the undergraduate hub for CAS students in all majors. Centrally located and easily accessed, students encounter friendly, knowledgeable people who are eager to help or connect students to partner resources. Students also visit the Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall to:

- Choose or change their major, minor, or degree program.
- Check on policies, procedures, and deadlines.
- Get a college approval signature from the Dean's representatives.

CAS Career Coaches are available by appointment (in-person or Zoom) and located in the CAS Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall. They help students explore majors and minors, gain experience, and develop a plan for life after graduation.

Assigned Academic Advisors

Academic advisors are critical resources dedicated to students' academic, personal, and professional success. Every CAS student is assigned an academic advisor based on their primary major. Since most CAS students have more than just a single major, it is important to get to know the advisor for any minors or additional majors. Academic advisors work closely with the faculty to provide the best overall support and the discipline specific expertise. They are available for appointments (in-person or Zoom) and through weekly virtual drop-ins. Assigned advisors are listed in MyRED (<https://its.unl.edu/myunl/>) and their offices may be located in or near the department of the major for which they advise.

Students who have declared a pre-health or pre-law area of interest will also work with advisors in the Exploratory and Pre-Professional Advising Center (Explore Center) in 127 Love South, who are specially trained to guide students preparing to enter a professional school.

For complete and current information on advisors for majors, minors, or pre-professional areas, visit <https://cas.unl.edu/major-advisors> (<https://cas.unl.edu/major-advisors/>), or connect with the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall, 402-472-4190, casadvising@unl.edu.

Career Coaching

The College believes that **Academics + Experience = Opportunities** and encourages students to complement their academic preparation with real-world experience, including internships, research, education abroad, service, and leadership. Arts and sciences students have access to a powerful network of faculty, staff, and advisors dedicated to providing information and support for their goals of meaningful employment or advanced education. Arts and sciences graduates have unlimited career possibilities and carry with them important career competencies—communication, critical thinking, creativity, context, and collaboration. They have the skills and adaptability that employers universally value. Graduates are prepared to effectively contribute professionally and personally with a solid foundation to excel in an increasingly global, technological, and interdisciplinary world.

Students should contact the career coaches in the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall, or their assigned advisor, for more information. The CAS career coaches help students explore career options, identify ways to build experience and prepare to apply for internships, jobs, or graduate school, including help with resumes, applications, and interviewing.

ACE Requirements

Students must complete one course for each of the ACE Student Learning Outcomes below. Certified course choices are published in the degree audit, or visit the ACE (<http://ace.unl.edu>) website (<http://ace.unl.edu>) for the most current list of certified courses.

ACE Student Learning Outcomes

ACE 1: Write texts, in various forms, with an identified purpose, that respond to specific audience needs, integrate research or existing knowledge, and use applicable documentation and appropriate conventions of format and structure.

ACE 2: Demonstrate competence in communication skills.

ACE 3: Use mathematical, computational, statistical, logical, or other formal reasoning to solve problems, draw inferences, justify conclusions, and determine reasonableness.

ACE 4: Use scientific methods and knowledge to pose questions, frame hypotheses, interpret data, and evaluate whether conclusions about the natural and physical world are reasonable.

ACE 5: Use knowledge, historical perspectives, analysis, interpretation, critical evaluation, and the standards of evidence appropriate to the humanities to address problems and issues.

ACE 6: Use knowledge, theories, and research perspectives such as statistical methods or observational accounts appropriate to the social sciences to understand and evaluate social systems or human behaviors.

ACE 7: Use knowledge, theories, or methods appropriate to the arts to understand their context and significance.

ACE 8: Use knowledge, theories, and analysis to explain ethical principles and their importance in society.

ACE 9: Exhibit global awareness or knowledge of human diversity through analysis of an issue.

ACE 10: Generate a creative or scholarly product that requires broad knowledge, appropriate technical proficiency, information collection, synthesis, interpretation, presentation, and reflection.

College Degree Requirements

College Distribution Requirements

The College of Arts and Sciences distribution requirements are designed to ensure a range of courses across disciplines within the College.

Students develop the ability to learn in a variety of ways and apply their knowledge from a variety of perspectives. All requirements are in addition to University ACE requirements, and no course can be used to fulfill both an ACE outcome and a College Distribution Requirement.

- A student may not use a single course to satisfy more than one College Distribution Requirement, with the exception of CDR Diversity. Courses used to meet CDR Diversity may also meet CDR Writing, CDR Humanities, or CDR Social Science.
- Internship (395 or 495), independent study or readings (396 or 496), research (398 or 498), and thesis (399, 399H, 499, or 499H) will not satisfy distribution requirements.
- Other courses with a 9 in the middle number (ex. PSYC 292) will not satisfy distribution requirements unless approved by an advisor.
- Cross-listed courses from interdisciplinary programs will be applied in the same area as courses from the lead department.

CDR: Written Communication

Select from courses approved for ACE outcome 1.

CDR: Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences¹

Select a course from ASTR, BIOS, CHEM, GEOL, LIFE, METR, MATH, PHYS, or ANTH 242, GEOG 155, GEOG 281, POLS 250, or PSYC 273.

