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.

College Admission
The entrance requirements for the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), including any of the majors or minors offered through the college, are the same as the UNL General Admission Requirements. In addition to these requirements, the College of Arts and Sciences strongly recommends a third and fourth year of one foreign language in high school. Four years of high school coursework in the same language will fulfill the College of Arts and Sciences' language requirement. It will also allow students to continue language study at a more advanced level at UNL and provide more opportunity to study abroad.

ACADEMIC AND CAREER Advising
Academic and Career Advising Center
The Academic and Career Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall 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. Students visit the Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall to:

- Choose or change their major, minor, or degree program.
- Check in on policies, procedures, and deadlines.
- Get a college approval signature from the Dean's representative, Sr. Director of Advising and Student Success.

While the assigned academic advisor should be the student's primary contact, there are daily walk-ins from 12-3 where a general academic advisor can answer a quick question. In addition, the CAS Career Coaches are located here. They help students explore majors and minors, gain experience, and develop a plan for life after graduation. Not sure where to go or who to ask? The Advising Center team can help.

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.

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 or in the Academic and Career Advising Center. 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, contact the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall, 402-472-4190, http://cas.unl.edu/advising.

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 not only prepared to effectively contribute professionally in the real world, but they have 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, 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 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 Distribution Requirements

College Distribution Requirements – BA and BS

The College of Arts and Sciences distribution requirements are common to both the bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees and are designed to ensure a range of courses. By engaging in study in several different areas 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.
- Independent study or reading courses and internships cannot be used to satisfy distribution requirements.
- Courses from interdisciplinary programs will be applied in the same area as courses from the home/cross-listed department.

College Distribution Requirements

**CDR: Written Communication** 3
Select from courses approved for ACE outcome 1.

**CDR: Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences with Lab** 4
Select from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, computer science, geology, meteorology, mathematics, physics, and statistics. Must include one lab in the natural or physical sciences. Lab courses may be selected from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, geology, meteorology, and physics.

Some courses from geography and anthropology may also be used to satisfy the lab requirement above. ¹

**CDR: Humanities** 3
Select from classics, English, history, modern languages and literatures, philosophy, and religious studies. ²

**CDR: Social Science** 3
Select from anthropology, communication studies, geography, political science, psychology, or sociology. ³

**CDR: Human Diversity in U.S. Communities** 0-3
Select from a set of approved courses as listed in the degree audit.

**CDR: Language** 0-16

Fulfilled by the completion of the 6-credit-hour second-year sequence in a single foreign language in one of the following departments: Classics and religious studies or modern languages and literatures. Instruction is currently available in Arabic, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.

A student who has completed the fourth-year level of one foreign language in high school is exempt from the languages requirement, but encouraged to continue on in their language study.

Credit Hours Subtotal: 13-32

¹ See Degree Audit or a College of Arts and Sciences advisor for approved geography and anthropology courses that apply as natural science.

² Language courses numbered 220 and below do not fulfill the CDR Humanities.

³ See Degree Audit or College of Arts and Sciences advisor for list of natural/physical science courses in anthropology, geography, and psychology that do not apply as social science.

Language Requirement

UNL and the College of Arts and Sciences place great value on academic exposure and proficiency in a second language. The UNL entrance requirement of two years of the same foreign language or the College’s language distribution requirement (CDR: Language) will rarely be waived and only with relevant documentation. See the main College of Arts and Sciences page for more details.

Scientific Base - BS Only

The bachelor of science degree requires students to complete 60 hours in mathematical, physical, and natural sciences. Approved courses for scientific base credit come from the following College of Arts and Sciences disciplines: actuarial science, anthropology (selected courses), astronomy, biochemistry (excluding BIOC 101), biological sciences (excluding BIOS 100 or BIOS 203), chemistry (excluding CHEM 101), computer science (excluding CSCE 10), geography (selected courses), geology, life sciences, mathematics (excluding courses below MATH 104), meteorology, microbiology (excluding MBio 101), and physics.

See your Degree Audit or your assigned academic advisor for a complete list, including individual classes that fall outside of the disciplines listed above. 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 UNL C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. International coursework (including education abroad)
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with a final grade equivalent to a C- or lower will not be validated by College of Arts and Sciences departments to be degree applicable.

