

POLITICAL SCIENCE and GLOBAL STUDIES

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The Political Science and Global Studies Program offers a major and a minor in global studies and in political science.

Global Studies Major (44 credits)

Bachelor of Arts

Global studies is an interdisciplinary major that gives students a global perspective on political and economic problems, preparing them for careers in government, business and the nonprofit sector. Students are encouraged to become fluent in a modern foreign language, and the faculty works to arrange for students to spend a semester or year of study abroad.

Learning Outcomes for Global Studies

Upon completing the global studies major students should:

1. View global challenges from a perspective that integrates political, historical, economic, cultural and normative perspectives.
2. Be able to articulate the primary theoretical frameworks used to understand the global arena.
3. Understand the role of important state and non-state actors (international and non-governmental groups and organizations) in the global arena.
4. Demonstrate strong communications skills (reading, writing and listening) as well as analytical and critical skills that enable them to dissect and solve complex problems effectively.
5. Demonstrate the capacity to conduct independent research (identify and develop a research question, design research strategies based on the application of quantitative and/or qualitative methodologies, access and interpret information from print and electronic sources, write and present a critical and analytical argument).

Core Courses

Politics 101, Our Flattening World: An Introduction to Global Studies

Politics 200, Social Science Inquiry

Politics 201, Politics of the World's Nations

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Politics 255, Contemporary Global Politics
Politics 276, Democracy and Globalization
Politics 301, Politics of Developed Nations
Politics 303, Politics of Developing Nations
Politics 399, Capstone

Three of the following:

Economics 225, Principles of Economics II - Macroeconomics
Environmental Science 160, World Regional Geography
History 112, Introduction to Latin American History
History 210, History of American Foreign Relations
History 224H, The World Since 1945
Politics 210H, The Origins of Democratic Thinking
Politics 329, The German Experience
Politics 382, Internship in Global Studies

Required Support Courses (Required for primary majors only)

Option 1

History 108 or 110 or 112
Environmental Science 160, World Regional Geography
English 255 or

Option 2

Completion of a Modern Language through 202

Global Studies Minor (20 credits)

The minor has two tracks: Political Science and Business. A student interested in international business is able to pursue both an emphasis in Business and a Global Studies minor with an emphasis in international business. Regardless of track/emphasis, all students are required to take the core courses.

Core Courses

Politics 101, Introduction to Global Studies
Politics 201, Politics of the World's Nations
Politics 255, Contemporary Global Politics

Political Science Track

Politics 301, Politics of Developed Nations
Politics 303, Politics of Developing Nations

Business Track

Business 361, International Business
Economics 363, International Economics

Political Science Major (44 credits)

Bachelor of Arts

The major in political science prepares students for a lifetime of informed and active citizenship while teaching the skills necessary to succeed in our knowledge-based, globalized economy.

Learning Outcomes for Political Science

Political Science majors at Carroll University will develop a general knowledge of the following:

1. Major institutions (e.g., legislatures, executives, judiciaries, bureaucracies) and processes (e.g., voting, policy-making) of American governments and of diverse national political systems.
2. The main theories used to understand the global arena as well as the impact of globalization on global and national politics.
3. The structure and functions of political theorizing as well as an overview of its history.
4. Important processes and agencies within public organizations and the ethical dimensions of public service.
5. Students develop strong communication skills (reading, writing, listening) as well as analytical and critical skills, which enable them to dissect and solve complex problems effectively.
6. Students develop the capacity to conduct independent research (identify and develop a research question, design research strategies based on the application of quantitative and/or qualitative methodologies, access and interpret information from print and electronic sources, write and present a critical and analytical argument).
7. Students are strongly encouraged to develop an understanding of the world of work by completing an internship or by participating in an off-campus program that involves contact with governments or non-governmental organizations engaged in the public policy process.

Core Courses

Politics 141, Introduction to American Politics

Politics 200, Social Science Inquiry

Politics 201, Politics of the World's Nations

Politics 255, Contemporary Global Politics

Politics 275, Political Theory

At least one of the following:

Politics 330, Congress and the Presidency

Politics 332, Public Policy

Politics 335, Public Administration

Politics 344, Constitutional Law and Politics

At least one of the following:

Politics 301, Politics of Developed Nations

Politics 303, Politics of Developing Nations

Politics 399, Capstone

Three additional Politics courses

Required Support Courses (Required for primary majors only)

Option 1

History 103 or 104

Religious Studies 106

English 255 or

Option 2

Completion of a Modern Language through 202

Political Science Minor (20 credits)

Politics 141, Introduction to American Politics

Politics 201, Politics of the World's Nations

Three additional Politics courses

101. Our Flattening World: S1 CCD 4 credits

An Introduction to Global Studies

An introductory survey on the central themes, concepts, theories, issues and debates pertinent to the study of globalization. Topics include the forms and causes of globalization, global trade, environmental issues, migration and population issues, global health, global terrorism and global development and inequalities. English 170 is recommended prior to enrollment. (*Fa*)

141. Introduction to American Politics S1 4 credits

A broad survey of American national politics. Political Science majors should take this course before taking any other course in politics. (*Fa, Sp, Su*)

200. Social Science Inquiry 4 credits

This course is designed to introduce students to the application of quantitative and qualitative research methods within social science disciplines. Students will also be introduced to SPSS statistical software. The course will culminate with students developing and presenting their own empirical research design proposals. The content in this course is intended to assist students in the preparation of upper-level seminar research papers including Capstone. (*Fa*)

201. (142) Politics of the World's Nations 4 credits

A survey of political systems that introduces students to fundamental concepts and their applications in many nations. The course examines public institutions (legislatures, executives, courts) and political processes (voting, policy-making). (*Sp, Su*)

210H. The Origins of Democratic Thinking H1 4 credits

An examination of democratic thinking in fifth century BC Athens through the study of some of its greatest literature. The course focuses on Thucydides' History of the Peloponnesian War and several works for the theater. For honors students. (*Sp, even years*)

230. Managing Nonprofit Organizations 2 credits

A broad survey of the role of managers in nonprofit organizations. Topics include fund raising, board development, planning, financial management, personnel policies, and managing change. May not be counted toward a Political Science major or minor.