CDR: Laboratory²

Laboratory courses may be embedded in a 4-5 credit course used in CDR Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Science (example GEOG 155), or stand alone (example LIFE 120L).

CDR: Humanities³

Select a course from ARAB, CHIN, CLAS, CZEC, ENGL, FILM, FREN, GERM, GREK, HIST, JAPN, LATN, PHIL, RELG, RUSS, or SPAN.

CDR: Social Science⁴

Select a course from ANTH, COMM, GEOG, NSST, POLS, PSYC, or SOCI.

CDR: Human Diversity in U.S. Communities

Select from the following approved courses also listed in your degree audit: ANTH 130, ANTH 412, ANTH 447, ANTH 473, ARAB/RELG 313, COMM 311, COMM 315, COMM/ETHN 335, COMM 364, COMM/ETHN 365, COMM 465, ENGL/WMNS 212, ENGL/ETHN 245N, ENGL/WMNS 312, ENGL/ETHN 345D, ENGL/ETHN/WMNS 345N, ENGL/ETHN 346, ENGL 376, ENGL 380, ENGL/ETHN 445, ETHN 100, ETHN 201, ETHN 202, ETHN 204, ETHN 484, FILM/ETHN 344, GEOG 271, GEOG 403, GLST/ANTH/MODL 214, GLST 350, HIST/ETHN/WMNS 115, HIST/ETHN 234, HIST/ETHN 246, HIST 251, HIST/ETHN 340, HIST 351/ETHN 341, HIST/ETHN/WMNS 356, HIST/ETHN 357, HIST/WMNS 402, HRHA 350, MODL 260, PHIL 105, PHIL 106, PHIL/WMNS 218, PHIL 323, PHIL 325, POLS/ETHN 333, POLS/WMNS 338, POLS 340, POLS 347, POLS 433, PSYC/ETHN 310, PSYC 330, PSYC/WMNS 421, PSYC/ETHN 425, RELG/HIST 134, RELG/ETHN/HIST 226, RELG/HIST 227, SOCI 101, SOCI 180, SOCI/WMNS 200, SOCI/ETHN 217, SPAN 206, SPAN 486, WMNS 101, WMNS 201, WMNS 202, WMNS 210

CDR: Language

BA Students⁵

Fulfilled by the completion of the 4th level of a single language (either in H.S. or in college). Language study at UNL is available in: ARAB, CHIN, CZEC, FREN, GERM, GREK, JAPN, LATN, SPAN, or SLPA.

BS Students⁶

Fulfilled by the completion of the 2nd level of a single language (either in H.S. or in college). Language study at UNL is available in: ARAB, CHIN, CZEC, FREN, GERM, GREK, JAPN, LATN, SPAN, or SLPA.

¹ *Excluded courses:* BIOC 101, BIOS 100, BIOS 180, CHEM 101, MBIO 101, PHYS 201, MATH 100A, MATH 101, MATH 101P, MATH 102, MATH 103, and MATH subject area credit at the 100 level or below.

² ANTH 242L, ASTR 224, BIOS 101L, BIOS 110L, BIOS 111, BIOS 116, BIOS 213L, BIOS 214, CHEM 105L, CHEM 106L, CHEM 109L, CHEM 110L, CHEM 113L, GEOG 155, GEOL 101, GEOL 103, LIFE 120L, LIFE 121L, METR 100, PHYS 141, PHYS 142, PHYS 153, PHYS 221, or PHYS 222.

³ ARAB, CHIN, CZEC, FREN, GERM, GREK, JAPN, LATN, and SPAN courses must be numbered 300 or above. ENGL courses must be ENGL 170, ENGL 180, or ENGL 200 level and above. *Excluded courses:* CLAS 116, ENGL 254, ENGL 300, ENGL 354, SPAN 300A, SPAN 303, and SPAN 304.

⁴ *Excluded courses:* ANTH 242/ANTH 242L, GEOG 155, GIST 111, GIST 311, POLS 101, POLS 250, PSYC 100, PSYC 273.

⁵ ARAB 202, CHIN 202, CZEC 202, FREN 202 or FREN 210, GERM 202, GREK 301 and GREK 302, JAPN 201 and JAPN 202, LATN 301 and LATN 302, SPAN 202 or SPAN 210 or SPAN 300A or SLPA 202.

⁶ ARAB 102, CHIN 102, CZEC 102, FREN 102, GERM 102, GREK 102 or GREK 151, JAPN 102, LATN 102, SPAN 102 or SPAN 110 or SPAN 300A, or SLPA 102.

Language Requirement

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the College of Arts and Sciences place great value on academic exposure and proficiency in a second language. The University of Nebraska–Lincoln entrance requirement is successful completion of two levels of the same world language, and the College of Arts and Sciences degree requirement (CDR: Language) is proficiency through 4 levels for BA students, or 2 levels for BS students.

Levels are defined as years in High School, or semesters in college as documented on an official transcript.

