

NEW DEGREE NAME

B.S. in Political Science

REVAMPED POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

RATIONALE/JUSTIFICATION

The current political science major, with only 3 required courses, lacks rigor and coherence. The proposed changes will strengthen the core, which will ensure that students get solid grounding in the discipline. By pulling together the faculty's existing fortes and interests, the proposed specializations will provide students a set of logical tracks through which to move through the major. Flexibility will be maintained by allowing for a customized option. The handful of proposed changes in course numbering will allow for at least some degree of sequencing but will not close out students who would like to take political science or sociology courses to meet their general education requirements. The new courses proposed could all be taught by existing faculty.

CREDIT HOURS

Credit hours in political science	=	33 credit hours (same as before)
• Core (5 courses)	=	15 hours (up from 9 hours)
• Electives (6 courses)	=	18 hours (down from 24 hours)

Minor = 15 credit hours (same as before)

- PS 201
- PS 209
- PS 200 or PS 230 or PS 231
- 6 hours in political science at the 300 or 400 level, preferably in one specialization

NUMBERING SCHEME/LOGIC

100 = Introduction to the Profession (enrollment limit: 25-27)
200 = Core (required) courses (25-27)
300 = Intermediate courses (25-27)
400 = Seminars + capstones + advanced methodology courses (15)

Cross-listing (i.e., PS/SOC): only where "disciplinarily" appropriate

CORE COURSES AND SPECIALIZATIONS*

*** Bold + underline = change from current**

5 CORE COURSES (REQUIRED):

- 1) Introduction to the Profession: Political Science (PS/SOC 100)
or Introduction to Political Science (PS 301) >> **PS 201**
or Introduction to Sociology (SOC 200)
- 2) American Government (PS 200)
- 3) Research Methods (309) >> **PS/SOC 209**

NEW REQUIREMENTS:

- 4) Great Political Thinkers (PS 273)
or Social and Political Thought (PS/SOC 310)
- 5) Introduction to International Relations (PS 330) >> **PS 230**
or **Introduction to Comparative Politics (new course: PS 232)**

+ 6 ELECTIVE COURSES, WITH AT LEAST 4 FROM ONE SPECIALIZATION

Required = the gateway and capstone courses in each specialization

SPECIALIZATION 1: URBAN AFFAIRS

Introduction/Gateway: Urban Politics (PS 315)

Chicago Politics (PS 317)

Comparative Urban Politics (Seminar) (new course: PS 420)

History and Architecture of Cities (CRP 425) >> **cross-list: PS 426**

History of Chicago (HIST 352) >> **cross-list: PS 352**

Industrial Society (SOC 242) >> **SOC 342**

Intergovernmental Relations (PA 563)

Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning (PA 555)

Public Administration (PS 351)

School Politics (PS 341)

Social Use of Space (SOC 411) >> **SOC 311**

Sociology of Education (SOC 352)

Urban Institutions (PS/SOC 320)

Urban and Metropolitan Government (PA 562)

Urban Planning and Policy (PS 385)

Urban Policy (PS/SOC 354)

Urban Sociology (SOC 350)

U.S. Urban History (HIST 350) >> **cross-list: PS 350**

*Capstone: **Issues in Urban Affairs (Seminar) (new course: PS/SOC 403)***

SPECIALIZATION 2: POLICY ANALYSIS/TECHNOLOGY

Introduction/Gateway: Politics and Public Policy (PS 201) >> **PS 306**

Administration of Science and Technology (PA 554)
Comparative Administration and Policy (PA 564)
Comparative Health Systems (new course: PS 319)
Energy and Environmental Policy (PS 338)
Energy and Environmental Policy (Seminar) (PS 438)
Globalization (PS/SOC 360) >> **PS 360**
Health and Human Services Policy and Administration (PA 552)
Homeland Security and Crisis Management (PA 537)
Issues in Globalization (Seminar) (PS 440)
Issues in U.S. Space Policy (PS 335)
National Defense Policy (PS 333) >> **Politics of National Security** (PS 333)
Nuclear Energy and Society (PS 339) >> **PS/SOC 339**
Politics of Global Warming (PS 329)
Politics of Science and Technology (SOC 304/PS 332) >> **PS 332**
Promise and Problems of Policy (Implementation) (PS/SOC 353)
Public Policy Analysis and Evaluation (PA 513)
Regulatory Politics and Policy (PS 453)
>> **U.S. Regulatory Politics and Policy (Seminar)** (PS 453)
Strategic Planning (PA 542)
Tools of Government (PA 577)
Transformative Technologies (SOC 356)
Urban Policy (PS/SOC 354)

Capstone: Methods of Policy Analysis (Seminar) (PS 408)

SPECIALIZATION 3: AMERICAN POLITICS

Introduction/Gateway: Politics and Public Policy (PS 201) >> **PS 306**

Administrative Law (PA 503)
American Presidency (PS 345)
Bureaucracy (PS 452) >> **Bureaucratic Politics in the U.S. (Seminar)** (PS 452)
Citizenship and State: American Politics since 1945 (PS 346)
Contemporary Constitutional Issues (PS 318)
Introduction to Legal Analysis (PS 365)
Issues in U.S. Space Policy (PS 335)
Law in American Society (PS 256) >> **PS 356**
National Defense Policy (PS 333) >> **Politics of National Security** (PS 333)
Political Parties and Election Process (PS 316)
Politics and the Media (PS 303)
Public Administration (PS 351)
Regulatory Politics and Policy (PS 453)
>> **U.S. Regulatory Politics and Policy (Seminar)** (PS 453)
Rhetoric and Narrative in Legal Analysis (Seminar) (PS 425)
Vietnam War (PS/SOC 328)

