



GOVERNMENT

American Politics Track

College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

Program Overview

The mission of the Department of Government and International Affairs is to provide majors with a strong foundation to expand awareness and understanding of political life; to stimulate scholarship and continuing interest in government, government service, and international affairs; and to provide a framework for enriching the exposure of majors and the wider university community to the study of government, politics, and issues of public concern. Students also may explore themes of war and peace and the effects of globalization, the role of international law and organizations, and America's leadership in the world.

Additionally, students have numerous opportunities to participate in organizations related to Government and International Affairs. In addition to Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society, there is the Moot Court team, the Model OAS, and Amnesty International.

The Department offers two majors: a Bachelor of Arts in Government and a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs. The Department also offers a Minor in Government and hosts several Interdisciplinary Concentrations that can substitute for a Minor, including concentrations in International Affairs, Political Economy, and Pre-Law

Career Opportunities

The Department's programs are especially designed to develop analytical skills, combining organized knowledge with practical experience that introduces and prepares students for career opportunities in the public as well as non-governmental sectors. Internships are a vital part of the programs. Many occupations today require a college educated individual who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly, and work well with others on a team. Government students prepare for professional training in public policy, public administration, law, graduate education in the policy sciences, as well as employment in government and non-government public sector organizations, including non-profit organizations or businesses relating to international affairs.

Faculty

Dr. Lydia Andrade, Professor B.A., Southwestern University; M.A. and Ph.D., Texas A&M University

Dr. Scott Dittloff, Professor B.A., the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; M.A., Iowa State University; Ph.D., Texas A&M University

Dr. Gary Keith, Associate Professor B.A., Baylor University; M.A. and Ph.D., Brandeis University

Minor in Government

12 hours from the following courses: GOVT 1315, 1316, 2305, and **either** 2310 **or** 2320; nine additional semester hours in other GOVT courses, 6 of which must be upper-division

Contact

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2015-2017

Freshman Year: Fall		Hrs.
GOVT 1315 American Politics	3	
ENGL 1311 Composition I	3	
Fine Arts Core	3	
HIST Core	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	
Sophomore Year: Fall		
GOVT 2305 Introduction to Political Studies	3	
GOVT 2310 Comparative Politics	3	
ENGL 2310 World Literature Studies	3	
Modern Language I	3	
MATH 2303	3	
Total hours	15	
Junior Year: Fall		
American GOVT Elective	3	
RELS or PHIL Core (upper division)	3	
Natural Science and Lab Core	4	
Minor	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	16	
Senior Year: Fall		
American GOVT Elective (upper division)	6	
Minor or Electives	6	
Electives (upper division)	3	
Total hours	15	

Freshman Year: Spring		Hrs.
GOVT 1316 State and Local Politics	3	
ENGL 1312 Composition II	3	
DWHP 1200 or DWHP 3200 and 1 hr lifelong phys activity course	3	
RELS 1305, 1315, 1325, 1335 or 1327H	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	
Sophomore Year: Spring		
GOVT 2325 Social Science Research Methods	3	
GOVT 2320 International Relations	3	
American GOVT Elective	3	
Modern Language II	3	
PHIL 1381 Introduction to Philosophy	3	
Total hours	15	
Junior Year: Spring		
American GOVT Elective (upper division)	6	
Elective	3	
Minor	3	
Minor or Elective	3	
Total hours	15	
Senior Year: Spring		
American GOVT Electives (upper division)	3	
Minor or Electives	9	
Electives (upper division)	3	
Total hours	15	

Core Curriculum - Total Hours 40
Major - Total Hours 81
Minor - Total Hours
Electives as needed
Degree - Total Hours 121