**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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**Upper-Division Option Courses**

Select at least 16 credits of the following:

- 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:

- ECON 461  LAW, ECONOMICS, AND REGULATION
- SOC 340  DEVIANT BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL
- SOC 440  JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
- SOC 441  CRIMINOLOGY AND PENOLOGY
- SOC 442  SOCIOLOGY OF DRUG USE AND ABUSE
- SOC 448  LAW AND SOCIETY

**Political Science Electives**

Select 12 credits

| 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 – PS 410 designator. A maximum of 8 credits from any combination of PS 401 – PS 410 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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