

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Loyola University Chicago's College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) offers undergraduates a comprehensive liberal arts education that introduces them to various disciplines and viewpoints in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. CAS students develop valuable career and life skills, including critical thinking, strong verbal and writing abilities, comprehensive general knowledge, social awareness, and research competencies. As the largest of Loyola's 10 schools, CAS has extensive resources, providing students with modern labs and electronic classrooms, opportunities to participate actively in research, and a distinguished faculty of teacher-scholars.

Recent growth and renovation at both Loyola's Lake Shore and Water Tower Campuses have enhanced living and learning for students. Recent additions to the Lake Shore Campus include the Norville Center for Intercollegiate Athletics, a state-of-the-art facility that includes a new strength and conditioning center, a sports medicine facility, student athlete activity spaces, and offices for athletics administrators. Future enhancements include a new student union and academic building, among others.

For more information about what's new at Loyola, visit [» LUC.edu/undergrad/whatsnew](https://luc.edu/undergrad/whatsnew).



Picturesque Lake Shore Campus, situated on the shore of Lake Michigan and located on Chicago's North Side, is home to more than 3,400 undergraduate resident students.

THE MAJOR

BA in Political Science

Loyola University Chicago's Political Science department offers dozens of courses each semester on various aspects of politics, including the institutions of American government; constitutional law; political systems in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America; foreign policy and international relations; and political theory, past and present.

The department also sponsors extensive internship experiences, making use of the extraordinary resources available in the city of Chicago.

Every member of the political science faculty teaches undergraduate courses and engages in scholarly research. Many faculty members have practical experience in the legal profession, the military, local politics, and the foreign service.

The department seeks to provide all students with an understanding of political processes at home and abroad; to prepare majors and minors for purposeful careers or for further graduate or professional study; and to challenge students to think critically about problems of justice in political life.

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The department also offers educational opportunities outside the classroom. It sponsors Model United Nations and Mock Trial programs and regularly sends students to national conferences on political affairs. The department has several endowed lecture series that make it possible to bring prominent scholars and political figures to Loyola every semester to share their ideas and to meet with students.

Career Opportunities

The major in political science is excellent preparation for careers in law, politics, government, journalism, business, education, and social services. Graduates of Loyola's program have gone on to attend prestigious professional schools; some have won Fulbright and Truman scholarships; and many have pursued careers in civil and criminal law, the foreign service, urban planning, banking, marketing, education, medicine, the military, and other professions.

Faculty

Chairperson: Vincent A. Mahler, PhD, Columbia University
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Peter Schraeder, PhD, University of South Carolina
Annette Steinacker, PhD, University of Rochester
Raymond Tatalovich, PhD, University of Chicago
Gunes Teczur, PhD, University of Michigan
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Major Requirements

To obtain an undergraduate degree (usually 120 credit hours) and prepare for a chosen field, students complete their major requirements, round out their education by learning important skills and values through Loyola's Core Curriculum, and develop their own special interests by taking elective courses.

To graduate with a major in political science, students must complete 11 courses (33 credit hours). All majors are required to take Political Science (PLSC) 100, 101, and 102, plus one 200- or 300-level course from each of the discipline's four subfields: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. The remaining four courses are elective.

Minor Requirements

To graduate with a minor in political science, students must complete six courses (18 credit hours). All minors are required to take PLSC 100, 101, and 102. The remaining three courses are electives.

Course Offerings

POLITICAL SCIENCE (PLSC)

Introductory Courses

- 100** Political Theory
- 101** American Politics
- 102** International Relations

AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLICY

- 218** African American Politics
- 300A** Contemporary Political Issues in America
- 319** Women, Law, and Public Policy
- 320** Constitutional Law: Due Process
- 321** Constitutional Law: Powers of Government
- 322** Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties
- 323** Children, Law, and Public Policy
- 326** American National Security
- 327** Political Psychology
- 328** Political Behavior
- 332** Politics of American Bureaucracies
- 333** Politics of Metropolitan Areas
- 334** Urban Policies and Problems
- 376** Public Opinion
- 377** American Public Policies
- 378** Introduction to Political Economy
- 379** The Legislative Process
- 380** Public Policy Analysis
- 381** The American Presidency
- 384** The Judicial Process
- 385** Introduction to Law
- 386** American Parties and the Election Process
- 387** Politics and the Press

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- 388** Intergovernmental Relations
- 389** State Politics
- 390** Urban Politics
- 391** Chicago Politics
- 392** Environmental Politics

POLITICAL THEORY

- 300B** Contemporary Political Issues in Political Theory
- 301** Political Justice
- 302** American Political Thought
- 303** Conservatism
- 304** Ancient Political Thought
- 306** Modern Political Thought
- 307** Democratic Theory
- 308** Contemporary Political Thought
- 309** Socialism
- 310B** Catholic Political Thought
- 312** Feminist Theory
- 313** Resistance and Obligation
- 314** Liberalism
- 373** Politics in Literature

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

- 300C** Contemporary Political Issues in Comparative Politics
- 324** Civil-Military Relations
- 337** Terrorism
- 339** Political Ideologies
- 341** Comparative Politics
- 342** African Politics
- 343** Latin American Politics
- 344** Contemporary Issues in Latin America
- 345** South and Southeast Asian Politics
- 346** East Asian Politics
- 347** The European Union
- 348** Russian Politics
- 349** Eastern European Politics
- 352** Canadian Politics
- 355C** Women and Politics: Cross-National Perspective
- 359** Revolutions
- 360** Western European Politics
- 362** Politics of Developing Societies
- 365** Italian Politics and Government
- 366** Dictatorship
- 368** Middle East Politics
- 369** Religion and Politics

- 374** Democracy
- 375C** Catholicism, Islam, and Democracy
- 394** Comparative Family Policy

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- 300D** Contemporary Political Issues in International Relations
- 325** American Foreign Policy
- 330** America and Modern War
- 331** Military and Society in the 21st Century
- 340** International Relations of Africa
- 350** Politics of International Economic Relations
- 351** Latin America in the International System
- 353** International Law
- 354** Global Environmental Politics
- 356** Intervention in World Politics
- 358** War, Peace, and Politics
- 364** United Nations and International Organizations
- 367** Model United Nations

COURSES NOT SPECIFIED BY AREA

- 370** Political Science Internship
- 396** Directed Readings

Core Curriculum

- Focuses on desired knowledge, skills, and values in addition to academic disciplines.
- Includes 45 credit hours of coursework, developing important skills through 10 required areas of knowledge:
 - Important skills include communication, critical thinking, ethical awareness, information literacy, quantitative and qualitative analysis, research methods, and technological literacy.
 - Required areas include college writing seminar(s), artistic knowledge and experience, historical knowledge, literary knowledge, scientific literacy, societal and cultural knowledge, philosophical knowledge, theological and religious studies, and ethics.
- “Values Across the Curriculum” requirements:
 - 12 credit hours completed through the Core, major, or electives, focusing on:
 - Understanding and promoting justice
 - Understanding diversity in the United States and the world
 - Understanding spirituality or faith in action in the world
 - Promoting civic engagement or leadership
- Makes up about one-third of a student’s Loyola academic experience, complemented by the major and electives.
- Incorporates great flexibility with myriad courses from which to choose for each required area. Courses may be completed at any time during a student’s Loyola education.

For more information, please visit

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