

Political Science



The Whitworth Political Science Department strives to embody the university's education of mind-and-heart mission through excellent teaching, open and robust debate, active scholarship and personal mentoring. Our goal is to prepare students for careers in government and politics, law, humanitarian work, teaching, research and peacemaking, as well as for work in related fields, such as business and missions. The department is committed to providing students with the political knowledge and skills that will enable them to assume responsibility from the local level to the global community. Through the study of political theory and law, the analysis of a variety of political systems, internships and off-campus study, and rigorous research projects, faculty members challenge students to develop both the tools and the vision for understanding, nurturing and transforming the society in which they live. All of our courses are informed by a commitment to justice and reconciliation as articulated by the great political thinkers throughout history, and, especially, as defined by the principles of the Christian faith.

The learning outcomes of this major prepare students in the following ways:

1. With regard to knowledge, political science students will gain competency in the primary sub-fields of political science: American, comparative, international relations, and theory/philosophy; will develop an understanding of citizenship in the local, national, and global community; and will understand the role of government and also the way nongovernmental actors (individuals, groups and institutions) can function in society to promote or undermine the common good.
2. With regard to skills, political science students will become proficient in quantitative and qualitative research and analysis, written communication (policy papers, legal positions, literature reviews, and research papers), and oral communication (the ability to speak and listen, skills essential for public discourse). Above all, students will learn to exercise their skills as responsible citizens and as leaders in government, the private sector, education and the community of faith.
3. With regard to faith and values, political science students will learn civil and global responsibility, principled pluralism and respect for the common good rather than self-interest. In addition, students will be able to articulate the philosophical or religious foundations of their political commitments, and they will be able to express those commitments in ways that are appropriate in a multicultural and multi-faith society and world.

Pre-Law

Whitworth's rigorous liberal arts education is ideal training for law school and the legal profession. Recent graduates have been accepted into law schools at Yale, Stanford, Duke, University of Michigan, Cornell and University of Washington, and Whitworth alumni are working at some of the most successful law firms in Washington and throughout the U.S. Pre-law students are welcome to select any liberal arts major, but they may find the most relevant law-school preparation in programs offered through the departments of history, political science, literature, philosophy, economics, sociology, psychology, mathematics and science. Regardless of students' majors, Whitworth prepares its graduates to succeed in law school by equipping them with a broad knowledge base and strong analytic, critical-thinking and communication skills. In addition, the

pre-law advisor actively assists students in developing an appropriate course plan and in making other arrangements for taking the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and applying for law school.

While Whitworth does not have a designated pre-law curriculum, the following courses are recommended:

Pre-Law Recommended Courses

PO 102	American National Politics	3
PO 223	Law and Society	3
PO 464W	American Constitutional Law	3
PH 201	Logic	3
PH 221	Ethics	3
JMC 402	Mass Media Law	3
BU 240	Business Law	3

3+3 Law and Justice Program

Advisor: Julia Stronks

Highly motivated students interested in law school can complete a bachelor's degree at Whitworth and a law degree at Gonzaga in a total of six years, rather than the typical seven, through a 3+3 partnership between the two universities. This innovative program provides the best of Whitworth's liberal arts foundation and pre-law curriculum with the Jesuit-inspired, solution-oriented curriculum of Gonzaga's law school to provide students a cost-efficient path to a law degree.

Requirements for a Cross-Cultural Studies Major, Political Science Emphasis, B.A. (40)

PO 102	American National Politics	3
PO 151	International Relations	3
PO 240	Comparative Politics	3
PO 498	Vocations in Political Science	1

Courses of study in culture and language other than the student's own. (Courses should be in sociology, history, political science, literature or the arts, or in the established courses of Whitworth semester-abroad programs. Courses not on the following list may count for the major if approved by the cross-cultural studies advisor.)

Fine Arts and Humanities		6
AR 114	Chinese Gardens and Temples	
AR 267	Precolumbian Art and Architecture	
AR 269	Modern Latin American Art	
EL 251	Modern Global Literature	
EL 453	Introduction to Linguistics	
SN 406W	Latin American Short Story I	
SN 407W	Latin American Short Story II	
SN 409W	Survey of Spanish Literature I	
SN 410W	Survey of Spanish Literature II	
SN 431	Advanced Oral Spanish in Mexico	
Area Studies		9
HI 104	Political History of Beijing	
HI 105	Cultural Odyssey of China	
HI 127	Latin American Culture and Civilization	
HI 304W	Political History of Beijing	
HI 305W	Cultural Odyssey of China	
HI 309	History of Vietnam War	

