

The Political Theory concentration offers students an understanding of the principles, concepts, norms, and assumptions that inform public policy. Students consider the meaning of justice and the nature and source of legitimate authority. The concentration offers a strong undergraduate preparation for entry into advanced degree programs, public service, private institutions, and political organizations.

Foundational Courses (16 Credits)

POLS 110	Introduction to American Politics	4 Credits
POLS 181	Introduction to Comparative Politics	4 Credits
POLS 120	Research Methodology	4 Credits
POLS 201	Data Analysis and Politics	4 Credits

Concentration Courses (12 Credits)

POLS 275	Ancient & Medieval Political Theory (<i>Fall Course</i>)	4 Credits
POLS 276	Modern Political Theory (<i>Spring Course</i>)	4 Credits
POLS or PHIL	Political Theory Course <i>(must select from list of suggested electives EXCEPT POLS 521, POLS 523/524/525, POLS 526/528/529, POLS 555)</i>	4 Credits

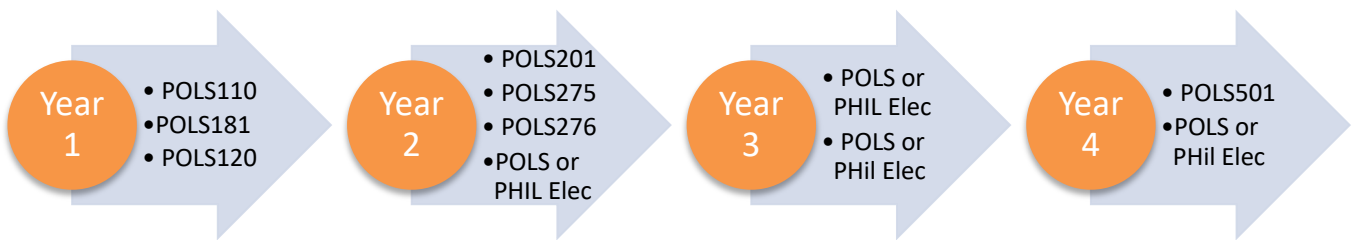
Elective Courses (12 Credits)

POLS or PHIL	Any POLS course, or any PHIL course from Suggested Electives	4 Credits
POLS or PHIL	Any POLS course, or any PHIL course from Suggested Electives	4 Credits
POLS or PHIL	Any POLS course, or any PHIL course from Suggested Electives	4 Credits

Capstone Course (1 Credit)

POLS 501	Senior Seminar	1 Credit
----------	----------------	----------

TOTAL: 41 Credits



Suggested Sequence

Suggested Elective Courses

POLS 208 Politics and Religion
POLS 277 International Political Theory
POLS 471 Topics in Democracy
POLS 473 American Political Thought
POLS 475 Radical & Revolutionary Political Thought

Philosophy Elective Courses that Count Toward POLS Political Theory Concentration

PHIL 228: Feminist Philosophy
PHIL 251: Philosophy of Race and Gender
PHIL 309: Philosophy of Freedom
PHIL 318: Philosophy of Law
PHIL 319 Topics in Applied Ethics
PHIL 362 Environmental Ethics
PHIL 363 Bio and Medical Ethics
PHIL 364: Business Ethics
PHIL 401 Ethics in Action 1: Persistence of the Classics
PHIL 402 Ethics in Action 2: The Crisis of the Modern
PHIL 414 Topics in Philosophy

Experiential Learning Courses

POLS 005 Summer Campaign Lab
POLS 010 Summer Campaign Lab
POLS 224 Public Policy Processes & Procedures
POLS 323 Political Survey Research
POLS 340 Moot Court
POLS 361 Voting Rights and Election Law
POLS 503 Washington Academic Seminar I
POLS 505 Washington Seminar Nat'l Security
POLS 506 Political Convention Program
POLS 521 Internship in Political Science
POLS 534 Experiential Learning in Political Science

Internship Courses

POLS 523 Washington Internship
POLS H523 Honors Washington Internship
POLS 524 Washington Internship Summer
POLS 525 Washington Internship Seminar