Politics and government affect the lives of all of us. What we do, and what we think, is affected by the decisions and actions of state, local and national governmental institutions and political leaders. The objectives and policies of foreign countries also can affect our daily lives, particularly during periods of international tension and war.

Political science is one of the oldest fields of academic inquiry. Social ideals and their realization through law were systematically studied in ancient Greece. In an increasingly interdependent world, the study of politics and government has flourished as the relations between persons, groups and nations have become more complex, and questions of freedom and authority have challenged every citizen. Modern political science is equally concerned with questions of political philosophy and with the pursuit of social scientific research. These concerns are reflected in a broad and diverse curriculum.

The political science faculty is committed to the belief that understanding politics and government is essential to a well-educated person, vital to democratic citizenship, indispensable to effective public service, and critical to the maintenance and ethical progress of a free society.

The political science curriculum prepares students for careers in public service-related occupations in both government and business. Many students majoring in political science go on to law school, graduate school and into the profession; many others who are not majors take political science courses as an essential part of their liberal arts education.

PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING A MAJOR

You are eligible to declare the political science major, and any of the majors combined with Political Science, if you have completed any two of the following courses: PLSC 250, PLSC 261, PLSC 271, or PLSC 291 or the equivalent course(s) at another college or university.

Stop by the Political Science Department office, AH 415, and an advisor will review your transcripts and assist you in completing the declaration form. If, as a transfer student, you have any equivalent political science courses taken at another college or university, you may receive credit for these courses.
THE CURRICULA

The Political Science Department offers several curricula leading to the Bachelor of Arts. These curricula are listed below, and their details are set forth following the list of the department faculty.

- Bachelor of Arts
  - Majors: Political Science, Economics/Political Science, Politics/Philosophy/Economics, Political Science/Social Studies
  - Minors: Political Science, Canadian-American studies, East Asian studies

For students in the Political Science major, the Department offers four suggested tracks of study: Global Affairs (Security/Foreign Policy, Development Issues, World Political Systems); Justice, Inequality and Identity; Power, Citizenship and Civic Engagement; and Sustainability (Environmental, Economic and Cultural). A list of recommended courses related to these tracks is available online and in the office.

Students in any of the majors are encouraged to take applied skills courses in Political Science such as Research in Politics (PLSC 366) or Policy Making and Policy Analysis (PLSC 427).

MID-PROGRAM CHECKPOINT

In order to finish the political science major in a timely fashion, you should try, by the end of your sophomore year, to complete the core courses (and necessary prerequisites) that you need for the advanced courses in the four fields within the major. The core courses for the four fields are:

- American Politics and Public Policy: PLSC 250
- Political Theory: PLSC 261
- International Relations: PLSC 271
- Comparative Politics: PLSC 291
POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY

AMIR ABEDI (2003) Professor. BA, University of Hanover; MA, PhD, University of British Columbia

LISA BEARD (2018), Assistant Professor. BA, Smith College; MA, PhD, University of Oregon

BIDISHA BISWAS (2006) Professor. BA, University of Delhi; MA, PhD, University of Maryland

PAUL CHEN (2002) Associate Professor. BA, University of California, Berkeley; JD, Southwestern University School of Law; MA, Biola University; MA, PhD, University of Southern California

KATHARINE DESTLER (2016) Assistant Professor. AB, Brown University, MAT, University of Virginia, PhD University of Washington

SHIRIN DEYLAMI (2008) Associate Professor. BA, University of California, Santa Cruz; MA, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; PhD, University of Minnesota.

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DEBRA SALAZAR (1990) Professor. BS, University of California, Berkeley; MS, PhD, University of Washington.

MICHAEL J. WOLFF (2016) Assistant Professor. BA, MA, Ph.D. University of New Mexico.

