POLITICAL SCIENCE

Brian Klunk, Chair
Cynthia Ostberg, Director of Pre-law and Legal Scholars programs

Degrees Offered
Bachelor of Arts

Majors Offered
Political Science

Minors Offered
Political Science
Pre-Law

Pre-Law Program
The Department of Political Science also offers a program and minor in Pre-Law. For a complete description of that program, please see the section on Cross-Disciplinary Majors and Programs.

The Pacific Legal Scholars Program offers honors students in various majors a richly supported accelerated path leading to Pacific McGeorge Law School after three years on Pacific’s Stockton campus. For a complete description of that program, please see the section on Cross-Disciplinary Majors and Programs.

Bachelor of Arts Major in Political Science
Students must complete a minimum of 124 units with a Pacific cumulative and major/program grade point average of 2.0 in order to earn the bachelor of arts degree with a major in political science.

I. General Education Requirements
Minimum 42 units and 12 courses that include:

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<td>PACS 002</td>
<td>Topical Seminar on a Good Society</td>
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<td>What is an Ethical Life?</td>
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Note: 1) Pacific Seminars cannot be taken for Pass/No Credit. 2) Transfer students with 28 or more transfer units complete 2 additional General Education elective courses from below in place of taking PACS 001 and PACS 002.

One course from each subdivision below:

Social and Behavioral Sciences
IA. Individual and Interpersonal Behavior
IB. U.S. Studies
IC. Global Studies

Arts and Humanities
IIA. Language and Literature
IIB. Worldviews and Ethics
IIC. Visual and Performing Arts

Natural Sciences and Mathematics
IIIA. Natural Sciences
IIIB. Mathematics and Formal Logic
IIIC. Science, Technology and Society or a second IIIA Natural Sciences course

Note: 1) No more than 2 courses from a single discipline may be applied to meet the requirements of the general education program.

II. Diversity Requirement
Students must complete one diversity course (3-4 units)

Note: 1) Transfer students with 28 units or more transfer units prior to fall 2011 are encouraged but not required to complete a designated course prior to graduation. 2) Courses may be used also to meet general education and/or major/minor requirements.

Career Opportunities
The skills and experiences developed through a Political Science program are central to a great variety of career fields, and our majors go on to work as journalists and lawyers, managers and teachers, politicians and administrators. One out of every six Americans now works for one level of public government or another, and Political Science majors can have a head start in such fields because of their understanding of how these systems work. Many of our graduates go on to law school, and Political Science serves as an ideal major for that training, as well as essential preparation for graduate study.

Internships
Special opportunities are provided for internships in public agencies in Stockton, Sacramento, and in Washington, D.C. (as well as abroad). Many of these opportunities have a legal focus. Course credit may be earned for these internships.
III. College of the Pacific BA Requirement
Students must complete one year of college instruction or equivalent training in a language other than English.

Note: 1) Transfer students with sophomore standing are exempt from this requirement.

IV. Fundamental Skills
Students must demonstrate competence in:

Writing
Quantitative analysis

V. Breadth Requirement
Students must complete 64 units outside the primary discipline of the first major, regardless of the department who offers the course(s) in that discipline. (Courses include general education courses, transfer courses, CPCE/EXTN units, internships, etc.)

VI. Major Requirements
Minimum 14 courses that include:

POLS 011 Introduction to Comparative Politics 4
or POLS 151 Principles of Comparative Politics
POLS 021 Introduction to Political Theory 4
POLS 041 U.S. Government and Politics 4
POLS 051 Introduction to International Relations 4
POLS 133 Political Science Research 4
Minimum 2 units from one of the following orientation courses: 2
INTL 151 Cross-Cultural Training I
POLS 081 Career and Internship Preparation
Minimum 3 units from the following experiential learning courses: 3-4
POLS 187A Political Science Internship
POLS 187C Pre-Law Internship
POLS 197 Undergraduate Research
JCTR 187 Community Affairs Internship
JCTR 197A/197B Community Independent Research
SACR 187 Sacramento Experience Internship
WASH 187 Washington Semester Internship
6 Upper-Division Courses with at least one course in four of the following subfields:

