POLITICAL SCIENCE (M.A. & Ph.D.)

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FACULTY


THE PROGRAM

Political Science offers an M.A., an en-route M.A. to the Ph.D. students, and a Ph.D. Designed to train professional political scientists, the program provides students with opportunities to develop a substantive knowledge of politics and to increase their analytical and critical skills. Although the program has a diversity of approaches, students are expected both to specialize and to develop an understanding of the discipline as a whole.

The program is organized into five fields, each with a set of subfields. Courses of study and majors and minors in the doctoral program are defined in terms of these fields. In addition to the subfields listed below, students may choose subfields of their own design in consultation with the Executive Officer.

Supplementing the Ph.D. program are opportunities for teaching experience at CUNY colleges, designed to prepare students for careers as college and university teachers.

Fields with Respective Subfields

American Politics: American political thought; national institutions; constitutional law and judicial behavior; political processes (voting, parties, and public opinion); federalism and intergovernmental relations.

Comparative Politics: Theories and concepts; industrial democracies; postcommunist political systems; developing nations; comparative public policy; cross-systems analysis.

International Relations: International relations theory and foreign policy; international security; international political economy; international organization and law; human rights and humanitarian affairs.

Political Theory: Ancient and medieval political thought; modern political thought (Ma-

chiavelli through Hegel); contemporary political thought (Marx to the present); analytical theory; modern systematic theory.
Public Policy: American public policy; comparative public policy; international public policy; theoretical issues in public policy; substantive areas within public policy. In the substantive areas students may select health, education, welfare, housing, urban development, natural resources, or, with the permission of the Executive Officer, any other policy area.

A Public Policy concentration within the M.A. program is designed to prepare graduate students for careers in government, public service organizations, and certain private agencies.

Writing Politics Specialization

The Writing Politics specialization trains political science students to write serious political analysis for an educated audience outside of the discipline. The specialization consists of three required courses: Writing Politics Seminar, Writing Politics Workshop, and either the Role of the American Public Intellectual or Topics in European Intellectual History. Upon consultation with and approval by the Executive Officer, another course may be substituted for the third required course.

Seminars, Training, and Research Opportunities

A number of opportunities are available to students through institutes, centers, seminars, internships, and journals located at or affiliated with the Graduate Center.

Research Centers Directed by Political Science Faculty

Center for Urban Research, incorporating the CUNY Data Service, conducts research on such topics as economic and demographic change, immigration, political participation, crime, housing, and neighborhood development. (John Mollenkopf, director)

Howard Samuels State Management and Policy Center, established in 1987, conducts interdisciplinary research into state government policy and management. (Bill McKinney, deputy director)

Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies is devoted to the development of scholarship on international institutions and global issues with special emphasis on the United Nations and affiliated international organizations through a program of research, seminars, conferences, and workshops. (Thomas Weiss, director)

Research Centers with Political Science Faculty Affiliated

Bildner Center for Western Hemisphere Studies sponsors seminars, research, and publications that address the practical resolution of public policy problems facing the nations of the Western Hemisphere.

Center for Jewish Studies encourages research on Jewish life, particularly in the modern period, and brings that research to the Jewish and academic communities through conferences, publications, symposia, lectures, and consulting.

Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies promotes scholarship that examines sexualities and genders.

Center for Place, Culture and Politics is an interdisciplinary center providing an intellectual forum for the discussion of a wide range of vital contemporary topics.

Center for the Study of Women and Society promotes interdisciplinary research and training on topics related to the experiences, roles, and contributions of women in society.

European Union Studies Center encourages faculty and student research on contemporary European subjects.

Institute for Research on the African Diaspora in the Americas and the Caribbean (IRA-DAC) is concerned with the study of the cultures, conditions, development and history of people of African descent, with special attention given to the African American and Afro Caribbean experiences and their relationships to Africa.

Middle East & Middle Eastern American Center (MEMAC) promotes the study of the Middle East and Middle Eastern Americans.

