POLITICAL SCIENCE (B.A.)

Department of Government
College of Arts & Sciences
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Political Science at EKU
Why do we pay taxes? Why do we give foreign aid to other countries? Does Congress really get anything done? Who governs? Who should govern and why? Should the United States try to be the world’s policeman? Will independent political parties like the Green Party or the Libertarian Party ever gain as much power as the Democrats and Republicans? Political Science investigates questions such as these.

Political Science is a liberal arts major that helps a student think more critically and clearly about what is going on in the world, to make reasoned value choices about contemporary political issues, and to understand the citizen’s vital role in civic life.

The B.A. degree program is designed for students seeking a liberal arts education with an emphasis in the study of international relations, political theory, American government, or public administration. The B.A. program is an excellent choice for students wishing to combine the study of political science with studies in other areas, such as communications, criminal justice, history, philosophy, public relations, English, or the natural sciences.

What can you do with Political Science?
A political science major prepares students for a variety of challenging careers. Our graduates are working in international, national, state and local government, in private companies, in non-profit organizations, in schools and colleges. They are political leaders, lawyers, teachers, business owners and managers, lobbyists, policy analysts, journalists, public relations specialists and public administrators.

Extra-curricular Opportunities
Students are encouraged to participate in activities outside the classroom that relate to and build upon classroom learning. Political Science majors can choose from a wide variety of University clubs, teams, and programs. Some that relate directly to the major include our award-winning Mock Trial Team, the Barrister’s Society, Young Democrats, and Young Republicans. When you major in Political Science at EKU, you join an energetic community of capable faculty and students who love what they do!

Eastern Kentucky University
As you consider where you’ll pursue your studies, Eastern Kentucky University encourages you to ask yourself, “What do I want to do with my life?” and “Who can help me reach that destination?”

Before we tell you about EKU, let’s focus on your needs. What are you looking for in a college or university?

- Renowned, accessible professors; low student/faculty ratio
- State-of-the-art facilities
- Extensive curriculum
- Wide network of campus organizations
- Affordable cost
- Inviting campus

Achieving your goals depends on the quality of the faculty and curriculum at the school you choose to attend. Every college and university touts facilities, but few can match the accolades of our faculty. At EKU you’ll reach beyond the borders of classroom discussion to hands-on experience and networking opportunities with experts in the field.

EKU graduates are world leaders in areas as diverse as international business and homeland security; local, state and national government; as well as drama and law. Campus facilities, such as the Studio for Academic Creativity, which is designed to enhance research, writing, and presentation skills, and our new state-of-the-art science building, ensure our students of exposure to technologies vital to real world success.

We hope you’ll see that from our view there are no limitations, just possibilities.

- A comprehensive, public university serving more than 16,000 students
- Undergraduate and graduate excellence through 168 associate, baccalaureate, master’s, specialist and cooperative doctoral programs
- Quality and diversity in faculty and staff
- Student/professor ratio of 17:1
- 66-acre main campus in Richmond, regional campuses in Corbin, Danville, Lancaster and Manchester, and higher education centers throughout the Commonwealth

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Major Requirements ............................................ 33 hours
POL 101, 212, 220, 280, 370 or 374, 551 or 552 or 553. An additional 12 hours of POL courses, all of which must be numbered 300 or above. No more than six hours of POL courses numbered 300 or above may be taken prior to completing POL 280.
Diversity Requirement: 3 hours from POL 345, 347, 373, 376, 445, 446, 464, or an appropriate POL course approved by the Chair. No more than 6 hours of POL 349 may be applied toward major requirements. (To identify courses in international relations, comparative government, American government, public administration and methodology see the note preceding POL course descriptions.)

General Education Requirements ......................... 48 hours
Standard General Education program. Refer to Section Four of the EKU catalog for details on the General Education and University requirements.