US Government and Politics
POLS 104 Urban Government
POLS 106 California Government and Politics
POLS 112 Congress and the Presidency
POLS 114 Political Parties and Interest Groups
POLS 116 Campaigns and Elections
POLS 119 Government in Action: Public Policy Analysis
POLS 120 Courts and Judicial Behavior
POLS 128 Introduction to Public Administration

Public Law
POLS 122 Constitutional Law
POLS 124 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties
POLS 126 Criminal Law

Political Theory
POLS 130 Ancient to Medieval Political Theory
POLS 132 Modern to Contemporary Political Theory
POLS 134 American Political Thought
POLS 136 Jurisprudence

Comparative Politics
POLS 141 Western European Comparative Politics
POLS 146 Latin American Politics
POLS 148 Politics of the Middle East
POLS 150 Political Development
POLS 151 Principles of Comparative Politics
POLS 152 Politics of Asia

International Relations
POLS 160 Theories of International Politics
POLS 162 International Organization
POLS 164 International Political Economy
POLS 166 International Conflict and Conflict Management
POLS 168 Comparative Foreign Policy
POLS 170 U.S. Foreign Policy
POLS 172 Inter-American Relations
POLS 189 Capstone Seminar 4

* Only students who participate in an approved study-abroad program may take INTL 151 — Cross-Cultural Training I

Minor in Political Science
Students must complete a minimum of 21 units and 6 courses with a Pacific minor grade point average of 2.0 in order to earn a minor in political science.

Minor Requirements:

POLS 011 Introduction to Comparative Politics 4
POLS 041 U.S. Government and Politics 4
POLS 051 Introduction to International Relations 4
POLS Electives - 3 additional courses at the 100-level or from: 12
PHIL 106 Philosophy of Law
PHIL 135 Political Philosophy
INTL 174 Global Environmental Policy

Note: 1) At least ten of these units must be taken at Pacific.

Minor in Pre-Law
Students must complete a minimum of 21 units and 6 courses with a Pacific minor grade point average of 2.0 in order to earn a minor in pre-law.

Minor Requirements:

Select one of the following public law courses: 4
POLS 122 Constitutional Law
POLS 124 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties
POLS 126 Criminal Law
Select one of the following law courses: 4
BUSI 053 The Legal and Ethical Environment of Business
BUSI 127 Legal Aspects of Real Estate
BUSI 157 Commercial Law
BUSI 199 Employment Law
INTL 167 Advanced Model United Nations (MUN II)
MMGT 153 Entertainment Law
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<td>INTL 101</td>
<td>Social Science Research Methods</td>
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<td>MATH 035</td>
<td>Elementary Statistical Inference</td>
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<td>Introduction to Statistics and Probability</td>
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<td>POLS 133</td>
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Note: 1) 12 of these units must be taken at Pacific. 2) All courses must be graded "C-" or higher. 3) Only two courses may be transferred from community colleges. 4) Courses transferred from community colleges cannot fulfill the public law requirement. 5) No more than 3 courses from a single academic department can be counted in the pre-law minor.

**Political Science Faculty**

Brian E. Klunk, Associate Professor and Chair, 1987, BA, Pennsylvania State University, 1977; MA, University of Virginia, 1980; PhD, 1985.

Jeffrey Becker, Associate Professor, 2006, BA, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1991; MA, Rutgers University, 1996; PhD, 2004. Member, Phi Beta Kappa.

Robert B. Benedetti, Professor Emeritus, 1989, BA, Amherst College, 1964; MA University of Pennsylvania, 1967; PhD, 1975; Member, Phi Beta Kappa.

Michael T. Hatch, Professor Emeritus, 1985, BA, Utah State University, 1970; MA, Johns Hopkins University, 1973; PhD, University of California, Berkeley, 1983.

Cynthia Ostberg, Professor, 1994, BA, University of California, Berkeley, 1985; MA, Northern Illinois University, 1991; PhD, 1995.