Pass/No Pass Privilege
The College of Arts and Sciences adheres to the University regulations for the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege with the following additional regulations:

- Pass/No Pass hours can count toward fulfillment of University ACE requirements and college distribution requirements up to the 24-hour maximum.
- Most arts and sciences departments and programs do not allow courses graded Pass/No Pass to apply to the major or minor. Students should refer to the department's or program's section of the catalog for clarification. By college rule, departments can allow up to 6 hours of Pass/No Pass in the major or minor.
- Departments may specify that certain courses of theirs can be taken only on a P/N basis.
- The college will permit no more than a total of 24 semester hours of P/N grades to be applied toward degree requirements. This total includes all Pass grades earned at UNL and other U.S. schools. **NOTE:** This 24-hour limit is more restrictive than the University regulation.

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 UNL.

Residency Requirement
Students must complete at least 30 of the 120 total hours for their degree at UNL. Students must complete at least 1/2 of their major coursework, including 6 hours at the 300 or 400 level in their major and 15 of the 30 hours required at the 300 or 400 level, in residence. Credit earned during education abroad may be used toward the residency requirement only if students register through 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 UNL. 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 UNL 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.

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.

Major Requirements
Political science core requirements, plus completion of 9 hours within two of the four subareas.

Core Requirements

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**Political Theory Course**
Select one of the following:

- POLS 108 | Political Ideas | 3 |
- POLS 383 | Justice and the Good Life | 3 |
- POLS 384 | Liberalism and Its Critics | 3 |
- POLS 386 | Truth and Progress | 3 |
- POLS 481 | Marx and the Aftermath of Marxism | 3 |
| **Credit Hours Subtotal:** | **3** |
| **Total Credit Hours:** | **15** |

1. **POLS 286 must be taken before POLS 400.**

Specific Major Requirements
Political Science Sub-Areas
Select two of the following four sub-areas. Complete 9 hours from each of those two subareas with at least 6 hours at the 400 level:

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POLS 325  Legislative Process
POLS 332  Climate Change: Policy and Politics
POLS 334  Polls, Politics and Public Opinion
POLS 338  Women and Politics
POLS 345  Courts, Judges, and Lawyers
POLS 347  Myths and Realities of the Justice System
POLS 425  Congress and Public Policy
POLS 426  Topics in American Public Policy
POLS 430  Political Communication
POLS 441  Constitutional Law
POLS 442  Civil Liberties: Freedom of Expression and Conviction
POLS 443  Civil Liberties: Issues of Fairness and Equality
POLS 475  Water Quality Strategy

International Relations and Comparative Politics
POLS 104  Comparative Politics
POLS 171  Introduction to East Asian Civilization
POLS 260  Problems in International Relations
POLS 261  Conflict and Conflict Resolution
POLS 263  Causes of War and Peace
POLS 268  Threats to World Order
POLS 270  From National to Human Security
POLS 277  Latin American Politics
POLS 281  Challenges to the State
POLS 322  Climate Change: Policy and Politics
POLS 333  Immigration and Politics
POLS 361  The United Nations and World Politics
POLS 363  United States Foreign Policy
POLS 459  International Political Economy
POLS 466  Pro-seminar in International Relations I
POLS 467  Pro-seminar in International Relations II
POLS 469  International Law
POLS 476  Ethnic Conflict and Identity
POLS 477  Israel and the Middle East
POLS 478  Pro-seminar in Latin American Studies

Human Rights and Security
POLS 263  Causes of War and Peace
POLS 268  Threats to World Order
POLS 270  From National to Human Security
POLS 362  Globalization, Human Rights and Diversity
POLS 375  Conflict and Development in Africa
POLS 377  Transnational Criminal Networks
POLS 463  American Foreign Policy and the Use of the Military
POLS 470  International Human Rights
POLS 472  State Terror
POLS 473  Problems in International Law and Organization
POLS 476  Ethnic Conflict and Identity
POLS 479  Insurgency, Guerrilla Warfare, and Terrorism

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 or minor, with the exception of POLS 395.

Requirements for Minor Offered by Department
Eighteen (18) hours of political science courses, including POLS 100 Power and Politics in America, and at least one course at the 400 level.

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 or minor, with the exception of POLS 395.