HI 325	History of Latin America	
HI 345	Cultural History of China and Japan	
HI 346	Modern China and East Asia	
HI 354	Colonialism and Globalization	
HI 364	Medieval Russia: Mongols and Madmen	
HI 377	The French Revolution	
PO 140	African Life and Culture	
PO 326	Peace and Conflict in Ireland	
PO 340	African Politics	
PO 341	Contemporary South Africa	
PO 346, 446W	Contemporary China and East Asia	
PO 347	Globalization in Southeast Asia	
PO 350	Contemporary East Africa	
PO 366/HI 366	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union	
SO 238	Sociology of Middle-Eastern Society	
Selected interdisciplinary and special-emphasis courses		6
EC 250/PO 250	Environment and Society	
EC 325	Economic Development	
PO 297	Nonviolent Defense and Conflict Resolution	
PO 353	International Political Economy	
PO 425W	International Development	
PO 445W	Revolution in History	
SO 200	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
TH 370	World Religions	
One additional 400 level PO course chosen from any listed above.		3
Six semester credits of foreign language (at the intermediate level in Chinese, Japanese, or Swahili, or at the advanced (300+) level in German, French, or Spanish).		6

Students pursuing a cross-cultural studies major must complete at least 10 of their 40 credits through a foreign-study experience. They must also complete the Cross Cultural Studies Passport advising and reflection as part of their foreign study experience.

Requirements for an International Studies Major, Political Science Emphasis, B.A. (43)

EC 211	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
See math prerequisites for EC 211		
PO 102	American National Politics	3
PO 151	International Relations	3
PO 240	Comparative Politics	3
PO 498	Vocations in Political Science	1
Six semester credits of foreign language (at the intermediate level in Chinese or Japanese, or at the advanced (300+) level in German, French or Spanish)		6
Four courses in regional studies (two-course sequence recommended):		12
HI 104	Political History of Beijing	
HI 105	Cultural Odyssey of China	
HI 127	Latin American Culture and Civilization	
HI 304W	Political History of Beijing	
HI 305W	Cultural Odyssey of China	
HI 325	History of Latin America	
HI 345	Cultural History of China and Japan	

HI 346	Modern China and East Asia	
HI 366/PO 366	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union	
HI 377	The French Revolution	
PO 140	African Life and Culture	
PO 326	Peace and Conflict in Ireland	
PO 340	African Politics	
PO 341	Contemporary South Africa	
PO 346, 446W	Contemporary China and East Asia	
PO 347	Globalization in Southeast Asia	
SO 238	Sociology of Middle-Eastern Society	
SO 307	Latin American Politics	
Three courses in theory, general historical studies or political issues:		9
EC 250/PO 250	Environment and Society	
HI 354	Colonialism and Globalization	
PO 205	U.S. Foreign Policy in Film	
PO 209, 309	History of Vietnam War	
PO 297	Nonviolent Defense and Conflict Resolution	
PO 336	Gender, Politics and Law	
or PO 436W	Gender, Politics and Law	
PO 353	International Political Economy	
PO 423W	Marxism and the Socialist World	
PO 425W	International Development	
PO 445W	Revolution in History	
PO 463W	American Foreign Policy	
PO 465W	International Law	
One additional 400 level PO course from above		3

Students pursuing an international studies major must complete at least 3 of their 43 credits through a foreign study experience. They must also complete the International Studies Passport advising and reflection as part of their foreign study experience.

Requirements for a Peace Studies Major, BA (43)

Foundations for Peace Studies		
PO 102	American National Politics	3
PO 151	International Relations	3
PO 240	Comparative Politics	3
PO 297	Nonviolent Defense and Conflict Resolution	3
Religious Ideals, Social Values and Peace		3
One of the following:		
TH 221/PH 221	Ethics	
TH 256, 356	Biblical Theme of Shalom	
National and Global Sources of Conflict, War, Revolution and Peace		6
Two of the following:		
EL 430	Holocaust Literature	
HI 231	World at War: 1900-1945	
HI 325	History of Latin America	
PO 209, 309	History of Vietnam War	
PO 340	African Politics	
PO 341	Contemporary South Africa	
PO 346, 446W	Contemporary China and East Asia	
PO 445W	Revolution in History	

PO 463W	American Foreign Policy	
SO 222	U.S. Civil Rights Movements	
SO 238	Sociology of Middle-Eastern Society	
SO 377	Sects and Violence	
Economics, Environmental and Social Sources of Conflict and Peace		6

Two of the following:

EC 245	Economics of Social Issues	
or EC 345	Economics of Social Issues	
EC 250/PO 250	Environment and Society	
EC 325	Economic Development	
PO 224	Conflict Mediation	
PO 275	Poverty and Community Development	
PO 353	International Political Economy	
PO 425W	International Development	
SO 205	Social Stratification: Power, Prestige And Wealth	
SO 275	Population Analysis	
SO 283	Deviance, Crime and Criminal Justice	
SO 303	Globalization and Social Change And Wealth	
SO 365	Cities and Urban Life	
SO 425	Making Change: Social Intervention Strategies	

Ideologies, Identities, Political Structures and Peace 6

Two of the following:

HI 228	Identity, Race, and Power in American Life	
PO 140	African Life and Culture	
PO 223	Law and Society	
PO 326	Peace and Conflict in Ireland	
PO 336	Gender, Politics and Law	
or PO 436W	Gender, Politics and Law	
PO 423W	Marxism and the Socialist World	
PO 465W	International Law	
SO 220	Race and Ethnicity	
SO 252	Sociology of Gender	
SO 343	Sociology of Religion	
SP 398	Intercultural Communication	
TH 370	World Religions	
WGS 201	Intro Women's and Gender Studies	

Two additional courses chosen from any listed above, one of which must be a 400-level PO course. 6

Peacemaking in Practice

PO 490	Internship	3
PO 498	Vocations in Political Science	1

Note: Study abroad is strongly recommended.

Requirements for a Political Science Major, B.A. (40)

PO 102	American National Politics	3
PO 151	International Relations	3
PO 240	Comparative Politics	3
One 400W Political Science course		3
PO 490	Internship	3
PO 498	Vocations in Political Science	1

Eight additional Political Science courses (3 credits each), at least four of which must be upper division. Only three additional internship credits may count toward the major.	24
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Requirements for a Minor in Peace Studies (15)

PO 297	Nonviolent Defense and Conflict Resolution	3
Four approved peace-studies courses		12

Requirements for a Minor in Political Science (18)

PO 102	American National Politics	3
PO 151	International Relations	3
One course in American politics		3
One course in international politics		3
Two approved upper-division courses		6

Requirements for a Minor in Law and Justice (21)

PO 102	American National Politics	3
PO 223	Law and Society	3
PO 464W	American Constitutional Law	3
or PO 465W	International Law	
Select four of the following:		12
PO 224	Conflict Mediation	
PO 336	Gender, Politics and Law	
PO 465W	International Law	
or PO 464W	American Constitutional Law	
PO 490	Internship	
PH 201	Logic	
or PH 301	Symbolic Logic	
PH 221	Ethics	
SP 402	Freedom and Responsibility of Speech	
JMC 402	Mass Media Law	

For other approved courses, see Dr. Julia Stronks.

Courses

PO 102 American National Politics 3

Overview of founding principles, political culture decision-making processes and institutions of American government.

PO 140 African Life and Culture 3

Examination of representative African peoples, countries, lifestyles, and beliefs. Topics covered will include media coverage of Africa, traditional and modernizing influences on African lives today, Africans as global citizens, health, gender, religion and rites of passage. Jan Term.

PO 150 Magic is Might? The Politics of Harry Potter 3

This course offers an introduction to politics through the lens of the Harry Potter novels. It considers power, citizenship, activism, identity politics, and governance. Students are required to read the entire Harry Potter series before the class begins.

PO 151 International Relations 3

This course is a balance between understanding the key issues in international relations and the perspectives that help explain those issues. Foreign policy behavior of major states, traditional and recent security issues, cause of war and conflicts, impact of independence. Fall and spring semesters.

PO 205 U.S. Foreign Policy in Film 3

An analysis of the history, processes and institutions involved in making U.S. foreign policy. The global response to U.S. foreign policy is also prominently featured. Case studies drawn from film where IR and Foreign Policy are emphasized. Periodic offering, Jan Term.

PO 209 History of Vietnam War 3

The causes of America's involvement in the war in Vietnam, the military strategies employed, the political decision-making, and the effects of the war on American society will be examined. Particular attention will be paid to the lessons of war. Also listed as PO 309. Periodic offering.

PO 223 Law and Society 3

The role of law in society. Participants in the legal system (lawyers, judges, police, juries), study of the structure of the judicial system, trial procedures. Periodic offering.