Journals

The Journal of Comparative Politics is edited and published by the program. The editors welcome manuscripts devoted to comparative analysis of political institutions and behavior.
Global Governance publishes topical manuscripts on the contribution of international institutions and multilateral processes to human development and the environment, peace and security, human rights, and humanitarian actions.

Colloquia and Regular Events

The Human Rights Seminar Series provide an interdisciplinary forum for scholars and practitioners to present current research, as well as share their field experiences, on issues relating to the protection of internationally recognized human rights norms. (George Andreopoulos and John Wallach, conveners)

The New York Colloquium on American Political Development, founded in 1994, brings together faculty and graduate students from across the metropolitan area to discuss research exploring American politics from a historical perspective. (Andrew Rich, City College, convener)

The Political Psychology Forum meets and brings together academic specialists, graduate students, and policy analysts to discuss specific topics dealing with the reciprocal relationships between psychological and political processes.

The Political Theory Colloquia invites speakers each semester to speak on a diverse range of subjects. The overarching motivation behind the series is to generate a greater awareness of the theoretical work that is being done by faculty and students by providing a forum for presentation and discussion outside of the classroom. (Dan Skinner, Jennifer Gaboury, and Gerasimos Karavitis, student conveners)

The Public Square Speaker/Book Series showcases public intellectuals writing about social justice issues. Composed of both political writers and academics, it will feature the public intellectual who has a voice that resonates inside and outside the academy. (Ruth O’Brien, convener and book series editor for Princeton University Press)

The City University Seminar on Contemporary Africa is an interdisciplinary seminar that brings together academic specialists, graduate students, and others in the metropolitan area for scholarly discussion of contemporary Africa.

Additional resources are available to students through tutorials, interdisciplinary seminars, internships, and consortial arrangements with other universities.

Other Program Opportunities

Tutorials: To assist students in meeting their individual goals, tutorial study and independent reading courses may be taken with the permission of the Executive Officer.

Internships: Internships are arranged for interested students, especially those studying public policy, with state and local public agencies and nonprofit organizations.

Interuniversity Doctoral Consortium: The Graduate Center is a member of the Interuniversity Doctoral Consortium, which provides for cross-registration among member institutions. Matriculated Graduate Center doctoral students may cross-register for doctoral study in the graduate schools of arts and sciences at the following institutions: Columbia University (including Teachers College), Fordham University, New School University, New York University, SUNY Stony Brook, Princeton University, and Rutgers University.

En-route M.A.

Upon completing 45 credits with an average grade of B, passing the First Examination, and satisfactorily completing a major research paper for an 80000-level course, which is certified by the instructor as a major research paper, a doctoral student may apply for an en-route M.A. degree. Those seeking an en-route master’s degree should have the Executive Officer initiate the appropriate action.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

In addition to meeting the general University requirements for admission stated earlier in this bulletin, the applicant must present a minimum of 24 credits of undergraduate work in acceptable courses in political science, history, economics, or related fields. All applicants are required to take the general portion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test. All students applying from countries in which English is not the primary language are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS

Students must complete a course of study consisting of 30 graduate credits, which includes 27 credits in Political Science and related disciplines, the Core Seminar in Political Science, and a 3-credit thesis tutorial. Students must complete at least three courses in one of the five fields (American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, and Public Policy). Students are required to complete a course in a second field. Students are required to complete at least two 800-level courses.

Depending on the research tools appropriate to their field, students must fulfill one of the following three requirements: (1) demonstrate proficiency in quantitative methods; (2) demonstrate proficiency in qualitative methods; or (3) demonstrate a reading knowledge of one foreign language. Proficiency in quantitative methods may be demonstrated by passing a graduate course in quantitative methods/statistics with a grade of B or higher; proficiency in qualitative methods may be demonstrated by passing a graduate course in qualitative methods with a grade of B or higher; foreign language proficiency may be demonstrated by achieving a B grade or better in an approved foreign language course or by passing the program’s foreign language proficiency exam.

