

**Department of Political Science**  
**University of Tennessee, Knoxville**  
**Undergraduate Handbook**  
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**POLITICAL SCIENCE: AN OVERVIEW**

The Department of Political Science at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville offers a variety of courses of general interest to undergraduates. The discipline of political science is broad and diverse, comprising the study of everything from campaigns and elections to ancient political philosophy. As a blend of the theoretical and the practical, political science has much to offer either as an undergraduate major or minor, or as an elective field for the non-major. It provides a broad liberal arts background for careers in law, government service, foreign service, business, journalism, and education. It also provides an excellent foundation for students who wish to pursue post-graduate study, especially in the fields of law, political science, and public administration.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR AND MINOR REQUIREMENTS**

The Major:

Political Science 101 (or Political Science 107) and Political Science 102 are prerequisites to the major. A student may not declare a political science major until he/she has completed Political Science 101 (or Political Science 107) and Political Science 102. Upon granting admission to the major, the department will assign the student an academic advisor who will help the student plan a program of study.

The major consists of twenty-four (24) upper division hours in the Department of Political Science. Each student must take at least one course in each of the four areas of the discipline: 1) United States Government and Politics/Public Administration, (2) Comparative Government and Politics, (3) International Relations, and (4) Political Theory. Political Science 387, Political Science 388, Political Science 410, Political Science 487, Political Science 488, Political Science 491, Political Science 492, and Political Science 493 can be petitioned to meet the department's breadth requirement in the appropriate area. In addition, a student may, by petition, apply graduate level credit hours toward the major. Any credit hours earned in Political Science 494 (Internship) may not be applied to the major.

The Minor:

Political Science 101 (or Political Science 107) and Political Science 102 are prerequisites to the minor. A student may not declare a political science minor until he/she has completed Political Science 101 (or Political Science 107) and Political Science 102.

The minor consists of fifteen (15) upper division hours in the Department of Political Science. Students, by petition, can apply graduate level hours toward the major. Any credit hours earned in Political Science 494 (Internship) may not be applied to the minor.

## **COURSES**

Undergraduate courses in the Department of Political Science are numbered 101-499. The 100-level courses are considered introductory and are appropriate for all students. The 300 and 400-level courses are upper division courses and are generally taken by juniors and seniors, though first-year students and sophomores are allowed to take them. The Undergraduate Catalog provides descriptions for all of our courses. Unless otherwise noted, each course is worth three (3) credit hours.

### **INTRODUCTORY COURSES**

- 101 United States Government and Politics
- 102 Introduction to Political Science
- 107 Honors United States Government and Politics

### **AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS/ PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

- 311 Contemporary Issues in American Public Policy
- 312 Popular Culture and American Politics
- 315 Tennessee Government and Politics
- 320 State Government and Politics
- 321 Urban Politics and Process
- 330 Law in American Society
- 340 Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy
- 341 Judicial Process
- 401 Political Analysis
- 411 Presidency
- 412 Congress
- 420 Political Attitudes and Behavior
- 421 Political Parties and Interest Groups
- 425 Media and Politics
- 430 United States Constitutional Law: Sources of Power and Restraint
- 431 United States Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties
- 435 Criminal Law and Procedure
- 440 Public Management and Human Resources
- 441 Budgetary Process and Financial Management
- 442 Administrative Law
- 445 Administration of Justice

### **COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

- 350 Political Change in Developing Areas
- 361 Politics in Western Democracies
- 451 Ethnic Conflict in Foreign Countries
- 452 Black African Politics
- 454 Government and Politics of China and Japan
- 456 Latin American Government and Politics
- 459 Government and Politics of Russia and Eastern Europe
- 461 Policy Making in Democracies
- 463 Contemporary Middle East Politics

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- 365 Introduction to International Relations
- 366 United States Foreign Policy Process
- 370 Contemporary International Problems
- 470 International Law
- 471 International Political Economy
- 473 Negotiation, Bargaining, and Diplomacy
- 474 International Organization

## POLITICAL THEORY

- 300 Introduction to Political Philosophy
- 374 American Political Thought
- 475 Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
- 476 Modern Political Thought

