LAW AND POLITICS OPTION

This option is offered within the following major(s):

- Political Science - College of Liberal Arts (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/liberal-arts/school-public-policy/political-science-ba-bs-hba-hbs)

The Law and Politics option offers students the opportunity to focus their undergraduate studies on topics involving:

- Constitutional principles and interpretation
- Judicial politics and how it shapes the law
- Relationships between the various branches and levels of government in the United States
- Normative arguments regarding justice and equality in theory and in practice

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Methods/WIC

Upper-Division Option Courses

Select at least 16 credits of the following: 1

- PS 311 CONGRESSIONAL POLITICS
- PS 312 PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS
- PS 321 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: GOVERNMENT POWERS AND CONSTRAINTS
- PS 322 *CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES
- PS 323 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED
- PS 326 JUDICIAL PROCESS AND POLITICS
- PS 331 *STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS
- PS 361 CLASSICAL POLITICAL THOUGHT
- PS 362 MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT
- PS 363 *GENDER AND RACE IN AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
- PS 365 AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
- PS 371 PUBLIC POLICY PROBLEMS
- PS 372 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
- PS 375 *THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND POLICIES
- PS 425 *GENDER AND THE LAW
- PS 454 INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATIONS
- PS 462 THEORIES OF LAW

Select up to 8 credits of the following: 2

- ECON 461 LAW, ECONOMICS, AND REGULATION
- SOC 340 DEVIAN'T BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL
- SOC 440 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
- SOC 441 CRIMINOLOGY AND PENOLOGY
- SOC 442 SOCIOLOGY OF DRUG USE AND ABUSE

Total Hours 52

1 16 to 24 credits from the political science courses listed. Up to 8 upper-division credits can come from classes listed in economics and sociology. Credits from all courses must add up to at least 24. Other courses applied to this total must be approved by the department.

2 Any political science courses may be taken to reach the minimum of 52 total credits in the major with at least 36 of these at the upper-division level.

* Baccalaureate Core Course (BCC). Major courses cannot double count for Baccalaureate Core requirements.

^ Writing Intensive Course (WIC)

Potential for Learning Outside the Classroom

Political science majors are strongly encouraged to pursue experiential learning and other educational opportunities outside of the classroom, and these experiences can be used to fulfill some political science graduation requirements. Such experiences can include research, thesis writing, projects, or internship. Credits will be placed in the appropriate PS 401 RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP – PS 410 POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP designator. A maximum of 8 credits from any combination of PS 401 RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP – PS 410 POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP may be applied to the major, although additional credits from courses in this range may be applied to general graduation requirements. Additional experiential learning opportunities include “field schools” and study abroad. Students should discuss all of these opportunities with the political science undergraduate advisor.

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