POLS 150  Introduction to Biology, Psychology, and Politics
POLS 250  Genetics, Brains, and Politics
POLS 350  Issues in Biology, Psychology, and Politics
POLS 450  Conducting Research in Political Psychology

Credit Hours Subtotal: 18

2 Courses may only count in one sub-area.
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
Groups: International Relations&Compar

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 130 News Literacy, The Public, and Politics

Description: Broad introduction to how the media work to disseminate information, how people use the media to gather information, and how politicians use the media to get their messages out. Evaluate bias and media effects from the perspective of journalists, politicians, and the public.

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
Groups: Biology, Psychology, & Politics

POLS 160 International Relations

Crosslisted with: POLS 160H, 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
ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity
Groups: International Relations&Compar

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

Prerequisite for: HIST 380
ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity
Groups: Lat Am, Asian, Mid East, Afr Hist Pre-1800 History

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

POLS 198 Special Topics

Description: Hot political topics of the day. Topics will vary.

Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Groups: Other, Theses, and Dissertations
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
Groups: American Government&Public Pol

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
Groups: American Government&Public Pol

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
Groups: American Government&Public Pol

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
Groups: American Government&Public Pol

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
Groups: American Government&Public Pol

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
Groups: American Government&Public Pol

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
Groups: American Government&Public Pol

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
Groups: American Government&Public Pol

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 9 Global/Diversity ACE 6 Social Science
Groups: American Government&Public Pol

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
Groups: Biology,Psychology& Politics

POLS 256 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
Groups: International Relations&Compar
POL S 261 Conflict and Conflict Resolution
Crosslisted with: ANTH 261, 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
Groups: International Relations&Compar

POL S 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
Groups: International Relations&Compar

POL S 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
Groups: International Relations&Compar

POL S 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
Groups: Human Rights and Security

POL S 277 Latin American Politics
Crosslisted with: ETHN 277, LAMS 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
Groups: International Relations&Compar

POL S 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
Groups: International Relations&Compar

POL S 286 Political Analysis
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

POL S 295 Legislative Page Program
Description: The development and workings of the Nebraska legislature. POLS 295 requires serving as page with the Nebraska Unicameral.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Pass No Pass

POL S 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
Groups: American Government&Public Pol

POL S 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
Groups: American Government&Public Pol International Relations&Compar
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: American Government&Public Pol CAS Diversity in the US International Relations&Compar

POLS 334 Polls, Politics and Public Opinion
Crosslisted with: COMM 334
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: American Government&Public Pol

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
Groups: American Government&Public Pol

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 American Government&Public Pol

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
Groups: Biology,Psychology& Politics

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
Groups: International Relations&Compar

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
Groups: Human Rights and Security

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
Groups: International Relations&Compar

POLS 364 Model United Nations
Crosslisted with: GLST 364
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
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<td>POLS 375</td>
<td>Conflict and Development in Africa</td>
<td>ETHN 375</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>POLS 377</td>
<td>Transnational Criminal Networks</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>POLS 381</td>
<td>Cultures in Transit</td>
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<td>Interdisciplinary comparative literature course that offers critical studies on socio-political changes in modern nations and respective cultures. It focuses on war, revolution, migration, exile, diaspora, and transnational conditions. Letter grade only.</td>
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<td>The questions of how we ought to live our lives via the study of classic texts in political thought. Debate what makes our actions just, choice-worthy, and even heroic.</td>
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<td>POLS 384</td>
<td>Liberalism and Its Critics</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Democracy and Democratic Citizenship</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Congress and Public Policy</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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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: 6
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Groups: American Government & Public Pol

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 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
Groups: American Government & Public Pol

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
Groups: American Government & Public Pol

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
Groups: American Government & Public Pol

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
Groups: Biology, Psychology & Politics

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
Groups: International Relations & Compar

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
Groups: World Politics

POLS 466 Pro-seminar in International Relations I
Crosslisted with: ECON 466, POLS 866, AECN 467, ANTH 479, ANTH 879, ECON 866, GEOG 448, GEOG 848, HIST 479, HIST 879, SOCI 466, SOCI 866
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
Groups: Comp Intrntnl & Reg Developmnt Human-Economic Geography
Variable group based on topic Integrative Courses, Research International Relations & Compar
POLS 467 Pro-seminar in International Relations II
Crosslisted with: ECON 467, ECON 867, POLS 867
Prerequisites: Senior standing and permission.
Notes: Open to students with an interest in international relations. Topics vary.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Groups: International Relations&Compar