The department’s faculty and staff invite questions about the program and its career potential. Persons seeking more information should visit the department in Arntzen Hall or telephone (360) 650-3469. Written inquiries should be directed to the Department of Political Science, Western Washington University, 516 High Street, Bellingham, Washington 98225-9082
BACHELOR OF ARTS
Political Science Major

60 credits

At Western Washington University, the study of Political Science is divided into four fields: American Politics and Public Policy, Political Theory, International Relations, and Comparative Politics.

Students undertaking the major must take a core course in each of the four fields of Political Science. These courses represent 20 of the 60 credits required for the major and are pre-requisites for most upper division coursework in Political Science. Core courses include:

- PLSC 250 The American Political System
- PLSC 261 Introduction to Political Theory
- PLSC 271 Introduction to International Relations
- PLSC 291 Introduction to Comparative Politics

Students majoring in Political Science must also complete:
- One upper division course in any two fields (no course may count for more than one field)
- One Senior Seminar course from: PLSC 431, PLSC 432, PLSC 433, PLSC 434

The balance of the required 60 credits may be taken in any Political Science field.

Political Science course descriptions can be found on pages 11-19. Courses in the four fields are organized as follows:


**Political Theory**—261, 361, 362, 364, 432, 462, 463, 469, 471, 472, 473, 480, 493

**International Relations**—271, 310, 312, 315, 325, 366, 370, 372, 376, 399, 403, 434, 436


**Note:** PLSC 101, 435, 443, 444, 447, and 448 credits apply toward the major but do not count in any field. No more than ten credits of internship, or of independent study combined, may be counted toward the major. Up to 10 credits of approved study abroad credit may also be applied to the major.
Political Science/Social Studies - Combined Major

92-94 credits

Political Science Courses (50 credits)
- PLSC 250
- 18 additional credits in American Politics and Public Policy (for a total of 23)
- 8 credits in each of following two areas:
  - Political Theory
  - International Relations or Comparative Politics
- Balance of credits in Political Science electives

Social Studies Courses (42-44 credits)
- ANTH 201 or one of SOC 221, 251, 255, 260, 268
- ECON 206 or 446
- ECON 207 or 447
- ENVS 204, and ENVS 221 or 2 additional geography credits
- HIST 103, 104, 121, 123, 391

To receive a recommendation for State of Washington certification, students must complete the “teacher certification” program, including the contents method course Sec 426, which is offered by the Department of Secondary Education as 1) part of the undergraduate Bachelor of Arts degree, or 2) as a post-baccalaureate program, or 3) as a part of the master’s in Education degree. Completion of this combined major leads to endorsement in social studies. Courses required for a state teaching endorsement must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or better.
Economics/Political Science - Combined Major

94-96 credits
This major is available for students who have a strong interest in both of these disciplines and whose career interest lie in fields such as government or law.

- MATH 124 or 157
- DSCI 205 or equivalent
- 12 additional credits in upper-division ECON courses, under departmental advisement
- PLSC 250, 261, 271 or 291
- PLSC 346 or 372 or 390
- PLSC 427 or 462
- ECON 491 or PLSC 491 (or approved alternative)
- 9 additional credits from the American Politics and Public Policy field
- 4 additional credits from the Political Theory field
- 8-9 additional credits in upper-division PLSC electives to complete the total required for the major
- One business and economics Communication Focus (CF) course is required. The CF course must be taken within CBE. This is a separate requirement from the WP3 course, which can be completed through any of the major departments. These requirements can be completed as part of the required and elective courses outlined above.

Politics/Philosophy/Economics - Combined Major

98-99 credits
A multidisciplinary major designed to provide a solid grounding in disciplines that are critical to decision making and leadership in economic, political, and social service institutions.