- 231. Financial Management in Nonprofit Organizations** 2 credits
A survey of the major financial management concepts and techniques required for effective management of nonprofit organizations. Topics include fund accounting, budgeting, revenue forecasting, financial statements and reports, cashflow management, portfolio management, and capital financing. May not be counted toward a Political Science major or minor.
- 232. Resource Development in Nonprofit Organizations** 2 credits
An examination of the types of organizations served by fund raising, the major sources of funds, and the fund raising manager's role in planning and implementing fund raising strategies. May not be counted toward a Political Science major or minor.
- 233. The Law and Governance of Nonprofit Organizations** 2 credits
This course examines laws affecting the operations of nonprofit organizations and the roles of boards of trustees in their governance. Topics include relations between trustee boards, professional managers, and program staff. May not be counted toward a Political Science major or minor.
- 234. Critical Issues in Nonprofit Management** 1-4 credits
This seminar deals with nonprofit management and policy issues of current or continuing interest. Changing topics may be drawn from any area of nonprofit management. Course may be repeated for credit. May not be counted toward a Political Science major or minor.
- 255. Contemporary Global Politics** 4 credits
This course provides an analysis of the dynamics of global politics and focuses on two general themes: 1) global conflict and cooperation and 2) the global political economy. Topics include state and non-state actors, the role of power and morality, the types and causes of war, foreign policy decision-making, just war tradition, humanitarian intervention, the democratic peace theory, global financial institutions, trade and international monetary policy, and the role of multinational corporations. (*Fa*)
- 275. Political Theory** PI 4 credits
A broad survey of the concerns, problems and achievements of recent political thought. Topics include democratic theory, African-American political thought, Feminist political theory, and post modernism. (*Fa*) Prerequisite: sophomore standing or permission of instructor.
- 276. Democracy and Globalization** PI 4 credits
This course provides an overview of the concerns, problems, and achievements of recent occidental political thought in addressing normative issues emerging from globalization and its impact on democratic governance. (*Sp*) Prerequisite: sophomore standing or permission of instructor.

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280. Politics and Culture

4 credits

This course explores the intersection of politics and high, low, and popular culture. The emphasis during the course of the semester will be to analyze the way in which culture and politics each influence each other. (*Fa, odd years*)

291/391. Topics in Politics

4 credits

Focused study of a topic of special concern to political scientists. Changing topics may be drawn from any area of politics. Course may be repeated for credit. Two-credit Topics in Politics courses may not be counted toward a politics or global studies major or minor.

298/398. Independent Study in Politics

1-4 credits

(*Fa, Sp, Su*) Prerequisite: Junior standing, approval of divisional dean and consent of instructor.

301. Politics of Developed Nations

4 credits

A comparative treatment of political systems in several advanced democratic nations. The course focuses on the policy problems that governments of developed countries face as they attempt to regulate "post-industrial" economies and societies. (*Fa, odd years*) Prerequisite: POL 201 or consent of instructor.

303. Politics of Developing Nations

4 credits

Through an examination of the political systems in a number of non-western countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East, this course studies the problems of political development in an environment of domestic and international challenges. (*Fa, even years*) Prerequisite: POL 201 or consent of instructor.

329. The German Experience

4 credits

A research-oriented course examining modern German history. Emphasis is placed on the process of unification, the Nazi era, the GDR and reunification. Also offered as HIS 329. (*Fa, odd years*) Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of the instructor. Students planning to take POL 329 for their German language minor must contact the instructor (in the semester before they enroll in POL 329) to develop a plan for adapting coursework to incorporate and demonstrate appropriate use of the language.

330. Congress and the Presidency

4 credits

This course provides an understanding of the relationship between Congress and the presidency. Students will explore the different institutional responsibilities attached to Congress and the presidency and the ways in which these institutions have developed historically, how they are organized, the particular powers of each branch, and the way they operate in the policy arena. (*Sp, even years*)

332. Public Policy

4 credits

This course focuses on the formulation, implementation and evaluation of public policy. Emphasis is given to the variety of ways public goals are pursued by governments, especially within the United States. The class will explore a number of different policy areas as case studies. (*Sp, odd years*)

335. Public Administration

4 credits

A broad survey of the whole area of administrative politics and processes at the national, state and local levels while focusing on the work of public agencies and nonprofit organizations in implementing public policy. (*Sp, odd years*)

344. Constitutional Law and Politics

4 credits

A study of the interpretation of the United States Constitution by the Supreme Court; the role of politics on judicial interpretations and their influence in American government and society. (*Fa, even years*)

381. Internship in Politics

4 credits

Prerequisites: Senior standing and at least a 2.5 grade point average in courses in the major. S/U graded. (*Fa, Sp, Su*)

399. Capstone in Political Science and Global Studies

The political science/global studies capstone asks majors in these disciplines to formally demonstrate and integrate their substantive knowledge of political science or global studies through a significant research project, which they present in a public forum. The capstone also engages students in the process of transitioning from undergraduate life to advanced study or the workforce. Students develop transition plans and are encouraged to assess how their experiences at Carroll have prepared them for the next steps in life – both professional and personal.