POLS 469 International Law
Crosslisted with: POLS 869
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: 4
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Groups: International Relations&Compar

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
Groups: Human Rights and Security

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 polticide against their own citizens.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Groups: Human Rights and Security

POLS 473 Problems in International Law and Organization
Crosslisted with: POLS 873
Notes: POLS 361 or 469 highly recommended.
Description: Selected issues in international law and organization. Content varies. Includes: US Senate's treatment of treaties, use of customary law by US courts, current cases before the World Court, leading legal issues handled by the UN Security Council and General Assembly, etc.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Groups: Human Rights and Security

POLS 474 Water Quality Strategy
Crosslisted with: NRES 475, NRES 875, SOCI 475, SOCI 875, SOIL 475, WATS 475, AGRO 475, AGRO 875, CIVE 475, CIVE 875, CRPL 475, CRPL 875, GEOG 475, GEOG 875, MSYM 475, MSYM 875, POLS 875
Prerequisites: Senior standing.
Notes: Open to students with an interest in international relations. Topics vary.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Groups: American Government&Public Pol

POLS 476 Ethnic Conflict and Identity
Crosslisted with: JUDS 476, POLS 876
Description: Theories of nationalism 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
Groups: International Relations&Compar

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
Groups: International Relations&Compar

POLS 478 Pro-seminar in Latin American Studies
Crosslisted with: ANTH 478, GEOG 478, HIST 478, LAMS 478, SOCI 478, MODL 478, EDPS 478, ANTH 878, GEOG 878, HIST 878, POLS 878, SOCI 878, MODL 878, EDPS 878
Prerequisites: Junior standing and permission.
Notes: Open to students with an interest in international relations. Topics vary.
Description: An interdisciplinary analysis of topical issues in Latin American Studies.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Groups: Regional Geography International Relations&Compar Integrative Courses, Research Lat Am,Asian,Mid East,Afr Hist
Political Science (B.A.)

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

Jobs of Recent Graduates

- Campaign Organizer, Impact Organization/Environment New Mexico - Albuquerque NM
- Assistant Attorney General, Nebraska Attorney General’s Office - Lincol NE
- Director of Voting Rights, Nebraskans for Civic Reform - Lincoln NE
- Economic Analyst, The United States Government - Washington D.C. MD
- Public Involvement Specialist, State of Nebraska - Lincoln NE
- Civic Engagement and Organizing Coordinator, Border Action Network - Tucson AZ
- Deputy Data Director, Democrat Party of Virginia - Richmond VA
- Resource and Student Engagement Coordinator, Nebraska Family Alliance - Lincoln NE
- Immigration Services Officer, The Department of Home Land Security - Lincoln NE
- Financial Services Officer, Sacs Federal Credit Union - Omaha NE
- Government Relations Intern, American Society of Hematology - Washington, D.C. DC
- Outreach and Communications Associate, Cambridge Global Advisors - Washington DC
- Research Manager, Nebraska Department of Economic Development - Lincoln NE
- Staff Assistant, US House of Representatives - Washington DC DC
- Truman Fellow/Policy Analyst, U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services - Washington DC

Internships

- Legislative Research Aide, Lancaster County Veteran Services - Lincoln NE
- Intern, Great Plains National Security Education Consortium - 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

- Juris Doctorate, Harvard University - Cambridge MA
- Master’s Degree, International Education and Policy Management, Vanderbilt University - Nashville TN
- Master’s Degree, Public Administration, University of Nebraska at Omaha - Omaha NE
- Ph.D., Economic Analysis and Policy, Stanford University - Stanford CA
- Ph.D., Political Science, University of Rochester - Rochester NY
- School of Language Studies, Foreign Service Institute -
- Master’s Degree, Teacher Education, Doane College - Crete NE
- Master’s Degree, International Relations, University of Oregon - Eugene OR
- Ph.D., Diplomatic History, Ohio State University - Columbus OH
- Juris Doctorate/Master of Business Administration, Kansas University - Lawrence KS
- Medical Doctor, University of Nebraska Medical Center - Omaha NE
- Juris Doctorate, Georgetown University Law Center - Washington DC
- Master’s Degree, Critical and Creative Thinking, UNO - Omaha NE
- Juris Doctorate, Rutgers School of Law - Camden NJ
- Master’s Degree, Survey and Methodology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Lincoln NE