Political Science Requirements (35 credits)

- One course from: PLSC 250 or PLSC 261
- One course from: PLSC 271 or PLSC 291
- One course from: PLSC 309 or PLSC 370 or PLSC 372 or PLSC 390
- One course from: PLSC 491 or ECON 491
- 4 credits of a 400 level political science course with political economy content, such as PLSC 403, PLSC 406, PLSC 420, PLSC 427, PLSC 430, PLCS 436, PLSC 450, PLSC 453, PLSC 462 or by approval of the chair
- 12 additional credits from upper division political science
Philosophy Requirements (27 credits)

- PHIL 102 and PHIL 112 and PHIL 114 and PHIL 320 and PHIL 350 and PHIL 360
- 9 additional upper division philosophy credits

Economics Requirements (36-37 credits)

- ECON 206 and ECON 207 and ECON 303 and ECON 310
- One course from: ECON 306 or ECON 307
- 12 additional upper-division economics credits
- One Communication Focus (CF-E) course within the College of Business and Economics (CBE)
- One course from: MATH 124 or MATH 134 or MATH 138 or MATH 157 (or AP Calculus Exam with score of 3 or better)

Note: ECON 309, ECON 446 and ECON 447 may not be counted toward this major.

- A minimum of three writing proficiency points in approved upper-division writing proficiency courses (WP-3 points) at WWU with a minimum grade of C-. The WP requirement can be met with courses from any of the combined major departments. These requirements can be completed as part of the above required and elective credits.

Minor - Political Science

25 credits

- At least two courses from: PLSC 250, 261, 271, 291
- At least ten credits of upper division political science courses
- No more than 12 transfer credits in political science courses will be accepted toward the minor

Note: PLSC 101 does not count toward minor. Up to 5 internship credits count toward the minor but will not count toward the required 10 credits of upper division coursework.

Minor - Canadian/American Studies

30 credits
Program Advisor: Chuck Hart

- Can-Am Studies 200; E GEO 328; HIST 277; PLSC 406
- 12 additional credits under advisement from ANTH 361, 411, 462; C/AM 400, 401, 402; ECON 364, 365; ENG 415a; ENV 465, 469; FREN 101, 102, 103 (or equiv), 201, 280, 305, 401, 405, 450; GEO 327; HIST 390 (topics vary by qtr), 477, 478, 499; JRN 460; PLSC 301
Minor - East Asian Studies

30 credits
Program Advisor: Dr. Massimiliano Tomasi
The following minor may be combined with a major in history or in political science, or may be elected as a minor by majors in other fields.

- East Asian Studies 201 and 202
- Either East Asian Studies 367 or 368 or HIST 372
- Additional credits from other East Asian courses or from courses approved by the Center for East Asian Studies
- 4 credits must be at the 300-400 level

Note: Credits may not be double counted toward the major and the minor. (Ex. PLSC 307 could count either towards the Political Science major or the East Asian Studies minor, but not toward both).

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students wishing to pursue research and directed reading in areas of the discipline where they have had prior course work may apply to do independent study projects. Enrollment is with the consent of the instructor and the chair. No more than 10 credits of independent study and internship, combined, may be counted toward the major.

STUDY ABROAD

The Political Science Department encourages students to participate in study abroad opportunities that further their academic studies. Up to ten (10) credits of approved study abroad coursework in Political Science can be applied to the major requirements. Please note that Political Science credit will not be awarded until the Registrar has accepted credits from the foreign institution and the department has evaluated the study abroad coursework based on 1) a transcript showing completed coursework with a minimum grade of C- and 2) review of course descriptions/syllabi and/or related work product.
INTERNSHIPS

Students are encouraged to obtain internships in state, local or national government agencies, political parties and interest groups. Initial contact with the intern coordinator should usually be at least one quarter in advance of registration if the student is interested in a local internship. In the case of state and federal agencies, longer lead times are necessary, and contact with the intern coordinator should be at least two quarters in advance of registration. Credit may be divided over two quarters where the internship placement requires a commitment of more than 10 weeks. No more than 10 credits of internship and independent study, combined, may be counted toward the major.

