

# Political Science Concentrations

In addition to the general Poli Sci Major the department offers the option of focusing on a specific concentration in Political Science. Students may focus on:

- American Politics and Policy
- Comparative Political Studies
- Law and Justice
- International Affairs and Security Studies

Your concentration may be mentioned in professional resumes and cover letters and may be useful in pursuing your professional aspirations as a signal to prospective employers about your unique qualifications.

To have a concentration, students need only to complete **5** courses specified for the various tracks. All courses may be counted toward this total, including introductory courses as well as those used to fulfill the subfield distribution. Thus, it is likely that students will need only two additional electives to complete the requirements for a concentration. Taking additional courses within the concentration is recommended.

The different concentrations are associated with a range of career paths. See below for a set of sample career options. Of course, students may choose to have no concentrations and strive for breadth.

## Political Science Concentration and Sample Career Options

| American Politics and Policy  | Comparative Politics Studies  | International Affairs and Security Studies  | Law and Justice  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Position in government (public sector)</li> <li>• Consulting</li> <li>• Business/finance</li> <li>• Public Policy</li> <li>• Non-profit sector</li> <li>• Advocacy</li> <li>• Urban Planning</li> <li>• Health Care Management</li> <li>• Journalism</li> <li>• Teaching</li> <li>• Research/Think Tank</li> <li>• Public relations</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Position in Israeli government</li> <li>• Development economics</li> <li>• International Business</li> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Journalism</li> <li>• Non-governmental organization (NGO)</li> <li>• Consulting</li> <li>• Risk analysis</li> <li>• Teaching</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International security</li> <li>• Diplomacy (United Nations, Foreign Service, State Department)</li> <li>• International Business</li> <li>• Research/Think Tank</li> <li>• Non-governmental organization (NGO)</li> <li>• Journalism</li> <li>• Teaching</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law</li> <li>• Business</li> <li>• Criminal justice</li> <li>• Paralegal</li> <li>• Positions in government (public sector)</li> <li>• Non-profit sector</li> <li>• Advocacy</li> <li>• Journalism</li> </ul> |

# Courses and Concentrations in Political Science (sample courses)

## **America Politics and Policy**

- Introduction to American Politics
- American Presidency
- Issues in American Public Policy (Health Care Policy; Education Policy, etc.)
- Public Opinion and Political Behavior
- Race and Religion in American Politics
- American Social Movements
- Voting and Elections
- Political Parties and Interest Groups
- Media and Politics
- American Constitutional Law
- Public Administration and Bureaucratic Politics
- American Political Thought
- Women and Politics
- Women and Law
- Law and Politics
- Democracy and Inequality
- American Foreign Policy

## **Comparative Political Studies**

- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Politics of Advanced Democracies
- African Politics
- European Political Development
- Israeli Politics
- Latin American Politics
- Middle East Politics
- Escaping Poverty, Oppression, and Violence: Problems of Development
- Ethnic Conflict and Genocide
- Globalization

## **Law and Justice**

- Introduction to American Politics
- American Constitutional Law
- Civil Rights
- Civil Liberties
- Criminal Justice
- International Law and Organization
- Comparative Law: American and Talmudic
- Woman and the Law
- Law and Politics
- American Political Thought
- Just and Unjust Wars (Philosophy)
- Philosophy of Law (Philosophy)
- Logic (Philosophy)

## **International Affairs and Security Studies**

- Introduction to International Politics
- American Foreign Policy
- International Law and Organizations
- Civil War
- Security Seminar
- Grand Strategy
- Intelligence and National Security
- War and Interstate Conflict
- Ethnic Conflict and Genocide
- Arab-Israeli Conflict
- Game Theory
- Money and Power in International Politics (International Political Economy)
- Seminar on Globalization
- Just and Unjust Wars (Philosophy)