Susan G. Sample, Professor, 1999, BA, University of Missouri, 1991: PhD, Vanderbilt University, 1996. Member, Phi Beta Kappa.

Keith W. Smith, Associate Professor, 2008, BA, Pepperdine University, 1997; MPM, University of Maryland, 1999; MA, University of California, Berkeley, 2000; PhD 2005.

Dari Sylvester, Associate Professor, 2005, BA, Trinity College, 1998; MA State University of New York, Stony Brook, 2002; PhD, 2006. Member, Phi Beta Kappa.

**Political Science Courses**

**POLS 011. Introduction to Comparative Politics. 4 Units.**

Students examine the basic functions performed by a political system, compare the different organizations and procedures societies have developed for handling these functions, and analyze of recurring patterns of political behavior from the level of the individual to that of the nation/state. (GE1C)

**POLS 021. Introduction to Political Theory. 4 Units.**

This course introduces the philosophical study of basic issues in political life, such as democracy, freedom, the responsibilities of political power, the role of the state, and justice through the close reading and analysis of selected major political thinkers. (GE2B)

**POLS 031. Introduction to Law and Policy in the American Political System. 4 Units.**

This is an introductory course examining courses, law, and the role the judiciary plays in policy-making in the American political system. Focus on political aspects of legal rulings, as well as the constitutional limits to government power.

**POLS 041. U.S. Government and Politics. 4 Units.**

Students analyze the constitutional structure of the federal government and its function as well as the political processes involved. This course satisfies the state teaching credential requirement on the U.S. Constitution. (GE1B, PLAW)

**POLS 051. Introduction to International Relations. 4 Units.**

This course introduces the major issues of international politics and the analytical approaches applied to their study. Topics include: the causes of war, intervention, pursuit of economic prosperity and managing global resources. (GE1C)

**POLS 060. Legal Study Seminar. 1 Unit.**

Students are introduced to the legal profession, court structure, and practical skills needed for law school. This course also examines current problems in different fields of law through panel discussions by law faculty. Prerequisite: Pacific Legal Scholar Student or permission of the instructor.

**POLS 062. Legal Practice Seminar. 1 Unit.**

Students examine different legal career trajectories, legal scholarship, and career exploration. This course also draws connections between academic training and legal practice through panel discussions by legal practitioners, and courthouse visits. Prerequisite: Pacific Legal Scholar Student or permission of the instructor.

**POLS 081. Career and Internship Preparation. 2 Units.**

POLS 081 orients and prepares students for the workplace expectations commonly encountered by students in political science internships. The course also provides information about careers commonly pursued by political science majors and how to prepare for them. Prerequisites: POLS 041. Sophomore standing.
POL 093. Special Topics. 1-4 Units.

POL 104. Urban Government. 4 Units.
Students examine the structure and operation of urban units of government with emphasis on inter-governmental and inter-group relations in the United States. Problems of finance, racial, ethnic and class conflict, the adequacy of services and planning for future growth are included. The course emphasizes the role of race, class, and ethnicity in the city and is approved by Ethnic Studies. (DVSY, ETHC)

POL 106. California Government and Politics. 4 Units.
This course covers an overview of California governmental structures and selected political, economic and ecological conflicts, both historic and contemporary.

POL 112. Congress and the Presidency. 4 Units.
This course examines the relative influence of Congress and the presidency on politics and policy making in America. Topics include the development, organization, operation, interactions, and policy making role of the two branches. Prerequisite: POLS 041.

POL 114. Political Parties and Interest Groups. 4 Units.
Students analyze the role of political parties and interest groups in the American political system in addition to the origins, development, and current state of parties and interest groups. The group includes a focus of the ways that these groups organize and influence the policy-making process.

POL 116. Campaigns and Elections. 4 Units.
This course is designed to introduce students to campaigns and elections in the American political system. The focus is on what political science has discovered about campaigns, their operation, and their relative influence on elections. Other determinants of election outcomes are also examined. Prerequisite: POLS 041.