University Requirement .................................... 1 hour
ASO 100

Free Electives .................................................. 38 hours

Total Curriculum Requirements .......................... 120 hours

MINOR IN PARALEGAL STUDIES
A student may minor in Paralegal Studies by completing a total of 18 hours as follows: LAS 210, 220, 300, 350, 355 and 410.

MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
A student may minor in political science by completing POL 101 plus 15 hours of which nine hours must be in courses numbered 300 or above. No more than three hours of POL 349 may count toward the minor.

MINOR IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
A student may minor in public administration by completing a total of 18 hours as follows: POL 101, POL 370, POL 374, and nine hours from POL 332 or POL 333, POL 371, POL 373, POL 376, POL 377, and POL 565. Upper division courses applied to the public administration minor may not be applied to the political science minor.

CERTIFICATE IN PARALEGAL SCIENCE
(POST-BACCALAUREATE)
Requirements .................................................. 30-31 hours*
LAS 210, 220, 300, 350, 355, 410, plus 12 hours of LAS courses chosen from LAS 325, 330, 340, 360, 370, 380, 385, 399**.

* LAS 399 is a 4 semester hour course.
** Students with 75 hours or more may begin taking courses toward the post-baccalaureate certificate. At least 18 hours toward the certificate must be taken subsequent to receiving a bachelor's degree.

POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES
POL 101 Introduction to American Government
POL 212 Introduction to Comparative Politics
POL 220 Introduction to International Relations
POL 280 Research and Writing in Political Science
POL 300 Contemporary Political Problems
POL 301 Citizens’ Assembly for Critical Thinking in the U.S.
POL 302 Science and the Liberal Arts
POL 310 Latin American Governments
POL 312 Politics in China
POL 313 Politics of Japan
POL 315 European Politics
POL 316 Politics in Russia
POL 319 Canadian Politics
POL 320 National Security Strategy
POL 321 American Foreign Policy
POL 325 International Security Affairs
POL 327 International Law and Organization
POL 331 Urban Politics
POL 332 Kentucky Government and Politics
POL 333 American State and Local Government
POL 340 American Politics: Parties, Public Opinion, and Pressure Groups
POL 341 The Legislative Process: Congress and State Legislatures
POL 342 The American Chief Executive: President and Governor
POL 345 Minority Group Politics
POL 347 Politics and Religion in the U.S.
POL 349 Applied Learning in Political Science
POL 357 American Political Thought
POL 360 Judicial Process
POL 370 Introduction to Public Administration
POL 371 Administration of Social Services and Agencies
POL 373 Politics of Development in Appalachia
POL 374 Introduction to Public Policy
POL 376 Public Personnel Policy
POL 377 Public Budgeting
POL 405 Special Topics in Political Science
POL 410 Studies in Comparative Government and Politics
POL 415 Terrorism and Political Violence
POL 421 The U.S. and Latin America
POL 440 Voting Behavior
POL 445 Queer Theory and Politics
POL 446 The Politics of Sex
POL 451 Principles and Politics of Human Rights
POL 460 Law and Society
POL 463 Constitutional Politics
POL 464 Law and Politics of Civil Liberties
POL 517 Politics and Social Change
POL 521 Contemporary International Relations
POL 525 Problems in International Relations
POL 533 Seminar in State and Local Politics
POL 541 Politics and Education
POL 551 Classical Political Theory
POL 552 Modern Political Theory
POL 553 Contemporary Theory
POL 565 Administrative Law

OTHER COURSES
LAS 210 Introduction to Law
LAS 220 Legal Research and Writing I
LAS 300 Legal Research and Writing II
LAS 325 Real Estate/Bankruptcy Practice
LAS 330 Family Law Practice
LAS 340 Criminal Law Practice and Procedure
LAS 350 Litigation Practice and Procedure
LAS 360 Probate Practice and Procedure
LAS 370 Corporations and Business Organization Practice
LAS 380 Administrative Agency Practice
LAS 385 Legal Administration and Computer Applications
LAS 399 Paralegal Internship
LAS 410 Paralegal Seminar