What will your curriculum look like?
The major requires nine courses, including one departmental seminar and at least one course in each of the following subfields:
- American government
- comparative government
- international relations
- political theory

At least five of the nine courses must be taken with politics faculty. The department encourages majors to take introductory before advanced courses, but it is not required.

Up to four courses can be transferred to the politics major from study abroad and Washington semester programs.

The minor in politics requires five courses:
- At least one introductory politics course (POL 10a, 11b, 14b, or 15a)
- At least one departmental seminar
- At least one course in each of two of the department’s subfields listed above

A minimum of four of the five courses required for the minor must be taught by politics faculty.

Some exciting features:
- Small seminars that address issues of government and politics in the United States and around the world
- Independent study courses on topics students choose in consultation with department faculty
- Departmental honors program for students who choose to complete a thesis in their senior year under the direction of a thesis advisor

What else does the politics program offer?
The undergraduate politics program offers exceptional students the opportunity to earn a B.A. and M.A. simultaneously.

The combined B.A./M.A. program requires 38 courses—six beyond the 32 required for the major—including:
- Two graduate field seminars
- Two upper-level politics courses
- A master’s project course (POL 350a and b)

What kind of career and education options will you have?
The undergraduate curriculum is designed to prepare students for careers in governmental and nongovernmental public service, policy analysis, journalism, law, and business, as well as for postgraduate work in political science.

Students also go on to top law and graduate schools such as Harvard, Yale, the University of Pennsylvania, Georgetown, and the University of California at Berkeley.

How can you learn more?
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