To qualify for an internship, requirements are:

- Completion of core field requirements for the political science major (PLSC 250, 261, 271, 291)
- Completion of at least one advanced course in the field of study to which the internship most closely relates (American Politics and Public Policy, Political Theory, International Relations, Comparative Politics)
- Acceptability to the agency

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

Students must satisfy the following eligibility requirements prior to registration for PLSC 496 Honors Tutorial. The student must

- be a declared political science major with senior standing
- have a 3.50 GPA in all upper division political science courses
- have completed both of the following with a minimum GPA of 3.0:
  - core requirements for the major (PLSC 250, PLSC 261, PLSC 271, 291), and
  - credit requirements in the area most closely related to the thesis topic
- have completed one of the following:
  - two years of foreign language with a B, 3.0, or better GPA. The Honors Advisor, at her/his discretion, may choose to waive this requirement for students who demonstrate a satisfactory reading knowledge of the language, or
  - PLSC 366 Research in Politics, or an equivalent class in social statistics under advisement, and earn a grade of B, 3.0, or better
- submit the completed Honors Contract to the political science department office with proper faculty signatures.
Completion Requirements

To graduate with honors in political science the student must

- maintain a 3.50 GPA in all upper division political science courses
- complete 4-10 credits of PLSC 496 Honors Tutorial over two quarters under the supervision of a faculty thesis advisor
- give an oral presentation of the thesis in arrangement with the faculty thesis advisor
- submit a copy of the honors thesis to the political science department office before the final grade is assigned.
COURSES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Note: Not all courses are offered every year. See Timetable of Classes for current offerings.

101 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN THE MODERN WORLD (5)
Introduction to concepts of politics; types of governments and political problems in the world today.

250 THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM (5)
Consideration of the system and process of American politics and government with primary focus on the national level.

261 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY (5)
Major concepts of Western political theory -- thematic or historical approach.

271 INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (5)
The politics of war, peace and international economic relations.

291 INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS (5)
Basic structures, functions and sociocultural environments of foreign political systems; methods of comparative study.

301 THE BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM (5)
Prereq: PLSC 101 or 250 or 291. The British parliamentary political system: analysis of British state and political structures and functions; analysis of British political parties; examination of the British service state.

302 WESTERN EUROPE (5)
Prereq: PLSC 101 or 291. Governments and politics of selected western European states.

307 GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF EAST ASIA (5)
Prereq: PLSC 101 or 291. Survey course covering China, Japan and Korea since the mid-19th century.

308 AFRICAN POLITICAL SYSTEMS (5)
Prereq: PLSC 101 or 291. Post-colonial political development in Africa focusing on ideologies and strategies for achieving legitimate government and improved living standards. Several country studies are included to illustrate outcomes associated with different strategies for development.

309 GLOBALIZATION FROM POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL PERSPECTIVES (5)
Prereq: PLSC 271 or 291 or IBUS 370. This course examines the political, economic, social, and cultural causes and consequences of globalization. In particular, the course explores the complementarities and contradictions between the different aspects of globalization.
310 THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY OF EAST ASIA (5)
Prereq: Sophomore status or instructor permission. The issues of national and human security in the East Asian region.

311 INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM (5)
Prereq: PLSC 250. This course gives students a basic understanding of the structure and operation of legal systems in the U.S. by introducing key legal principles, doctrines, and procedures common to U.S. jurisdictions. Students will read and discuss cases to learn legal reasoning and writing—applying general rules to specific cases to make judgments based on relevant facts. Upper division standing recommended.

312 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF SOUTH ASIA (4)
Prereq: PLSC 271. A survey of the security relations between India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. The course will also relate these countries to US foreign policy goals and interests.

313 LAW, COURTS, POLITICS, SOCIETY: NON-LEGAL PERSPECTIVES OF LAW (5)
Prereq: PLSC 250 or instructor permission. An introduction to how law interacts with and is applied to different social and cultural contexts. Covers how societies create law, and how law, in turn, affects societies. Specific topics covered may change quarter to quarter and may include: the role of law and courts in maintaining and reforming society; how changes in society lead to changes in its laws; how different groups use law and courts to advance their social and political agendas; and the concepts, assumptions, and methods used by social scientists to study these law-related activities and processes. This course does not presume any knowledge of the legal system beyond what is commonly known by persons educated in industrial or post-industrial societies.