Students who believe they are proficient in a language, but who do not have academic records of that proficiency, should consult with their academic advisor to explore alternative assessments which may include a proficiency examination by a UNL faculty member for languages taught at UNL, or through an approved private service for languages not taught at UNL (expenses for this service would be the student's responsibility.)

Experiential Learning Requirement

All undergraduates in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete an Experiential Learning (EL) designated course. This may include 0-credit courses designed to document co-curricular activities recognized as Experiential Learning. Students should consult their assigned Academic Advisor and Career Coach for assistance identifying experiential learning opportunities relevant to their academic program, interests and goals.

The bachelor of science degree requires students to complete 60 hours in mathematical, physical, and natural sciences from disciplines within the College of Arts and Sciences or required in its majors: ACTS, ASTR, BIOC, BIOS, CHEM, CSCE, GEOL, LIFE, MBIO, METR, MATH, PHYS, STAT or ANTH 242, ANTH 242L, ANTH 341, ANTH 385, ANTH 386, ANTH 389, ANTH 416, ANTH 422, ANTH 430, ANTH 442, ANTH 443, ANTH 444, ANTH 448, ANTH 473, ANTH 484, ANTH 487D, ENVR 201, GEOG 155, GEOG 217, GEOG 281, GEOG 308, GEOG 317, GEOG 408, GEOG 417, GEOG 418, GEOG 419, GEOG 421, GEOG 422, GEOG 425, GEOG 427, GEOG 432, GEOG 444, GEOG 461, GEOG 467, PHIL 211, POLS 250, PSYC 273, PSYC 368, PSYC 370, PSYC 450, PSYC 451, PSYC 456, PSYC 458, PSYC 460, PSYC 461, PSYC 463, PSYC 464, or PSYC 465.

Excluded courses include: BIOC 101, BIOS 100, BIOS 180, CHEM 101, MATH 100A, MATH 101, MATH 101P, MATH 102, MATH 103, MBIO 101, PHYS 201 as well as any course numbered 395, 495, 399, 399H, 499, or 499H. MATH subject area credit at the 100 level or below is also excluded.

Up to 12 hours of scientific and technical courses offered by other colleges may be accepted toward this requirement with approval of the College of Arts and Sciences. See your assigned academic advisor to start the approval process.

Minimum Hours Required for Graduation

A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is required for graduation from the College of Arts and Sciences. A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 is required.

Grade Rules

Restrictions on C- and D Grades

The College will accept no more than 15 semester hours of C- and D grades from other domestic institutions except for UNO and UNK. All courses taken at UNO and UNK impact the UNL transcript. No transfer of C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. No University of Nebraska–Lincoln C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. International coursework (including education abroad) with a final grade equivalent to a C- or lower will not be validated by the College of Arts and Sciences departments to be degree applicable.

Pass/No Pass Privilege

University policy for the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege:

- Neither the P nor the N grade factor into your GPA.
- 'P' is interpreted to mean a grade of C or above. A grade of C- or lower results in a "N".
- A change to or from a Pass/No Pass may be made until mid-term (1/2 of the course - see the academic calendar for specific dates per term).
- The Pass/No Pass or grade registration cannot conflict with the policy of the professor, department, college, or University policy governing the grading options.
- Changing to or from the Pass/No Pass grading option requires using MyRED, or processing a Schedule Adjustment Form.
- For undergraduates, the University maximum of 24 'Pass' credit hours and/or college and department limits will apply. These limits do not include courses offered on a 'Pass/No Pass' basis only. Consult your advisor or the Undergraduate Catalog (<https://catalog.unl.edu/undergraduate/>) for restrictions on the number of 'Pass' hours you can apply toward your degree.
- The 'Pass/No Pass' grading option cannot be used for the removal of 'C-', 'D+', 'D', 'D-', or 'F' grade factors.
NOTE: See Course Repeats (<https://registrar.unl.edu/academic-standards/course-repeats/>)

College of Arts and Sciences policy on the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege:

- Pass hours can count toward fulfillment of University ACE requirements and college distribution requirements up to the 24-hour maximum.
- Most arts and sciences majors and minors do not permit any courses graded Pass/No Pass to apply, or limit them to no more than 6 hours. Students should refer to the major section of the catalog for clarification.
- Departments may specify that certain courses of theirs can be taken on a P/N-only or on a graded-only basis.

Grading Appeals

A student who feels that he/she has been unfairly graded must ordinarily take the following sequential steps in a timely manner, usually by initiating the appeal in the semester following the awarding of the grade:

1. Talk with the instructor concerned. Most problems are resolved at this point.
2. Talk to the instructor's department chairperson.
3. Take the case to the Grading Appeal Committee of the department concerned. The Committee should be contacted through the department chairperson.
4. Take the case to the College Grading Appeals Committee by contacting the Dean's Office, 1223 Oldfather Hall.