## OTHER COURSES

- 387 Junior Honors Seminar
- 388 Junior Honors Seminar
- 402 The City in the United States
- 403 Survey of Planning
- 410 Special Topics in Political Science (1-6)
- 446 Housing
- 487 Senior Honors: Thesis and Seminar
- 488 Senior Honors: Thesis and Seminar
- 491 Foreign Study (1-15)
- 492 Off-Campus Study (1-15)
- 493 Independent Study (1-15)
- 494 Internship (1-6)
- 499 Service Learning in Political Science (1-3)

## **THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION CONCENTRATION**

Students majoring in political science who wish to prepare for an administrative career in public service may choose the Public Administration Concentration. The degree to be awarded and which appears on official transcripts is a Bachelor of Arts with a major in political science and a concentration in public administration. When declaring the major, students should specify the major in political science with a concentration in public administration.

Political Science 101 (or Political Science 107), Political Science 102, and Economics 201 are prerequisites to the major in political science with a concentration in public administration. A student may not declare a major in political science with a concentration in public administration until he/she has completed Political Science 101 (or Political Science 107), Political Science 102, and Economics 201. Upon granting admission to the major, the department will assign the student an academic advisor who will help the student plan a program of study.

The remainder of the curriculum consists of twenty-four (24) upper division hours in political science, economics, and/or accounting. In political science, students must take one course in each of our four fields. Students must also complete Political Science 340 and Political Science 401; two of the following: Political Science 440, Political Science 441, Political Science 442; and two of the following: Economics 371, Economics 472, Accounting 200 (or Accounting 207).

## **HONORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

The department's Honors Program emphasizes the ideals of a superior liberal education and gives students a more rigorous and intensive preparation in political science. It is normally a two-year program. The honors concentration in the major consists of twenty-seven (27) upper division hours in political science, including completion of Political Science 387, Political Science 388, Political Science 487, and Political Science 488. These 27 hours must include at least one course in each of the four areas of the discipline. Political Science 387 and Political Science 388 may be used to satisfy the breadth requirement in the appropriate area.

The Honors Program encourages fruitful contacts between individual students and faculty members, and student involvement in planning and developing the program. The junior honors seminars (Political Science 387 and Political Science 388) are small classes that emphasize discussion and in-depth reading. Each of the two seminars, ordinarily taken in succession, focuses on a different topic. As a senior, each student takes Political Science 487 and Political Science 488, investigates a topic of his or her choice, and presents the results in an Honors Thesis. This project develops with the assistance and supervision of the Honors Director.

The number of students in the Honors Program is small. Admission to the program is selective, and by application. Generally, the department admits only those majors who have completed more than forty (40) hours of coursework with a minimum GPA of 3.0. A student's GPA, however, does not automatically qualify or disqualify him or her from admission to the Honors Program.

To graduate with honors in political science the student must have a minimum GPA of 3.3 in political science and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. For further information contact the Honors Director, Dr. Anthony Nownes at 974-7052 or [anownes@utk.edu](mailto:anownes@utk.edu).

## **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Political science students should be aware of opportunities available to them that go beyond regularly scheduled courses. These opportunities are available to qualified students who wish to pursue interests that require independent study and which involve academically related activities away from campus.

### **HONORS COURSES:**

The Department offers three honors courses that are open to majors and non-majors (with consent of the department): Political Science 107, Political Science 387, and Political Science 388. Political Science 107, U.S. Government and Politics, is open by invitation to incoming freshmen with excellent high school records and high ACT scores, as well as to students with high standing in coursework taken at the University of Tennessee. Reading materials and assignments are selected to suit a learning experience that is less formal, and which encourages the exchange of ideas. Students who feel they are qualified and who wish to enroll should consult the Department Head during the term prior to the semester in which they intend to enroll. Political Science 387 and Political Science 388 are junior-level honors seminars open to students in the Political Science Honors Program or the University Honors Program, and students who have a 3.0 or above cumulative GPA.