314 U.S. SUPREME COURT: LAW AND POLITICS (5)
Prereq: PLSC 250 or instructor permission. Introduction to the U.S. Supreme Court as a unique legal-political institution within the American political system. Topics covered include: Court procedures and decision-making, constitutional history, the nature of its judicial power, the Court's changing role in American politics and society, and the divide between "legal insiders" and political scientists in terms of how each group studies and views the Court's decision-making. No prior knowledge of the Supreme Court is presumed.

315 WHY WE FIGHT (4)
Prereq: PLSC 250 or 271. In this class, we will explore different facets of political violence. Why do states go to war with each other? What, if anything, can the international community do to prevent or stop civil wars? Under what conditions is international humanitarian intervention justified? How have trends in conflict changed in recent years? The course has significant reading and writing components. Students are expected to be familiar with international relations theories and the study of comparative politics.

321 QUEER AND LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER POLITICS (5)
Prereq: PLSC 250 or ACS 242 or permission. Examines how lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) citizens have organized to achieve social change. Focuses on how LGBT movements have engaged in electoral, judicial, legislative, protest, and other forms of politics.
323 AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICS (4)
Prereq: Sophomore status or instructor permission. An examination of the political strategies the African American community has undertaken to combat myriad barriers that exist in its quest for inclusion.

325 QUEBEC POLITICS AND QUEBEC-US RELATIONS (4)
Prereq: PLSC 101 or C/AM 200 or permission. This course offers an introduction to Québec politics and Québec-U.S. Relations. Part I uses a historical-institutionalist approach to present the main conceptual and theoretical elements on Québec politics and offers an overview of recent evolution in Québec’s political life. Part II discusses three crucial themes in contemporary Québec politics: the evolution of Québec’s identity; the future of Québec’s independence movement; and the road ahead for Québec’s international relations. Part III shows how Québec and the United States are integrated and offers an overview of the actors and issues in Québec-U.S. relations. Also offered as C/AM 325.

327 URBAN POLITICS AND POLICY IN THE U.S. (4)
Prereq: ENG 101 or instructor permission. This course introduces students to major actors, institutions, processes, and policies of substate governments in the United States.

330 POLITICS OF EDUCATION (5)
Prereq: PLSC 101 or PLSC 250 or EDUC 115 or instructor permission. This course focuses on the American school system as a political institution, considering how interests, actors, and ideas shape policy-making and implementation. Students will analyze current education policy debates and their histories to understand some of the challenges facing public education in a democracy.

345 WOMEN AND POLITICS (5)
Prereq: PLSC 101 or 250. The history and ideas of the women's movement; investigation of the changing role of women in American politics including legal status, economic position and political behavior.

346 POLITICS OF INEQUALITY (5)
Prereq: PLSC 250. Survey of the causes and consequences of inequality, particularly economic inequality, and the political, social and economic institutions and processes supporting group subordination, racism, sexism and poverty.

347 RACE, POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY (5)
Prereq: PLSC 250 or equivalent. The historical and political bases of contemporary racial conflict in the United States.

348 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (5)
Prereq: Sophomore status. Dimensions of social justice as they relate to environmental policies, practices, and movements.

353 STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS (5)
Prereq: PLSC 250. Politics of states, urban regions and suburbs. Inter-jurisdictional conflict over growth or development. Federal relations, direct democracy and state policy making.
355 BUREAUCRATIC POLITICS (5)
Prereq: PLSC 250. This is an introductory examination of the principles, structure, functions and the processes of federal administrative agencies of the United States Government.

357 HEALTH POLICY
Prereq: PLSC 250 or instructor permission. This course explores current health care reform proposals, in the context of a movement away from employers’ provision of health care and the pressure of an aging society.

