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 subfields 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 multifaith 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, the University of Michigan, Cornell and the 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**

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**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 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 6
(at the intermediate level in Chinese or Japanese, or at the advanced (300+) level in German, French or Spanish)

Four courses in regional studies (two-course sequence recommended): 12
- HI 104 Political History of Beijing
- HI 105 Cultural Odyssey of China
- HI 304W Political History of Beijing
- HI 305W Cultural Odyssey of China
- HI 345 Cultural History of China and Japan
- HI 346 Modern China and East Asia
- HI 366/PO 366 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 325  Justice and Difference in Contemporary Political Theory
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 385, 485W  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
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 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 250/PO 250  Environment and Society
EC 325  Economic Development
EC 345  Economics of Social Issues
PO 224  Conflict Mediation
PO 275  Poverty and Community Development
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Two additional courses chosen from any listed above, one of which must be a 400-level PO course.  6

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Note: Study abroad is strongly recommended.

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

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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

**Requirements for a Minor in Peace Studies (15)**

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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 242 American Political Parties
3
The role and functioning of parties in American politics and government. Interest groups, political action committees, campaigning and voting behavior are also examined.

### 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.

### 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
Preparation course for Peace and Conflict in Northern Ireland. Acceptance into PO 326 required.

PO 320 American Political Process
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
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 325 Justice and Difference in Contemporary Political Theory
Focuses on how contemporary political theorists have looked at differences such as disabilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, and race in light of various theories of justice.

PO 326 Peace and Conflict in Ireland
Explores 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 330 Women in American Politics
Examines the role of women in American politics. Topics to be considered include women and elections, women in social movements, and women in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches.

PO 331 The American Presidency
Constitutional development of the office. Executive branch relations with Congress, the bureaucracy, the judiciary, the media and the public.

PO 332 Modern Congress
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
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
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
Pre-colonial, colonial, and post-independence political history of key African countries. Analysis of contemporary issues in African politics.

PO 341 Contemporary South Africa
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
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
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
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
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 353.

PO 360 Leading Sustainable Organizations
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
Also listed as HI 366. Periodic offering.

PO 371 Introduction to Public Administration
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. Periodic offering.

PO 385 International Law
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 421W Faith and Politics
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PO 423W Marxism and the Socialist World
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
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 425W. Restricted to Political Science, Peace Studies, and International Studies majors, or by Dept. approval. PO-240 recommended prerequisite.
PO 436W Gender, Politics and Law  
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  
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  
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  
Major themes, debates, patterns and precedents of American foreign policy, emphasizing 20th-century diplomatic issues.

PO 464W American Constitutional Law  
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 485W International Law  
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PO 490 Internship  
1-12

PO 498 Vocations in Political Science  
Skills for graduate study and/or positions in domestic and international affairs.

PO 498W Senior Seminar  
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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