American Governmental Institutions (PS 462)
>> *Capstone:* **Issues in American Politics (Seminar)** (PS 462)

SPECIALIZATION 4: SOCIETY, POLITICS, AND VALUES

Introduction/Gateway: The Social Dimension of Science (SOC 301)

Citizenship, Politics, and Social Movements (PS 346) >> **PS/SOC 346**

Contemporary Social Problems (PS/SOC 240/312) >> **SOC 312**

Development of Sociological Thought (Seminar) (SOC 431)

Deviant Behavior and Conformity (SOC 348)

Engaging Sociology: Further Explorations of Sociological Concepts (SOC 203)

Fate of Societies (SOC 363)

Gender and Work through Film: Ethnography (SOC 454)

Great Political Thinkers (PS 273)

Human Nature (Seminar) (SOC 450)

Humans, Ecology, and the Environment (SOC 359)

Post-Colonial Politics (PS 334)

Problems of Multi-Ethnic and –Religious States (PS/SOC 323)

Race and Ethnicity in International Perspective (Seminar) (PS/SOC 442)

Science and Belief (SOC 302)

Science in Society (SOC 303)

Social Inequality (PS/SOC 321)

Social and Political Thought (PS/SOC 310)

Social Organization and Control (PS/SOC 340)

Social Psychology and Society (SOC 308)

Social Scientific Imagination (SOC 337)

Sociology of Work (SOC 351)

Technology and Social Change (PS/SOC 362)

Terrorism, Security, and Civil Liberties (Seminar) (PS 401)

Theories of Capitalism (PS 361) >> **PS/SOC 361**

Transformative Technologies (SOC 356)

Capstone: Power, Domination, and Resistance (Seminar) (PS/SOC 495)

SPECIALIZATION 5: CUSTOMIZED

6 courses at the 300 and 400 level (PS, SOC, or PS/SOC) chosen in consultation with advisor and including at least one seminar

SPECIALIZATION 6: INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES

CORE REQUIREMENTS (7 courses = 21 credit hours)

- 1) Introduction to Sociology (SOC 200)
- 2) Introduction to Political Science (PS **201**)
- 3) Research Methods (PS/SOC **209**)
- 4) Technology and Social Change (**SOC 362**)
- 5) Globalization: Global Political Economy (PS/~~SOC~~ 360)
- 6 & 7) Two of the following:
 - Science in Society (SOC 303)
 - Politics of Science and Technology (**PS 332**)
 - Anthropology of Technology (ANTH 300) >> **cross-list as SOC 300**
 - Technology in History: 1850-present (HIST 383) >> **cross-list as SOC 383**

+ ELECTIVES (4 courses = 12 credit hours, preferably w/in one of these clusters):

- *Public Policy*

Administration of Science and Technology (PA 554)
Economic Development (PA 577)
Energy and Environmental Policy (PS 338)
Issues in Globalization (Seminar) (PS 440)
Nuclear Energy and Society (**PS/SOC 339**)
Politics of Energy and the Environment (Seminar) (PS 438)
Politics of Global Warming (PS 329)
Politics of Science and Technology (SOC 304/PS 332) >> **PS 332**
Promise and Problems of Policy (Implementation) (PS/SOC 353)
Terrorism, Security, and Civil Liberties (Seminar) (PS 401)

- *Sociology*

Anthropology of Technology (ANTH 300/**SOC 201**)
Contemporary Social Problems (**SOC 312**)
Engaging Sociology: Further Explorations of Sociological Concepts (SOC 203)
Humans, Ecology, and Environment (SOC 359)
Science in Society (SOC 303)
Social Scientific Imagination (SOC 337)
Sociology of Science/Social Dimension of Science (SOC 301)
Transformative Technologies (SOC 356)

- *Work and Labor Markets*

Industrial Society (**SOC 342**)
Sociology of Work (SOC 351)
Gender and Work through Film: Ethnography (SOC 454)
Industrial Psychology (PSYC 301)
Managers and Management (Seminar) (SOC 420)
Occupations and Professions (SOC 371)

- *Interdisciplinary Approaches*

Politics of Science and Technology (**PS 332**)
Rise of Global Economy (HIST 340)
Science in the Twentieth Century (HIST 384)
Science and Method (PHIL 350)
Science and Values (PHIL 351)
Social Psychology (PSYC 310)
Technology in History: 1850-present (HIST 383/**SOC 383**)

Note: Undergraduates may enroll in the 500-level Public Administration (PA) courses listed above with departmental permission.

CROSS-CUTTING/HORIZONTAL/METHODS COURSES:

Art of the Interview (SOC 496)
Complex Organizations (SOC 422 and PA 502)
Decision Theory in Social Science (PS/SOC 400)
Exercises in Behavioral Observation (SOC 498)
Gender and Work through Film: Ethnography (SOC 454)
Methods of Policy Analysis (PS 408)
Modeling Complexity (PS 380) >> **PS 480**
Political Economy (PS 465)
Political Sociology (PS/SOC 355) >> **PS/SOC 455**
Topics in the Study of Politics (PS 477)
Understanding Cultures (SOC 381) >> **SOC 481**

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED NEW COURSES:

Comparative Health Systems (PS 319)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS 232)
Comparative Urban Politics (Seminar) (PS 420)
Issues in Urban Affairs (Seminar) (PS/SOC 403)