361 CLASSICAL POLITICAL THOUGHT (4)
Prereq: HIST 111 or LBRL 121 or PLSC 261 or equivalent. Exploration of emerging themes in classical political thought, such as Greek, Roman, Judeo-Christian, and Islamic traditions.

362 POLITICAL THEORY: RENAISSANCE AND MODERN (4)
Prereq: HIST 112 or LBRL 121 or PLSC 261 or equivalent. Exploration of developing themes in Renaissance and Modern political thought, with particular focus on the nature of freedom, right, individuality, communal obligation, and the rise of the nation-state.

364 CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY (4)
Prereq: PLSC 261 Examines central thinkers and themes in contemporary political theory. Topics may include: radical democracy, liberalism and rights, gender and sexuality, race and ethnicity, cultural diversity, post-colonial and de-colonial struggles, power, revolution, and modern citizenship.

366 RESEARCH IN POLITICS (5)
Fundamentals of research design, including basic methods for the collection and statistical analysis of political and administrative data.

370 GLOBAL ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS (5)
Prereq: PLSC 271 or 291 and any economics course or IBUS 370. Problems of global dimensions (population, food, resources, environment, nuclear proliferation, terrorism) and international efforts to solve them.

372 INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (5)
Prereq: PLSC 271 or 291 and any economics course or IBUS 370. The politics on international trade, investment, lending and economic development.

374 COMPARATIVE FOREIGN POLICY (5)
Prereq: PLSC 250 or 271. Discussion and critical analysis of the process by which political elites formulate foreign policy with a specific emphasis on variables that influence foreign policy behavior. The course takes a comparative case study approach to highlight the importance of context in foreign policy behavior by individual states. This is an 'active learning' course which requires students to participate in simulations involving foreign policy crisis.
376 AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY (5)
Prereq: PLSC 250 or 271. Background and organization of American foreign policy; the conduct of diplomatic relations with other states; current issues and problems in foreign affairs.

383 POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY (5)
Prereq: PLSC 101 or 250 or 271 or 291. Discussion and analysis of the geographical basis of power in political decision making. Topics include: territoriarity and the state system; geographical bases of political power; spatial perceptions, arrangements and fragmentation; and political districting and electoral systems.

385 NATIONALISM, GENOCIDE AND GLOBAL POLITICS (5)
Prereq: PLSC 271 or PLSC 291. In this course, students will examine the problem of genocide from the perspective of various global political actors and apply contemporary international and comparative theory. Drawing on paradigms of nationalism, geopolitics, international law/laws of war and political history, students will explore the context of foreign policy formulation in response to genocide, femicide, and democide. Additionally, we will examine and compare approaches to commemoration and justice seeking in states and communities which have experience as victims or perpetrators of genocide, with a particular emphasis on the role of traumatic history in contemporary mobilization of ethnic and identity groups.

390 THE POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT (5)
Prereq: PLSC 271 or 291. Political processes in developing countries, colonialism, nationalism, alternative models of political and economic development; problems of instability, military rule, population, famine, debt and other issues confronting developing nations.

399 THE POLITICS OF DEMOCRATIZATION (5)
Prereq: PLSC 271 or 291. The domestic and international challenges of democratization.

402 REGIONAL EUROPEAN SOCIETY AND POLITICS (4)
Prereq: PLSC 101 or 291. Government and society in selected countries from the Scandinavian, Alpine, Benelux and Iberian European regions.

403 THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE PROCESS OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION (4)
Explores the process of European integration after World War II and the European Union. Topics covered include integration theories, the historical development of the EU, its institutional structure, as well as various policy areas.

406 CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS (4)
Prereq: PLSC 250 or 291. Canadian social and political systems; governmental structures and functions; social, political, economic problems and foreign relations.

414 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: SEPARATION OF POWERS AND FEDERALISM (5)
Prereq: PLSC 250 and one from: PLSC 311, 314, FAIR 211B or MGMT 271. Critical analysis of U.S. Supreme Court decisions that interpret parts of the U.S. Constitution relating to horizontal separation of powers among
the branches of the federal government and vertical separation of powers between the federal government and the states (a.k.a. federalism).