Course Level Requirements

Courses Numbered at the 300 or 400 Level

Thirty (30) of the 120 semester hours of credit must be in courses numbered at the 300 or 400 level. Of those 30 hours, 15 hours (1/2) must be completed in residence at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

Residency Requirement

The term "Residency" refers to courses taken at UNL. Students must complete at least 30 of the 120 total hours for their degree at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Students must complete at least 18

hours of their major coursework, and 15 of the 30 hours required at the 300 or 400 level, at UNL.

Catalog to Use

Students must fulfill the requirements stated in the catalog for the academic year in which they are first admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. In consultation with advisors, a student may choose to follow a subsequent catalog for any academic year in which they are admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year. Beginning in 1990-1991, the catalog which a student follows for degree requirements may not be more than 10 years old at the time of graduation.

Transfer Students: Students who have transferred from a community college may be eligible to fulfill the requirements as stated in the catalog for an academic year in which they were enrolled at the community college prior to attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This decision should be made in consultation with academic advisors, provided the student a) was enrolled in a community college during the catalog year they are utilizing, b) maintained continuous enrollment at the previous institution for 1 academic year or more, and c) continued enrollment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln within 1 calendar year from their last term at the previous institution. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year and within the time frame allowable for that catalog year.

Major Requirements

37 total credit hours including core required courses and POLS elective courses.

Core Requirements

Required Courses

POLS 101	Academic and Career Planning for Political Science	1
POLS 100	Power and Politics in America	3
POLS 160 / GLST 160	International Relations	3
POLS 286	Research Methods in Political Science ¹	3
POLS 287	Data Analysis in Political Science	3
POLS 400	Democracy and Democratic Citizenship ¹	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		16
Political Theory		
Select one of the following courses:		3
POLS 108	Political Ideas	
	or POLS 383 Justice and the Good Life	
	or POLS 384 Liberalism and Its Critics	
	or POLS 386 Truth and Progress	
	or POLS 481 Marx and the Aftermath of Marxism	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		3
Total Credit Hours		19

¹ POLS 286 must be taken before POLS 400.

Specific Major Requirements

Political Science Elective Courses ²

Select 18 hours of additional POLS courses with at least 12 hours at the 300/400 level including 6 hours specifically at the 400 level.	18
Credit Hours Subtotal:	18

² No more than 6 hours of POLS 297, POLS 395, POLS 396, POLS 498, POLS 499, or POLS 499H may be applied in the major.

Additional Major Requirements

Prerequisite Requirements/Rules

POLS 286 is a prerequisite for POLS 400. Junior standing or above is recommended for all 400-level courses.

Grade Rules

C- and D Grades

A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the major and minor.

Pass/No Pass

No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the major, unless it is only offered with the P/N grading option (i.e. POLS 101, POLS 297, and POLS 395).

Requirements for Minor Offered by Department

Eighteen (18) hours of political science courses, including POLS 100, and at least one course at the 400 level.

No more than 3 hours of POLS 297, POLS 395, POLS 396, POLS 498, POLS 499, or POLS 499H may be applied in the minor. POLS 101 may not apply toward the minor.

Grade Rules

C- and D Grades

A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the major and minor.

Pass/No Pass

No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the minor, unless it is only offered with the P/N grading option (i.e. POLS 297 and POLS 395).

POLS 100 Power and Politics in America

Description: Introduction to American government and politics.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship ACE 6 Social Science

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$20

POLS 100H Honors: Power and Politics in America

Prerequisites: Credit toward the degree cannot be earned in both POLS 100 and POLS 100H.

Description: Introduction to American government and politics.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship

POLS 101 Academic and Career Planning for Political Science

Prerequisites: Declared major in Political Science
Description: Introduction to the wide world of political science, the areas of work, and the UNL experiences that will help you navigate your academic journey. Learn about your skills and strengths and how to apply these towards your academic work and career goals. Formulate a degree plan that encompasses your personal, academic, and career goals.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Pass No Pass
Offered: FALL/SPR

POLS 104 Comparative Politics

Description: Description and analysis of the principal types of modern political systems, including types of democracies and dictatorships found in Western systems, Eastern systems, and the Third World. Occasional comparison made with American institutions and political processes. Deals both with structures and major policy problems confronting these political systems: the politics of education, human rights, demands for regional autonomy, ethnic conflict and diversity, political violence, demand for welfare services, crises in agriculture, and other topics of relevance.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 108 Political Ideas

Description: Introduction to major political concepts and controversies that have developed in the Western world. Liberty, equality, democracy, human nature, among others. Readings come from leading political theorists, past and present.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 150 Introduction to Biology, Psychology, and Politics

Description: An introduction to the central theories, methods, and findings in the application of biological and psychological techniques to politics.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

POLS 160 International Relations

Crosslisted with: GLST 160
Description: How and why states act as they do in their contemporary international relations. Continuing factors, such as power, war, ideology, and governmental organizations, and recently emerging influences, including supranational organizations, multinational corporations, and natural resource allocation analyzed. Diverse approaches and theories examined.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Prerequisite for: NSST 275
ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

POLS 171 Introduction to East Asian Civilization

Crosslisted with: HIST 181
Description: Survey of the traditional cultures and modern history of China and Japan. Emphasis on political systems, intellectual and religious history, and cultural developments.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