POL 119. Government in Action: Public Policy Analysis. 4 Units.
This course is an analysis and evaluation of how government makes and implements policy at various levels, both state and local. This is a core major requirement that develops political science learning objectives that are the bases for advanced coursework in the major. Prerequisite: POLS 041. (ENST, PLAW)

POL 120. Courts and Judicial Behavior. 4 Units.
Students examine the role, nature and sources of law, the courts and the adversary system; schools of jurisprudence. An emphasis is on contemporary problems such as reform, the jury system, selection of judges and selected problems. (PLAW)

POL 122. Constitutional Law. 4 Units.
This course is a study of the development of the American Constitutional System through court cases. Law school techniques and methods are stressed. (PLAW)

POL 124. Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties. 4 Units.
Students analyze the rights and guarantees contained in the Bill of Rights and other constitutional and statutory provisions. (PLAW)

POL 126. Criminal Law. 4 Units.
This course focuses on the concepts, principles and problems of substantive criminal law. (PLAW)

POL 128. Introduction to Public Administration. 4 Units.
This course introduces students to the study of public administration. It examines the role of public agencies and their personnel in a democratic political system. Topics include what public agencies are, why they exist in democracies, the functions they carry out, the mutual influence public agencies have with elected officials and the public, and interactions between public and not-for-profit spheres.

POL 130. Ancient to Medieval Political Theory. 4 Units.
Students analyze ancient and medieval political thinkers examine the formation of social and political thought from approximately fifth century Greece through twelfth century Europe. The course materials address tensions between democracy and empire, ideas of democracy, freedom, the responsibilities of political power, the place of ambition, the role of justice, and the meaning of the good life. (GE2B)

POL 132. Modern to Contemporary Political Theory. 4 Units.
Students analyze modern and contemporary political thinkers and examine the formation of social and political thought form the sixteenth through the twenty-first centuries. The course materials address the development of the nation state, individual rights and freedom, religious liberty and toleration, popular sovereignty, popular consent, social equality, and intellectual, social, and historical progress. (GE2B)

POL 133. Political Science Research. 4 Units.
This course develops skills needed for conducting and understanding research in political science and other social sciences. The course includes research design, critical statistical techniques and computer applications. Prerequisite: Fundamental Skills Math. (GE3B, PLAW)

POL 134. American Political Thought. 4 Units.
Principles and problems of political theory within the American setting are examined as they emerge from the founding period to the present. The course explores both the mainstream tradition and branches of counter traditions of political ideas in America. Emphasis is on the themes of authority, community, equality, liberty. (DVSY, ETHC, GE2B)

POL 136. Jurisprudence. 4 Units.
Students analyze of the nature and functions of law, law as an instrument of social control, and the relationship between law, morality, and justice. This course examines current problems in law as it intersects with politics and society. Readings are drawn from legal and political philosophy, social science, and judicial opinions.

POL 141. Western European Comparative Politics. 4 Units.
This course is a comparative analysis of the political and economic forces that have shaped the advanced industrial states of Western Europe. Topics include: 1) state-building, nation-building and industrialization; 2) political and economic reconstruction of France, Great Britain and Germany; 3) contemporary problems facing the advanced capitalist states of Western Europe.

POL 146. Latin American Politics. 4 Units.
Students study the political processes and governmental structures of Latin American states, and focus on Mexico and Brazil, as well as certain other South and Central American countries. Selective attention is given to the expanding regional and international relations of Latin America.

POL 148. Politics of the Middle East. 4 Units.
This course is a comparative study of contemporary politics in the Middle East, and it emphasizes the problems of development and the background, issues and political forces involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

POL 150. Political Development. 4 Units.
This course is a general introduction to the problems and politics of post-colonial or lesser developed countries. Case studies from Asia, Africa and Latin America are included.