Students are required to complete a master’s thesis. This may take the form of a substantial revision of a research paper that has been submitted in a course during a prior semester and ordinarily will be done under the supervision of the instructor in that course. Students may also choose to undertake a new research project for the thesis.

Concentration in Public Policy

Students must complete a course of study consisting of 30 graduate credits, which includes 27 credits in Political Science and related disciplines and a 3-credit thesis tutorial. Students must complete at least three courses in Public Policy. Students are required to complete a course in a second field. Students are required to complete at least two 800-level courses in Public Policy.

Students must demonstrate proficiency in quantitative methods or qualitative methods. Proficiency in quantitative methods may be demonstrated by passing a graduate course in quantitative methods/statistics with a grade of B or higher; proficiency in qualitative methods may be demonstrated by passing a graduate course in qualitative methods with a grade of B or higher.

Students are required to complete a master’s thesis in Public Policy. This may take the form of a substantial revision of a research paper that has been submitted in a course during a prior semester and ordinarily will be done under the supervision of the instructor in that course. Students may also choose to undertake a new research project for the thesis.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

The following requirements are in addition to the general University requirements for the Ph.D. degree stated earlier in this bulletin.

Course of Study The student’s course of study, consisting of 60 graduate credits, must be designed in consultation with an adviser. The student is expected, through course work and independent study, to acquire special competence in at least two fields of political science. These are designated as the student’s major and minor fields and form the areas of specialization tested by the Second Examination. Each student is required to complete a total of three courses in at least two fields other than the major or minor with a grade of B or better. This requirement can be met by completing the three courses in the Writing Politics specialization with a grade of B or better. Students who do not major or minor in political theory will take one course in political theory. Courses that are cross-listed are counted only once in meeting any requirement. All doctoral students are required to take at least five 80000-level doctoral research courses as part of their training. These courses may be in any areas of political science.

First Examination Students are required to pass a written examination in two of the five subfields of the program. The examination will consist of a six-hour written examination in the major field and a four-hour written examination in the minor field of the student. Students may take their major and minor examinations in the same semester or in consecutive semesters. The first examination must be taken after the completion of 27 credits and before the completion of 45 credits.
Foreign Language and Research Methods Ph.D. students must demonstrate competence in a language other than English. This can be achieved by passing a language examination administered by the program. Students must also complete one course in quantitative or qualitative research methods. They are advised to do so before the completion of 45 credits.

Second Examination Between the semester before the student completes 60 credits and two semesters after the completion of 60 credits the student will complete a dissertation proposal under the supervision of a faculty adviser and faculty reader. Upon the submission of a satisfactory proposal to the Executive Officer, the student is required to take a two-hour comprehensive oral examination. The examining committee consists of either three or five faculty members, including the sponsor and the reader. At least one-third of the committee must be from fields other than the major of the candidate. Upon completion of a satisfactory dissertation proposal, the student consults with his or her sponsor about the composition of the examining committee, which is then selected in consultation with the Executive Officer. The oral examination will focus on, but not be limited to, the dissertation proposal. The student will be expected to be able to connect his or her research project to broader issues within the discipline.

Dissertation The Dissertation Defense Committee is composed of either three or five members, including the sponsor and reader of the candidate as well as other member/members from appropriate disciplines chosen by the Executive Officer with the advice of the candidate.

Courses
Unless otherwise stated, all 70000-level courses (core or reading) are 30 hours plus conferences, 3 credits; all 80000-level courses (seminars and research workshops) are 30 hours plus conferences, 4 credits. Please note that some courses may be offered infrequently; consult with the program for further information.