POLS 189H University Honors Seminar

Prerequisites: Good standing in the University Honors Program or by invitation.
Notes: University Honors Seminar 189H is required of all students in the University Honors Program.
Description: Topics vary.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

POLS 210 Bureaucracy and the American Political System

Description: Introductory survey to the administrative arm of American national, state, and local government. Bureaucracy has become so important to the functioning of the federal system it has been termed "the fourth branch of government." Bureaucracy's role as a political institution of the first order, not just as an implementer of policy. Bureaucratic power, structure, and democratic control.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 221 Politics in State and Local Governments

Description: Broad introduction to the political structure and operations of state and local governments. Role and power of state and local governments; government institutions; political parties and interest groups; public policy; state constitutions.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 225 Nebraska Government and Politics

Description: Various aspects of Nebraska government and politics. Unicameral Legislature, the governor and executive branch, the courts, political parties in Nebraska politics, political participation, and current issues of concern to Nebraskans.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 227 The Presidency

Description: Creation, development, structure, powers, and functions of the office of the President of the United States.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

POLS 230 Elections, Political Parties, and Special Interests

Description: Roles of political parties and interest groups in government and politics, focusing on their efforts of elections and lobbying.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

POLS 232 Public Issues in America

Description: Major public issues in American politics. Government spending, civil rights; welfare and health care; poverty; education; urban problems; crime, violence and repression; defense policy; agricultural policy; environment/energy policy.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 235 Public Policy: Concepts and Processes

Description: Basic policy theories and the policy process, paying special attention to key events that create or prevent policy opportunities and problems that arise throughout the policy process. Substantive policy issues used to illustrate the various concepts and process models.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 236 Public Policy Analysis: Methods and Models

Description: Approaches to public policy analysis. The nature of politics and policy with emphasis on the role of the citizen, uses of information types in the formation of public policy, the analysis of policy content, and the problems of training for policy analysis. Basic policy analysis methods including interviewing participant observation, document analysis, and surveying.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 238 Blacks and the American Political System

Crosslisted with: ETHN 238

Description: Role of the Blacks in the American political system, with emphasis on strategies used to gain political power and influence decision makers; problems faced in the southern and urban political settings.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science ACE 9 Global/Diversity

POLS 250 Genetics, Brains, and Politics

Description: Role of genes, neural activity, and physiology in shaping human behavior, especially political behavior.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science ACE 4 Science

POLS 260 Problems in International Relations

Description: Selected current or otherwise important problems in international relations. Content varies but may include such subjects as weapons and security policies, human rights, multinational corporations, ideologies, etc.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 261 Conflict and Conflict Resolution

Crosslisted with: SOCI 261

Description: Introduction to the study of the biological, economic, political-historical, and cultural bases of war and group conflict.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 263 Causes of War and Peace

Description: Leading theories on war and peace, highlighting the causes and consequences of WWI, WWII, the Korean War, Vietnam, and the Gulf War.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 268 Threats to World Order

Description: Variety of global crises and challenges that pose threats to world order. Population growth; scarcities of food, energy, and non-fuel minerals; vulnerability of industrial states to resource scarcities; nuclear proliferation; arms racing; and terrorism.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: POLS 287

POLS 270 From National to Human Security

Description: Provide a solid understanding of the historical and theoretical debates related to security studies within the sub field of international relations. Traditional and 'new threats' to security as it relates to world order. How nation-states are responding to these threats - namely through multilateral, multi-level strategies based on certain assumptions of governance.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 277 Latin American Politics

Crosslisted with: ETHN 277

Description: Constitutional and political development of selected Latin American countries; contemporary problems and institutions. Latin America in world affairs with special reference to the inter-American relations and the United States.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 281 Challenges to the State

Description: Challenges to the state related to human rights and gender issues. How growth of non-state actors affects individuals and groups and their rights. Gendered notions of the state, national security, women's rights, and humanitarian intervention.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 286 Research Methods in Political Science

Description: Ways of studying politics and social situations. Rather than asking what political systems "should" do, the primary questions are what political systems actually do and how we know what they do. Whether the application of the scientific process to social questions is valid? Problems in carrying out proper scientific research. The wide variety of techniques that have been applied to analyze politics.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: POLS 400; POLS 450; SOCI 333

POLS 287 Data Analysis in Political Science

Prerequisites: POLS 286

Description: How political scientists analyze quantitative data to answer research questions. Operationalizing political concepts into quantitative measures. Identifying, collecting, and preparing data for analysis. Computing descriptive and inferential statistics. Conducting and interpreting inferential analyses to test causal hypotheses. Communicating results of statistical tests accurately and clearly through prose and data visualization for scholarly and practitioner audiences. Using dedicated statistical software.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

POLS 292 Special Topics in Political Science

Description: Topics vary.

Credit Hours: 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 297 Legislative Page Program

Prerequisites: Permission.

Notes: Requires serving as page with the Nebraska Unicameral.