POL 151. Principles of Comparative Politics. 4 Units.
Students examine the most important analytical approaches used by political scientists in the comparative analysis of political systems and application of those approaches to selected examples. This is a core major requirement that develops political science learning objectives that are the basis for advanced coursework in the major. Prerequisites: POLS 041 and POLS 051 or permission of instructor.
POLS 152. Politics of Asia. 4 Units.
This course is a general political introduction to modern East, South-East and South Asia. The course includes a survey of geography, history and culture and it uses selected case studies in all three areas, an exploration of problems of development and modernization, as well as regional interaction and the relation of Asia to the West. (GETC)

POLS 160. Theories of International Politics. 4 Units.
This course is an intensive study of the principal theories of international politics and behavior. The course covers major social scientific theories, critical approaches to theory, and international political theory. Prerequisite: POLS 051, or permission of instructor.

POLS 162. International Organization. 4 Units.
Students examine the role of international organization in the contemporary global political system. Major theories and approaches in the field are studied in conjunction with topics such as interstate conflict and peacemaking, arms control and nonproliferation, human rights, economic relations between developed and developing countries, food and nutrition and management of the global commons. Prerequisite: POLS 051 or permission of instructor. (PLAW)

POLS 164. International Political Economy. 4 Units.
Students examine the major analytical and substantive issues in the field of international political economy and explore the political and economic problems generated by growing interdependence among advanced industrial states and the conflicts between industrialized and developing countries over the structure and functioning of the postwar international economic order. Prerequisite: POLS 051.

POLS 166. International Conflict and Conflict Management. 4 Units.
This course is a study of the sources and nature of conflict and methods of conflict management in the international arena. The focus is to identify and understand the kinds and functions of nonviolent conflict management now in use. Topics include international law, international regimes, negotiation and arbitration. Prerequisite: POLS 051 or permission of instructor.

POLS 168. Comparative Foreign Policy. 4 Units.
Students examine of foreign policy making around the world, across major powers, middle powers, and small states. The course begins with a study of the different theories that try to explain why nations make the choices they do in the international arena, and then it considers the validity of those theories as students look at cases from the United States to China to New Zealand and a number of stops in between. Prior to the completion of a basic course in political science is recommended.

POLS 170. U.S. Foreign Policy. 4 Units.
Students examine of the major developments and current issues in U.S. foreign policy and various analytical approaches to their study. Topics include: U.S. diplomatic history, the processes and structures by which the U.S. government develops and implements foreign policy. Emphasis is placed on students developing the analytical capacity to pose and pursue significant puzzles about U.S. foreign policy. Prerequisite: POLS 051.

POLS 172. Inter-American Relations. 4 Units.
This course covers regional principles, laws, treaties and agreements, foreign policy formulation, hemispheric organizations, and exploration and analysis of contemporary trends in Latin American international relations.

POLS 175. Legal Writing and Research Seminar. 1 Unit.
Students are exposed to legal writing and advanced research skills, the content of first year law courses, and resources and facilities at Pacific McGeorge. Prerequisites: POLS 060 and POLS 062. Pacific Legal Scholar Student with Sophomore or Junior standing and an overall GPA of 3.0, or permission of the instructor. This course must be taken in the spring semester of their sophomore year (regardless of whether a student is in the 3+3 or 4+3 program).

POLS 187C. Pre-Law Internship. 4 Units.
This course is a supervised experience in an approved legal or judicial setting that is contracted on an individual basis. Prerequisites: POLS 041; POLS 031 or POLS 122 or POLS 124 or POLS 126. Junior standing is required with an overall GPA of 2.0. Department permission is also required.

POLS 189. Capstone Seminar. 4 Units.
This seminar course is for political science majors about to graduate. Students demonstrate their mastery of political science program learning objectives and outcomes through analysis and discussion of recent significant work in the major political science subfields; American Politics, Political Theory, Comparative Politics, and International Politics and by the completion and presentation of a substantial political science research project. Prerequisite: Political Science majors with senior standing or by permission of instructor is required.

POLS 191. Independent Study. 2-4 Units.
Political science majors with a "B" average in their work in political science take this course.

POLS 197. Undergraduate Research. 2-4 Units.
Students acquire skills in the design and implementation of political science research while they serve as a research assistant to a faculty member or conduct an independent research project under the supervision of a faculty member. Junior or senior standing as a political science major and permission from department is required.

Pre-Law Courses