College/School: Stern College for Women & Yeshiva College– Yeshiva University

Department: Political Science

Program/Major:

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The mission of the Department of Political Science is for undergraduates majoring in political science to be prepared and to be qualified to pursue advanced studies in political science, law, and public policy and/or to pursue employment in various government, law-related fields, and the private sector. These milestones will be achieved by providing courses covering a spectrum of sub-disciplines with political science, so as to provide majors in political science with a comprehensive background in the fundamentals of political science, current disciplinary controversies, and an understanding of political institutions and processes, current issues both US and international, and developing proficiencies in written and oral communication.

Program/Major Goals

1. Program/Major Goal: Political Science majors will be able to understand the main principles of the subfield of American politics.

SLO a: Students will be able to analyze and understand the operation of US political institutions, processes, or policy outcomes.

SLO b: Students will be able to comprehend current controversies in American politics.

2. Program/Major Goal: Political Science majors will be able to understand the main principles of the subfield of political theory.

SLO a: Students will be able to comprehend key philosophical debates about politics.

3. Program/Major Goal: Political Science majors will be able to understand the main principles of the subfield of international relations, with an emphasis on political economy.

SLO a: Students will be able to explain the domestic and international causes for terrorism, war and political violence.

SLO b: Students will understand why countries engage in international trade and why governments erect barriers to free trade.

4. Program/Major Goal: Political Science majors will be able to understand the main principles of the subfield of comparative politics.

SLO a: Students will understand how political institutions shape policy outcomes.

SLO b: Students will be able to compare systems of government as well as domestic and foreign policies across countries.