General and Cross-Fields
P SC 71000 Core Seminar in Political Science
P SC 71601 Mathematical Models in Political Science
P SC 71700 Quantitative Analysis II
P SC 75000 Psychodynamics and Politics
P SC 79100 Research Design in Political Science
P SC 89101 Quantitative Analysis I
P SC 89300–89309 Selected Topics in Political Psychology

SEMINARS AND RESEARCH WORKSHOPS IN GENERAL AND CROSS-FIELDS
P SC 79000 Master’s Thesis Tutorial
3 credits
P SC 79001 Writing Politics Seminar
P SC 79002 Writing Politics Workshop
P SC 79003 The Role of the American Public Intellectual
45 hours
P SC 84501–84509 Selected Seminar Topics in Urban Politics
P SC 85501–85509 Selected Seminar Topics in Quantitative Analysis
P SC 89100 Dissertation Proposal Workshop
P SC 90000 Dissertation Supervision
1 credit

Note: Additional courses in cross-field concentrations are listed under the fields below.

Political Theory
P SC 70100 Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
P SC 70200 Modern Political Thought
P SC 70300 Twentieth-Century Political Thought
P SC 70400 Concepts in Political Theory
P SC 70500 Asian Political Thought
P SC 71901–71909 Selected Topics in Political Theory
P SC 80900–80909 Tutorial Study and Independent Reading in Political Theory
1–6 credits each semester

SEMINARS AND RESEARCH WORKSHOPS IN POLITICAL THEORY

Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
P SC 80101 Plato
P SC 80102 Aristotle

Modern Political Thought
P SC 80201 Machiavelli
P SC 80202 Hobbes and the English Revolution
P SC 80203 Kant and Hegel

Contemporary Political Thought
P SC 80301 The Liberal Tradition
P SC 80302 Marxist and Socialist Theory
P SC 80303 Radical Political Thought

Analytical Political Theory
P SC 80401 Concepts of Total Domination
P SC 80402 Democratic Theory
P SC 80403 Theories of Power
P SC 80404 Civil Disobedience
P SC 80405 Psychoanalysis and Political Theory

Modern Systematic Theory
P SC 80300–80309 Selected Seminar Topics in Political Theory
P SC 80501 Logic of Inquiry
P SC 80502 Rational Choice Models
P SC 80503 Organization Theory

AMERICAN POLITICS

Core Courses
P SC 72000 American Politics
P SC 72001 Selected Seminar Topics in American Politics

General Courses
P SC 72900–72909 Independent Reading in American Politics
P SC 82001 Selected Seminar Topics in American Politics
P SC 82210 American Political Development
P SC 82220 American Welfare State
P SC 82900–82909 Tutorial Study in American Politics

American Political Thought
P SC 72100 American Political Thought

National Institutions
P SC 72210 Congress
P SC 82230 American Presidency

Constitutional Law and Judicial Behavior
P SC 72300 Constitutional Law
P SC 72310 Civil Liberties
Political Processes and Behavior
P SC 72410 Social Movements in the United States
P SC 72420 Electoral Politics
P SC 82410 Public Opinion

Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations
P SC 82500 Federalism and State Politics
P SC 82510 Government and Politics of New York City

Independent Reading and Tutorial Study in American Politics
P SC 72901–72909 Independent Reading in American Politics
P SC 82900–82909 Tutorial Study in American Politics

Public Policy and Public Administration
P SC 72500 Selected Seminar Topics in Public Policy and Public Administration
P SC 73100 Public Administration
P SC 73101 Introduction to Policy Process
P SC 73202 Policy Analysis
P SC 73400 Ethics and Decision-Making in Public Policy Analysis
P SC 73900 Seminar in Public Policy Formulation and Implementation
P SC 82503–82509 Selected Topics in Public Policy and Public Administration
P SC 83300 Public Policy Research Seminar
P SC 83400 Internship in Public Policy
140 hours in agency plus conferences and paper, 3-4 credits
P SC 83501–83509 Selected Seminar Topics in Public Policy
P SC 83800–83809 Selected Topics in Public Policy
P SC 83900–83909 Tutorial Study and Independent Reading in Public Policy
1–6 credits