PO 224 Conflict Mediation 3

This course is designed to prepare students to practice mediation in relationships, personal interaction, and as a mediator assisting in conflict resolution. Emphasis will be placed on transformative mediation. Course objectives will target three student groups: a.) All students will acquire the knowledge of what conflict resolution is, the history of mediation, various styles and strategies, and basic skills for mediation. b.) Students with career interest in mediation will acquire sufficient knowledge, skills, and experience to gain basic competency, enabling them to identify themselves as mediators, and to function as such when requested by parties to assist in conflict resolution. c.) Students seeking certification as transformative mediators will complete either eight co-mediation sessions or 12 hours of co-mediation experience. After completion of PO 224, required co-mediation experience involving both self- and outside-evaluation, and a review process, students will be certified by Whitworth University as Transformative Mediators. Jan Term.

PO 240 Comparative Politics 3

This course explores democratic and authoritarian state structures while also considering the impact of economics and social processes on democracy and development. Cases are drawn from Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas.

PO 250 Environment and Society 3

Studies the role of markets, governments, and civil society in shaping the way people behave toward the environment, focusing on the concept of sustainability in terms of society, economics and the environment. Because people interact in a variety of ways, the course moves from local to global and focuses on issues at each level. Also listed as DS/EC 250. Also listed as ENS 250.

PO 275 Poverty and Community Development 3

Examines the changing tasks of cities and states in managing our societal future and the effectiveness of structures and policies. Highlights the politics of welfare and affirmative action. Also listed as CE 275.

PO 297 Nonviolent Defense and Conflict Resolution 3

Major themes in the history and politics of nonviolence. Just War theory, nuclear pacifism, alternatives to military force, interpersonal conflict resolution. Ideas of Jesus, Tolstoy, Gandhi, Niebuhr, M.L. King, Jr., Gene Sharp. Also listed as LS 297.

PO 302 Legal Issues in Social & Behavioral Studies 3

This course presents a brief historic overview of the American judicial system, and a comprehensive study of our contemporary legal processes and systems, with emphasis on issues and tensions between the legal system, societal norms, and individual interest.

PO 309 History of Vietnam War 3

Also listed as PO 209.

PO 312 South Africa Program Preparation 1

Preparation course for all students who will be part of the South Africa study program. Emphasis on the politics, history, and culture of South Africa. Acceptance into PO 341 required.

PO 314 Tanzania Program Preparation 1

Preparation course for all students who will be part of the Semester in Tanzania program. Emphasis on the politics, history, economics, religion and culture of Tanzania.

- PO 315 Understanding Global Issues** 3
This course provides an opportunity to learn about and reflect upon current issues in today's world. Issues covered will include the concept of human rights, war and peace, economic development, ethnicity, diversity, and environmental degradation. Continuing studies only.
- PO 316 Ireland Preparation** 1
Preparation course for Peace and Conflict in Northern Ireland. Acceptance into PO 326 required.
- PO 320 American Political Process** 3
This course focuses on Western political theory and its intersection with public administration. Particular focus will be placed on issues related to social services. Required course for the social services major. Continuing studies only.
- PO 321 Faith and Politics** 3
Politics is a window through which one explores the ways that biblical virtues such as justice, compassion, mercy, equity, humility and integrity offer viable alternatives to the cultural norms evident in our society. We will consider the role that Christianity can play in American public policy, focusing on the evangelical, Reformed, Catholic and Anabaptist traditions. Students will develop expertise in a policy area of their choice.
- PO 326 Peace and Conflict in Ireland** 3
Explores of the historical, political, and religious roots of "the Troubles" in Northern Ireland as well as examines the prospects for peace in the region. Explores the ways in which this divided society copes with the attendant political, economic and social problems of religion, peace and conflict. Prerequisite: selection by instructor; sophomore standing. Periodic offering in Ireland.
- PO 331 The American Presidency** 3
Constitutional development of the office. Executive branch relations with Congress, the bureaucracy, the judiciary, the media and the public.
- PO 332 Modern Congress** 3
Evolution of Congress and its relationship to modern society, the bureaucracy and the executive. Special focus on the process of (and participants in) policy making.
- PO 334 American Political Thought** 3
Principal ideas influencing American political institutions and policies. Rights, theories, the influence of faith and the development of our law are considered.
- PO 336 Gender, Politics and Law** 3
Issues related to gender in American political history. Theoretical foundation of the women's movement; current political conflict related to gender in workplace, family and society. Also listed as WGS 336.
- PO 340 African Politics** 3
Pre-colonial, colonial, and post-independence political history of key African countries. Analysis of contemporary issues in African politics.
- PO 341 Contemporary South Africa** 3
Analysis of the history, politics and religion of this fascinating African country. Also listed as HI 341. Periodic Jan Term in South Africa.
- PO 346 Contemporary China and East Asia** 3
Interpretation of recent events in China, Japan, Taiwan, and Korea, through the cultural, historic, economic and institutional aspects of these societies.
- PO 347 Globalization in Southeast Asia** 3

This course serves as a thematic overview of the political, social, cultural, and economic processes shaping Southeast Asia today. We investigate how Southeast Asia countries address and respond to the themes of democratization, liberalization and the environment. Also listed as ENS 347.