Description: The development and workings of the Nebraska legislature.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

Experiential Learning: Case/Project-Based Learning

POLS 320 Political Persuasion and Advocacy Strategy

Description: Sources of political attitudes and preferences, and how to change them. Agenda-setting and recognizing opportunities for policy change. Strategies for optimal design and targeting of persuasive efforts. Role of lobbyists and other professional advocates in the policy process. Focus on practical application of persuasion and advocacy techniques on politicized and partisan issues.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 325 Legislative Process

Description: Legislature's role in the American arrangement of legislative-executive-judicial responsibilities. Attention to the internal operation of the Congress with focus on the standing committee stage. State legislative experiences and proposals to reform the legislative system emphasized.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 332 Climate Change: Policy and Politics

Description: Examines how the impacts of climate change are evaluated and used to motivate policy; analyzes proposals and policies aimed at mitigating climate change at both the federal and the international level; and identifies stakeholders and assesses their impacts on climate change dialogue and policy.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 333 Immigration and Politics

Crosslisted with: ETHN 333

Description: Immigration as a multifaceted sociopolitical phenomenon. The history of different waves of immigration to the United States. Emphasis on the diversity within every immigrant group, as well as differences and similarities regarding their acculturation process. Public attitudes towards immigration in historical perspective. The American political system's capacity to incorporate newcomers into civic life.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

POLS 334 Polls, Politics and Public Opinion

Description: Attitudes and behavior of citizens with respect to politics, how these attitudes and behaviors are shaped, how they are measured, and what influence they have on government.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 338 Women and Politics**Crosslisted with:** WMNS 338**Description:** Survey of women as political actors: participation in political life, barriers to participation, political attitudes, issues of special concern to women, and issues of particular concern to women of color.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Groups:** CAS Diversity in the US**POLS 340 Ologies and Isms****Description:** An introduction to the ideologies and belief systems that structure political debate and conflict in the United States. Includes an overview of the psychology of political beliefs and a survey of ideological thinking from the left, right and center.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded**Offered:** SPRING**Groups:** CAS Diversity in the US**POLS 345 Courts, Judges, and Lawyers****Description:** Role of courts, judges, and lawyers in the American legal system and political process. Covers all federal and state courts but emphasizes the US Supreme Court.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**POLS 347 Myths and Realities of the Justice System****Description:** American criminal justice system from arrest through sentencing. How the system appears to operate. How the system actually operates.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Groups:** CAS Diversity in the US**POLS 350 Issues in Biology, Psychology, and Politics****Description:** A consideration of special issues in the study of biology, psychology, and politics, including emotions, behavioral genetics, neuroimaging, decision-making, and research on human subjects.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 9**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**ACE:** ACE 6 Social Science**POLS 361 The United Nations and World Politics****Description:** Analysis of the role and influence of the United Nations in international relations. Comparison of the UN with the League of Nations and with regional international organizations such as the Organization of American States and NATO. Attention to UN programs concerning security, human rights, economic development, and environmental protection.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**POLS 362 Globalization, Human Rights and Diversity****Description:** Sources of globalization, its various forms, and how it triggers resistance from those who wish to preserve the local and particular from globalizing influences.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**POLS 363 United States Foreign Policy****Description:** Major domestic factors affecting how US foreign policy is made and the resulting patterns of policy. US foreign policy in four issue-areas: security, human rights, economics, and ecology.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**POLS 364 Model United Nations****Description:** An introduction to the United Nations system and the Model United Nations program, including research, debate and resolution writing.**Credit Hours:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**POLS 375 Conflict and Development in Africa****Crosslisted with:** ETHN 375**Description:** Uses knowledge, theories, methods, and historical perspectives appropriate to the social sciences to understand the causes of conflict and development in Africa. Pays attention to the diversity of conflict and development-related experiences on the continent.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**ACE:** ACE 6 Social Science ACE 9 Global/Diversity**POLS 377 Transnational Criminal Networks****Description:** Causes, consequences and aftermath of drugs and thugs (war criminals, drugs/arms traffickers and modern-day caudillos, among others) and their role in contemporary international and human security.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**POLS 378 Politics of Antisemitism****Crosslisted with:** JUDES 378**Description:** A multidimensional survey of the history of local and global antisemitism, look at the calamity of the Holocaust, the creation and challenges of Israel, and current antisemitic attitudes in Nebraska, the US, and the world.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded**Offered:** FALL/SPR

POLS 383 Justice and the Good Life

Description: The questions of how we ought to live our lives via the study of classic texts in political thought. Debate what makes our actions - and, indeed our lives - just, choice-worthy, and even heroic.

Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 384 Liberalism and Its Critics

Description: The core ideas of liberal political thought. Critiques from both the Left and the Right to shed light on why the American experiment in governance - with its intellectual roots in the Enlightenment of 17th and 18th Century Europe - turned out as it did and how it might have been changed or improved.

Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 386 Truth and Progress

Description: Surveys the landscape of contemporary political theory, addressing some of the major debates of the past twenty years about reason, right action, human nature, good government, and truth.

Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 390 Seminar in Political Science

Description: Various topics in local, state, federal and international politics.

Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL/SPR

POLS 392 Special Topics in Political Science

Description: Topics vary.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 395 Internship in Political Science

Prerequisites: Junior standing; 12 hours of POLS; and permission.
Notes: Pass/No Pass only. Requires the assignment of and the supervision by a faculty member.
Description: Internship in government agencies, public-interest groups, political parties, or other organizations.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Pass No Pass
Experiential Learning: Internship/Co-op

POLS 396 Independent Study in Political Science

Prerequisites: Permission.
Description: Independent reading or research under direction of a faculty member.
Credit Hours: 1-3
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 400 Democracy and Democratic Citizenship

Prerequisites: POLS 286 with a grade of C or higher. Political science major.
Description: Democracy as a form of government. Types of democracy, alternatives to democracy, and the history and consequences of democracy. Democratic citizenship, what makes a good democratic citizen, whether and how democratic citizenship can be promoted.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

POLS 425 Congress and Public Policy

Crosslisted with: POLS 825
Description: The policy making role of the Congress including the institutionalization of the House and the Senate, an analysis of congressional behavior, the committee process, and the policy responsiveness of Congress.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 426 Topics in American Public Policy

Crosslisted with: POLS 826
Description: A significant public policy in American politics. Topics: science, technology, and public policy; or health politics.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 430 Political Communication

Crosslisted with: COMM 430
Description: Role of communication in the political process, with emphasis on communication strategies in political campaigns. Includes communication variables important in the political process, an application of communication theory and principles to political rhetoric, and analysis and criticism of selected political communication events.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 433 Race, Ethnicity, and Politics in America

Description: Study of the complexities and political struggles surrounding the inclusion of racial and ethnic minoritized groups in the democratic process throughout American history. Topics include theoretical approaches of race and ethnicity in US politics, historical context of social mobilization and civic inclusion, trends and underpinnings of public attitudes towards those minoritized groups, racial and ethnic identities as foundations to political engagement and incorporation into American civic life.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

POLS 441 Constitutional Law

Crosslisted with: POLS 841

Description: Supreme Court doctrine determining the distribution of powers within the national government and between the national government and the state governments.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 442 Civil Liberties: Freedom of Expression and Conviction

Crosslisted with: POLS 842

Description: Supreme Court doctrine interpreting the First Amendment, covering freedom of speech, assembly, and association; freedom of the press; and freedom of religion.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 443 Civil Liberties: Issues of Fairness and Equality

Crosslisted with: POLS 843

Description: Supreme Court doctrine covering the rights of the accused, the right to privacy and the right to racial and sexual equality.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 450 Conducting Research in Political Psychology

Prerequisites: POLS 286 with a grade of C or higher.

Description: Advanced consideration of the theories, methods, and findings in the application of biological and psychological techniques to politics. Focus on experimental and survey research design, quantitative data analysis using statistical software (R/RStudio), and written and oral presentation of research findings.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

Experiential Learning: Research

POLS 459 International Political Economy

Crosslisted with: POLS 859

Description: Interface of politics and economics in the international arena. Political dimension of international economic issues emphasized. Includes: liberal, mercantile, and radical approaches; theories of imperialism; dependency and interdependency; distribution of the global product; the global division of labor; the political aspects of markets; the politics of trade, aid, investment, multinational corporations, food, and energy.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 463 American Foreign Policy and the Use of the Military

Crosslisted with: POLS 863

Description: Military action as an instrument of American foreign policy. Constitutional basis of the president's and Congress's war powers; assessments of the role of the White House, Congress, CIA, senior pentagon officials, the American public, and military alliances - NATO and coalitions of the willing - in supporting and directing the use of military action abroad; and the political and strategic consequences of various American applications of military force.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 466 Pro-seminar in International Relations

Crosslisted with: ECON 466, POLS 866, AECN 467, ECON 866, HIST 479, HIST 879

Prerequisites: Senior standing and permission.

Notes: Open to students with an interest in international relations.

Description: Topic varies.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 469 International Law

Crosslisted with: POLS 869

Prerequisites: Junior or Senior Standing

Description: Rules and principles accepted by the members of the community of nations as defining their rights and duties, and the procedure employed in protecting their rights and performing their duties.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

POLS 470 International Human Rights

Crosslisted with: POLS 870

Description: Development of international norms on human rights and attempts to implement those standards. Emphasis on political process, with attention to law, philosophy, economics, and culture. Coverage of the United Nations, regional organizations, private agencies, and national foreign policies.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 472 State Terror

Description: Use of terror as an instrument of state policy. A series of case studies of large scale politically based killings. Why and which states use terror and politicize against their own citizens.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 476 Ethnic Conflict and Identity

Crosslisted with: JUDS 476, POLS 876

Description: Theories of natinalism and ethnic conflict. Case studies of Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. The post-Cold War era as multi-polar and multi-cilizational. The states and different cultures that compete for influence and authority to dominate the "New World order." The division of the world along ethnic, religious, and class lines rather than by ideology. The future of international politics and the reassessment of the causes of "conflicts of culture" and their containment.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 477 Israel and the Middle East