International Politics
P SC 76000 Basic Concepts and Theories of Cooperation and Conflict in International Politics
P SC 76100 Foreign Policy Analysis
P SC 76200 International Organizations, Interdependence, and Transnationalism
P SC 76400 Selected Seminar Topics in International Relations
P SC 86800–86809 Selected Topics in International Politics

International Political Economy
P SC 86302 The Politics of Trade, Aid, and Investment
P SC 86303 The Multinational Corporation
P SC 86304 The Political Economy of Raw Materials
P SC 86305 World Inequality

SEMINARS AND RESEARCH WORKSHOPS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Concepts and Theories of International Politics
P SC 86001 Contending Theories of International Politics
P SC 86002 Ideologies in International Politics
P SC 86004 Nationalism and Social Cleavage in International Politics
P SC 86005 International Crisis
P SC 86006 Deterrence, Arms Control, and Disarmament
P SC 86007 Diplomacy, Bargaining, and Negotiations

Foreign Policy
P SC 86101 United States Foreign Policy
P SC 86102 Soviet Foreign Policy
P SC 86103 Chinese Foreign Policy
P SC 86104 The Third World in International Politics
P SC 86105 Comparative Analysis of the Foreign Policies of Selected Countries

**International Organizations, Interdependence, and Transnationalism**
P SC 76203 The United Nations
P SC 76210 Contemporary Problems in International Law
P SC 76300 International Political Economy
P SC 86205 Interdependence and Transnationalism
P SC 86206 World Order
P SC 86207 International Politics of Terrorism, Intervention, and Civil Strife
P SC 86300 Processes of International Integration and Regional Development

**Tutorials, Independent Readings, and Selected Topics in International Politics**
P SC 86401–86409 Selected Seminar Topics in International Politics
P SC 86501–86505 Tutorial Study and Independent Reading in International Politics
1–6 credits per semester

**Comparative Politics**
P SC 77001 Cross-Systems Analysis: Methods and Concepts
P SC 77100 Parliamentary Democracies
P SC 77200 Communist Political Systems
P SC 77502 Politics of Developing Areas
P SC 77901–77909 Selected Topics in Comparative Politics
P SC 87800–87809 Tutorial Study and Independent Reading in Comparative Politics
1–6 credits per semester

**SEMINARS AND RESEARCH WORKSHOPS IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS**

**Comparative Method and Analytical Concepts**
P SC 87001 Major Theorists of the Comparative Method
P SC 87002 Modernization and Political Change

**Political Systems of Western European States**
P SC 87101 Great Britain
P SC 87102 France
P SC 87103 Germany

**Communist Political Systems**
P SC 87201 The Soviet Union
P SC 87202 China

**Political Systems in Developing Areas**
P SC 87302 The Far East
P SC 87305 North Africa
P SC 87610 Latin America
P SC 87620 The Middle East
P SC 87630 South and Southeast Asia
P SC 87660 Africa, South of the Sahara

**Cross-Systems Analysis**
P SC 83401 Comparative Public Administration
P SC 86303 Comparative Urban Politics
P SC 87401 Comparative Authoritarian Systems
P SC 87403 Role of the Military in the Political Process
P SC 87406 Comparative Policy Formulation
P SC 87408 Political and National Integration
P SC 87420 Revolutionary Parties and Movements
P SC 87450 Comparative Parties and Ideologies
P SC 87800–87809 Selected Seminar Topics in Comparative Politics

INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINARS
IDS 80100 History and Philosophy of Social Sciences
   Offered jointly by the Ph.D. Programs in History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

IDS 80200 Approaches to the Study of Urbanization and Urban Areas
   Offered jointly by the Ph.D. Programs in Anthropology, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

IDS 80600 Interdisciplinary Specialization in the Psychology of Political Behavior
   Offered jointly by the Ph.D. Programs in Anthropology, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.