PO 350 Contemporary East Africa 3

Analysis of the political economy and history of East Africa, with a focus on issues such as colonialism, NGOs, ethnicity, and development. Periodic spring term in Tanzania.

PO 353 International Political Economy 3

Progress of people in organizing beyond national borders; prospects for a world community based on world law. Advanced study in international relations. Also listed as ENS/LS 353.

PO 360 Leading Sustainable Organizations 3

This course will teach the need to find resources (fund raising, governmental support, sales) and effectively deliver services. Performance measurement and outcome tracking will be covered.

PO 366 Modern Russia and the Soviet Union 3

Also listed as HI 366. Periodic offering.

PO 371 Introduction to Public Administration 3

An introduction to the key elements of public administration, set in a context that considers current political, economic, administrative, social and public service practice. Topics may include organization theory, management of human and fiscal resources, governance, and public policy. Included will be an examination of values and issues contemporary to local, state, and national constituencies. Also listed as LS 371. Periodic offering.

PO 421W Faith and Politics 3

Politics is a window through which one explores the ways that biblical virtues such as justice, compassion, mercy, equity, humility and integrity offer viable alternatives to the cultural norms evident in our society. We will consider the role that Christianity can play in American public policy, focusing on the evangelical, Reformed, Catholic and Anabaptist traditions. Students will develop expertise in a policy area of their choice. Research and writing intensive.

PO 423W Marxism and the Socialist World 3

Focus on Marx's critique of capitalism. Later interpretations and application of Marx's theories in a variety of revolutions, from those of the Soviet Union, China, Yugoslavia and Cuba to current upheavals in the socialist world. Also listed as PH 423W. Periodic offering.

PO 425W International Development 3

This course focuses on the challenges faced by poor countries located in the global south. It will include discussion of the political, cultural, social and economic factors that influence human development. We will practice applying major social science theories to specific, practical development problems. Attention will also be paid to the impact of globalization on the developing world. Regions discussed will include Latin America, Africa, Asia and eastern Europe. Also listed as DS 425W. Also listed as LAS/LS 425W.

PO 436W Gender, Politics and Law 3

Issues related to gender in American political history. Theoretical foundation of the women's movement; current political conflict related to gender in workplace, family, and society.

PO 445W Revolution in History 3

Theory and history of revolution. The historical revolutions in the U.S., France, Russia, and China as well as revolutionary movements in Latin America, Africa and Asia will be compared. Also listed as LAS 445W. Periodic offering.

PO 446W Contemporary China and East Asia 3

Interpretation of recent events in China, Japan, Taiwan, and Korea, through the cultural, historic, economic and institutional aspects of these societies.

PO 463W American Foreign Policy 3

Major themes, debates, patterns and precedents of American foreign policy, emphasizing 20th-century diplomatic issues.

PO 464W American Constitutional Law **3**

Examination of key Supreme Court decisions involving separation of powers, national regulation of the economy, church and state, civil rights and civil liberties. Prerequisite: PO 102.

PO 465W International Law **3**

International law is a tough but interesting concept. Domestic law is positive law, which means that it is written down. Natural law is that which is written on our hearts. International law lives somewhere between the two. Part of it is written down; part of it is written on our hearts. You will make yourself crazy if you cannot allow yourself to live halfway between the concrete and the ephemeral for three months. We'll be looking at the law that binds nations. Sometimes nations are bound when they give their permission; sometimes they are bound in an absolute sense. But, there is no enforcement of this binding law. If there is no enforcement, why does it exist? Who obeys it? Who decides what it is? Is it real? These are the questions that connect all the units of the semester.

PO 490 Internship **1-12**

PO 498 Vocations in Political Science **1**

Skills for graduate study and/or positions in domestic and international affairs.

PO 498W Senior Seminar **3**

In-depth research paper. Skills for graduate study and/or management positions in domestic and international affairs. Fall and spring semesters.

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This document should contain certain fonts with restrictive licenses. For this draft, substitutions were made using less legally restrictive fonts. Specifically:

Times was used instead of Adobe Garamond Pro.

The editor may contact Leepfrog for a draft with the correct fonts in place.