Crosslisted with: JUDS 477, POLS 877

Description: Israeli politics, society, and relations with its neighbors, particularly the Palestinians. Rise of Zionism and the Palestinian response to it; wars between Israel and Arab neighbors, and the eventual peace agreements between the two; the internal dynamics of Israeli political life; and state of Zionism today.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 478 Pro-seminar in Latin American Studies

Crosslisted with: HIST 478, MODL 478, EDPS 478, HIST 878, POLS 878, MODL 878, EDPS 878, ETHN 478

Prerequisites: Junior standing

Description: An interdisciplinary analysis of topical issues in Latin American Studies.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 479 Insurgency, Guerrilla Warfare, and Terrorism

Description: Nature, strategies, and mechanics of insurgency, guerrilla warfare and terrorism, where they fit in the spectrum of conflict, and various techniques and methods for analyzing them.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 480 Restorative Justice

Description: Examine the theory of restorative justice and critically evaluate the restorative processes. Discuss if restorative justice works, how it compares to retributive justice, and to what extent a restorative approach can work in the aftermath of extreme societal violence.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL/SPR

POLS 481 Marx and the Aftermath of Marxism

Description: Arguments in favor of and opposed to Marxism, both in theory and practice.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 492 Special Topics in Political Science

Crosslisted with: POLS 892

Description: Topics vary.

Credit Hours: 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 498 Research in Political Science

Description: Conduct research on political science topics under the supervision of a faculty member.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

Experiential Learning: Research

POLS 499 Undergraduate Thesis

Prerequisites: Permission.

Description: Independent research leading to a thesis.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

POLS 499H Honors Undergraduate Thesis

Prerequisites: Permission. Credit toward the degree cannot be earned in both POLS 499 and POLS 499H.

Description: Independent research leading to a thesis.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Career Information

The following represents a sample of the internships, jobs and graduate school programs that current students and recent graduates have reported.

Transferable Skills

- Contextualize political, social, and historical events
- Defend and discuss complex issues from multiple angles
- Develop and defend evidence based arguments
- Communicate clearly using different forms of writing to and for a variety of different audiences
- Gain global perspective and high levels of intercultural awareness
- Make decisions carefully, using appropriate theoretical frameworks
- Read, understand, and critically review scientific information
- Simplify complex information and present it to others
- Understand the connection between people, places, and communities
- Use various qualitative and quantitative research methodologies

- Analyze and explain data
- Compose convincing arguments and present logical information
- Analyze and interpret difficult texts
- Collaborate with a team to develop solutions
- Comprehend and critically evaluate complex information

- Juris Doctor Degree, Yale Law School – New Haven, CT
- Doctoral Degree, Economic Analysis and Policy, Stanford University – Stanford, CA
- Doctoral Degree, Political Science, University of Rochester – Rochester, NY

Jobs of Recent Graduates

- Administrative Aide, State of Nebraska – Lincoln, NE
- Campaign Organizer, Impact Organization/Environment New Mexico – Albuquerque, NM
- Compliance Officer, Tagge Rutherford Financial Group – Omaha, NE
- Director of Voting Rights, Nebraskans for Civic Reform – Lincoln, NE
- Legal Assistant, Learner & Rowe Attorneys – Chicago, IL
- Legislative Aide, Nebraska Legislature – Lincoln, NE
- Operations Director, The Nebraska Democratic Party – Lincoln, NE
- Policy Assistant, Center for Rural Affairs – Lyons, NE
- Program Analyst, General Dynamics Information Technology – Springfield, MO
- Staff Assistant, United States Congress – Washington, DC

Internships

- Legislative Research Aide, Lancaster County Veteran Services - Lincoln NE
- Intern, Great Plains National Security Education Consortiu - Lincoln NE
- Country Assistance Coordinator Intern, United States Dept of State - Washington DC
- Legislative and Lobbying Intern, Nebraskans for Civic Reform - Lincoln NE
- Community Development Intern, Nebraska Dept of Economic Development - Lincoln NE
- Senator Deb Fischer Intern, United States Senate - Lincoln NE
- CommerceConnect Intern, United States Dept of Commerce - Washington DC DC
- School of Government Internship, Sun Yat-Sen University - Guangzhou, China ZZ
- Congressman Adrian Smith Intern, United States House of Representatives - Washington D.C. DC
- National Intern, Project Vote Smart - Philipsburg MT

Graduate & Professional Schools

- Master's Degree, Community & Regional Planning, University of Nebraska–Lincoln – Lincoln, NE
- Master's Degree, Geographical Information Science, Texas State University – San Marcos, TX
- Master's Degree, International Affairs, Texas A&M University – College Station, TX
- Master's Degree, International Security, University of Denver – Denver, CO
- Master's Degree, Political Economy, Georgetown University – Washington, DC
- Master's Degree, War Studies, King's College London – London, England
- Juris Doctor Degree, University of Nebraska College of Law – Lincoln, NE