415 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES (5)
Prereq: PLSC 250 and one from: PLSC 311, 314, FAIR 211B or MGMT 271. Critical analysis of U.S. Supreme Court decisions that interpret the Bill of Rights and the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment in the U.S. Constitution.

420 ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS (5)
Prereq: PLSC 101 or 250. Examination of contending perspectives on environmental problems. Focus on how these perspectives are rooted in political philosophy, their roles in the development of environmental movements, and the implications for public policy. Also offered as ENVS 458.

423 THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY (3)
Prereq: PLSC 250. The growth of presidential power; the institutionalized presidency and styles of leadership. The president as party leader, policy initiator, chief executive, commander-in-chief and head of foreign relations.

427 POLICY-MAKING AND POLICY ANALYSIS (4)
Prereq: PLSC 250. Organizational and societal policy-making, and the nature and consequences of policy for various groups and sectors of the polity; the possibility and problems of objective analysis conducted from within the boundaries of the subject political system.

430 MODERN CHINESE POLITICS (4)
Prereq: PLSC 291 or equivalent. An introduction to politics and society in modern China: state structures, political culture, state-society relations, policy-making and foreign relations.

431 SENIOR SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY (3-5)
Capstone seminar in American politics and public policy. Topics vary but emphasis is on political institution and processes and public policy. Repeatable with various topics to a maximum of 8 credits.

432 SENIOR SEMINAR IN POLITICAL THEORY (3-5)
Capstone seminar in political theory. Involves reading and research in original sources on topics of central importance to politics. Emphasis on critical examination and discussion of ideas. Repeatable with various topics to a maximum of 8 credits.

433 SENIOR SEMINAR IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS (3-5)
Capstone seminar in comparative politics. Topics vary but emphasis is on comparative issues and approaches. Repeatable with various topics to a maximum of 8 credits.

434 SENIOR SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS (3-5)
Capstone seminar in international relations. Topics vary but emphasis is on the interactions of state and non-state actors across international boundaries. Repeatable with various topics to a maximum of 8 credits.
435 SPECIAL TOPICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS (3-5)
Prereq: Senior status or permission of instructor. Analysis of current topics related to environment and politics. Topics vary. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

436 MANAGING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMONS (5)
Prereq. At least one upper-division course in political science or instructor's permission. Explores how political, economic and social institutions affect the management and sustainability of shared environments, both local and global.

443 LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP (5-15)
Prereq: permission of department. Internship in the Washington State Legislature during winter quarter; assignment is primarily as research assistant to a legislator. Enrollment limited to the number of internships allocated by the Legislature. Open only to juniors and seniors, competitively selected. No more than 10 credits in internship or independent study may be counted the major. Repeatable to a maximum of 15 credits.

444 ADMINISTRATIVE INTERNSHIPS (3-15)
Prereq: Completion of the core field requirements for the political science major (PLSC 250, 261, 271, 291). Completion of at least one advance course in the field of study to which the internship most closely relates and permission of the department. Internships in administrative agencies and other public service settings. Priority given to seniors. Requests for internships should be filed with the departmental intern coordinator one quarter in advance of registration. No more than 10 credits in internship or independent study may be counted the major. Credit may be divided over two quarters where the internship placement requires a commitment of more than 10 weeks. Repeatable to 15 credits.

447 TEACHING INTERNSHIP (2-5)
Assists faculty member in conduct of Political Science course. No more than 10 credits in internship or independent study may be counted toward the major.

448 RESEARCH INTERNSHIP (2-5)
Student will work closely with one faculty member, providing assistance with research. Course is structured on an apprenticeship model. No more than 10 credits in internship or independent study may be counted toward the major.

449 POLITICS AND SOCIAL CHANGE (4)
Prereq: PLSC 101 or 250. Theories linking social change and politics. The role of ideas and ideology, mass movements, political institutions, social disruption and violence in causing and directing change.