### **FOREIGN, OFF-CAMPUS, AND INDEPENDENT STUDY:**

Political Science 491, Political Science 492, and Political Science 493 are intended to facilitate the needs of students who wish to undertake independent study or who wish to earn academic credit while engaging in academically related off-campus activities appropriate and relevant to the study of political science. Students interested in earning credit through any of these courses should contact either Dr. Nownes or Dr. Feldman.

#### LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIPS:

Two established Tennessee state legislative internship programs should be of particular interest to political science majors. The Tennessee State Legislative Internship Program is an officially sponsored program of the Tennessee General Assembly and is open to students enrolled in any Tennessee college or university. In addition, the University of Tennessee Alumni Association Legislative Internship program selects several legislative interns each year. Internships are full-time during the legislative session, and require residency in Nashville during the session. Each intern is paid a fixed stipend during the internship. Both programs require that students be either juniors or seniors. Information and applications for both programs are distributed early in the fall semester of each academic year. For information about either or these programs, contact Dr. David Folz at [dfolz@utk.edu](mailto:dfolz@utk.edu).

#### DEPARTMENT-SPONSORED INTERNSHIPS:

Students may earn course credit through internships. Credit is earned through Political Science 494, Internship, and grades are assigned on a satisfactory/no Credit basis. Students have the option of doing additional work, usually in the form of a paper directed by a faculty sponsor, in connection with an internship. To exercise this option, students must enroll in Political Science 493, Independent Study, which may be used to fulfill major requirements. For information about a department-sponsored internship contact Dr. David Feldman at [feldman@utk.edu](mailto:feldman@utk.edu).

### **POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY**

Pi Sigma Alpha is the national political science honor society. It has over 190 chapters. Local chapters receive into membership students who have achieved academic distinction overall and in political science. Applications for membership are accepted on a rolling basis. For qualifications and further information, contact Dr. Jim Gilchrist at [jgilchri@utk](mailto:jgilchri@utk).

### **MAJOR ADVISING**

To declare a major in political science, a student must complete the Application for Undergraduate Major, which is available in the Department of Political Science, 1001 McClung Tower. A student may declare the major only after he/she has completed Political Science 101 (or Political Science 107) and Political Science 102. After a student has declared his/her major, he/she is assigned a faculty advisor. The faculty advisor assists the student in planning his/her program of study.

### **QUESTIONS, PROBLEMS AND GRIEVANCES**

Questions about the undergraduate program should be addressed to one's faculty advisor. Grievances arising from courses should be brought to the attention of the course instructor. If the problem remains, students should make an appointment to see the Department Head, Dr. David Feldman.

### **UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL**

Dr. David Feldman, Department Head, 974-2261, [feldman@utk.edu](mailto:feldman@utk.edu)  
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## **POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY**

David Brule (Ph.D., Texas A&M): International Relations, Comparative Politics  
Robert B. Cunningham (Ph.D., Indiana): Public Administration, Comparative Politics  
Ian Down, (PhD., North Carolina): International Relations  
David Feldman (Ph.D., Missouri): Public Policy; Political Theory  
Michael R. Fitzgerald (Ph.D., Oklahoma): American Politics; Public Administration  
David H. Folz (Ph.D., Tennessee): Public Administration; American Politics  
Patricia K. Freeland (Ph.D., Wisconsin-Milwaukee): Public Administration; American Politics  
Michael M. Gant (Ph.D., Michigan State): American Politics  
Robert A. Gorman (Ph.D., New York University): Political Theory  
David H. Houston (Ph.D., SUNY- Binghamton): Public Administration  
Wonjae Hwang (Ph.D., Michigan State): International Relations  
Nathan J. Kelly (PhD., University of North Carolina): American Politics  
William Lyons (Ph.D., Oklahoma): American Politics  
Jana Morgan (PhD., University of North Carolina): Comparative Politics  
Anthony J. Nownes (Ph.D., Kansas): American Politics  
John M. Scheb II (Ph.D., Florida): American Politics, Constitutional Law  
Otis H. Stephens (Ph.D., Johns Hopkins): Constitutional Law, American Politics  
Yang Zhong (Ph.D., Kentucky): Comparative Government