450 PARTIES, CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS (4)
Prereq: PLSC 250. Political parties, voters and voting behavior, candidate and campaign strategy, the resources of politics; workers, money, and mass media.
452 COMPARATIVE POLITICAL PARTIES AND PARTY SYSTEMS (4)
Prereq: PLSC 250 or 291 or instructor permission. An examination of political parties and party systems in a variety of political systems.

453 COMPARATIVE ELECTORAL SYSTEMS (4)
Prereq: PLSC 101, 291 or 450. Examines how institutional rules affect party systems, electoral outcomes, prospects for small parties, and fairness in translating votes into seats. Survey of politics of electoral system reform in modern democracies.

462 THE RISE OF MODERN POLITICAL ECONOMY (4)
Prereq: PLSC 261 or HIST 113 and ECON 206 or 207 or equivalent. An examination of the conceptual, ethical, and ideological underpinnings of political economy and the implications for contemporary public policy.

463 AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT (4)
Prereq: PLSC 261 or HIST 103 or 104 or equivalent. Major concepts in American political thought from the Colonial period to the present.

467 PHILOSOPHICAL & ETHICAL ISSUES IN LAW (5)
Prereq: PLSC 250, PLSC 311, plus one additional upper division course in law or political theory. Philosophical and ethical inquiry into legal issues and problems. Topics covered may include the philosophical and ethical foundations of law, law in relation to justice, morality, and equality; and philosophical and ethical inquiry into specific areas or current topics of law (e.g. tort, criminal, property, and/or constitutional law; capital punishment, affirmative action, same-sex marriage, and abortion).

469 FEMINIST POLITICAL THEORY (4)
Prereq: PLSC 261 or any 400-level political theory course. Early feminists to contemporary theoretical critiques and contributions. Topics such as feminist conceptions of philosophy of science, eco-feminism and post-modernism.

471 RACE AND POLITICAL THEORY (5)
Prereq: PLSC 261. This course examines the role of race in political theory, with varying emphases, including but not limited to critical race theory, African-American political theory, the politics of decolonization, Latino/a political theory, Islamic political thought, Asian-American political thought, feminist and queer theory, post-racial, activist and intersectional approaches.

472 COMPARATIVE POLITICAL THOUGHT (5)
Prereq: PLSC 261. A critical examination of the relationship between Western and non-Western political thought. The course may include examinations of Islamic, Chinese, South Asian, African and Latin American political thought.

473 POLITICS AND CULTURE (5)
Prereq: PLSC 261. An analysis of the relationship between politics and culture with a focus on political theory. Course may include attention to film, television, public art, and/or photography.
480 POLITICS, GOVERNMENT AND RELIGION (4)
Prereq: permission of instructor. How political activity and government structures relate to religious perceptions and organizations.

489 PROTECTING AND MANAGING AN INTERNATIONAL ECOSYSTEM (5)
Prereq: Junior or Senior Status. A research seminar that examines how economic, environmental, social and political agendas affect the shared international ecosystem – Georgia Basin/Puget Sound. Course focuses on the interests of various stakeholders and the efforts taken to manage the cross-border environmental issues. The course involves cross-border travel and field work and thus participants need a passport.

491 ISSUES IN POLITICAL ECONOMY (4)
Prereq: senior status in the political science/economics combined major or a political science major and economics minor. Discussion and analysis of selected issues of significant political and economic content. (ECON 491).

493 ISSUES IN POLITICAL THEORY (4)
Prereq: PLSC 261 or any 400 level political theory course. Discussion and analysis of specialized and timely issues in political theory. Possible topics include, but are not limited to: comparative political theory; Islamic political thought; toleration; cosmopolitanism; humanitarian intervention; race, gender, and sexuality; aesthetics and rhetoric. Repeatable up to 8 credits.

496 HONORS TUTORIAL (2-5 ea) Repeatable to a maximum 10 credits.