

POLITICAL SCIENCE LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO



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WHY STUDY POLITICAL SCIENCE AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO?

Our award-winning faculty teach courses on American politics, constitutional law, the comparative politics of Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, foreign policy and international relations, and political theory. We provide 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.

We are proud of our academic programs that prepare Political Science students to “lead extraordinary lives” in the best traditions of Jesuit education. The department offers an undergraduate major and minor in Political Science, a minor in Law and Politics, dual degree BA/MA and JD/MA programs, and the MA and PhD in Political Science. We are also the home department for the interdisciplinary MA in International Affairs.

A degree in Political Science prepares students for careers in politics, law, government agencies at the city, state and federal levels, international organizations, non-profit groups, policy think-tanks, media organizations, consulting firms, education, social services, private business, and other professions. Our graduates also attend renowned professional schools and institutions of higher learning, both in the U.S. and abroad.

Our faculty teach undergraduate and graduate courses and engage in scholarly research. They are internationally engaged in countries throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, and have received prestigious grants to fund their research, including recent major grants from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and the State Department.

We offer many opportunities outside the classroom. Our internship program places students in host offices in Chicago. Students can also spend a semester interning at our center in Washington, DC as well as take part in our Model United Nations, Model European Union, Mock Trial, and Moot Court programs. We have three endowed lecture series (Covey, Hartigan and Leibman) that bring prominent scholars and political figures to Loyola to share their ideas and to meet with students. We also offer opportunities for our students to conduct research with faculty.

In short, if you wish to study politics at one of the country's leading Jesuit universities in one of the greatest cities in the world, Loyola University Chicago is for you!

FACULTY

Full-Time Faculty

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Affiliated Faculty (Political Science faculty affiliated with other programs at Loyola University Chicago)

Jennifer Boyle, PhD, Loyola University Chicago
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(Honors Program)
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ACADEMIC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Major in Political Science

To graduate with a major in Political Science, students must complete 33 hours of course work (11 courses) in the department or through transfer or advanced placement credit. All majors are required to take any three of the following four courses: PLSC 100, 101, 102, and 103 plus one upper-division (200- or 300-level) course from each of the discipline's four subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations and Political Theory.

Please note that this requirement was introduced for students who declared their majors after June 30, 2021. All students who declared their major prior to July 1 2021, are subject to the previous requirements: they are required to take all three of the following courses: PLSC 100, 101, and 102 plus one upper-division (200- or 300-level) course from each of the discipline's four subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations and Political Theory.

Undergraduate Minor in Political Science

To graduate with a minor in Political Science, students must complete 18 hours of course work (6 courses) in the department or through transfer or advanced placement credit. All minors are required to complete any two of the four introductory courses: PLSC 100, PLSC 101, PLSC 102 and PLSC 103. They must also complete four additional courses of their choosing, either introductory or upper-level classes, regardless of the subfield.

Please note that this requirement was introduced for students who declare their minors after June 30, 2021. All students who declared their minor prior to July 1, 2021, are subject to the previous requirements: they are required to take all three of the following courses: PLSC 100, 101 and 102. The remaining three courses are elective and may be taken in any of the discipline's four subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics and Political Theory.



Dual BA/MA Program in Political Science

The BA/MA program allows undergraduate majors to earn a BA and MA in Political Science in a shorter period than if pursuing each degree separately: the program typically takes a total of 5 years to complete. Junior political science majors with both an overall and Political Science class GPA of at least 3.60 are eligible to apply. Students submit transcripts, three letters of recommendation and a statement of purpose, but do not take the GRE. Students may apply up to 9 hours of credit earned toward the BA to satisfy the 30 hours required for the MA degree. The 9 hours must include at least 6 hours of 400- or 500-level courses and up to 3 hours of 300-level courses. Undergraduate students are not permitted to take two graduate courses in one semester. For more information, contact Professor Molly Melin (mmelin@luc.edu).

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS

Introductory Courses

- 100 Political Theory (also satisfies the Tier 2 Philosophical Knowledge requirement of the Core Curriculum)
- 101 American Politics (also satisfies the Tier 2 Societal Knowledge requirement of the Core Curriculum)
- 102 International Relations in an Age of Globalization (also satisfies the Tier 1 Foundational Societal Knowledge requirement of the Core Curriculum)
- 103 Comparative Politics



Special Experiential Learning Courses

- 202 Mock Trial: Counts as an elective or upper division American Politics requirement for Political Science major. Satisfies Engaged Learning (Public Performance) requirement of the core curriculum and Law and Politics minor.
- 203 Moot Court: Counts as an elective or upper division American Politics requirement for the Political Science major. Satisfies Engaged Learning (Public Performance) requirement of the core curriculum and Law and Politics minor.
- 370-1 E Chicago Internship (3-6 credit hours)
- 370-2 E Washington DC Internship Practicum (6 credit hours) (only at our Washington DC Center)
- 398 Washington DC Internship Seminar (3 credit hours) (only at our Washington DC Center)

American Politics and Policy

- 218 African American Politics
- 236 Political Communication (only at our Washington DC center)
- 237 Public Policy and Information Technology (only at our Washington DC center)
- 238 Political Advocacy (only at our Washington, DC center)
- 251 Women in American Politics
- 300A Contemporary Political Issues in America
- 318 Politics and the Economy
- 320 Constitutional Law: Due Process
- 321 Constitutional Law: Powers of Government
- 322 Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties
- 326 American National Security
- 327 Political Psychology
- 329 Interest Group Politics
- 334 Urban Policies and Problems
- 376 Political Behavior and Public Opinion
- 379 The Legislative Process
- 380 Public Policy Analysis
- 381 The American Presidency
- 384 The Judicial Process
- 385 Introduction to Law
- 386 Campaigns and Elections
- 387 Politics and the Press
- 389 State Politics
- 390 Urban Politics
- 391 Chicago Politics
- 392 Environmental Politics

Comparative Politics

- 232 Politics of the United Kingdom
- 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
- 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
- 374 Democracy
- 375C Catholicism, Islam, and Democracy
- 394 Comparative Family Policy

International Relations

- 252 Capitalism and its Discontents
- 300D Contemporary Political Issues in International Relations
- 316 Politics of Genocide
- 317 Politics of International Health
- 325 American Foreign Policy
- 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
- 358D Scientific Study of War
- 364 United Nations and International Organizations
- 367 Model United Nations

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

Methods Courses

- 315 Political Numbers (also satisfies the Quantitative Knowledge requirement of the Core Curriculum for Political Science majors)

Courses Not Specified by Area

- 370 Political Science Internship: Fieldwork in Political Science (Chicago and Washington DC)
- 395 Political Science Honors Seminar (successful completion enables the student to graduate with Honors in Political Science; does not count toward the 33 hours required for a Political Science major)
- 396 Directed Readings
- 398 Washington, DC Internship Seminar (only at Washington, DC Center)

SPECIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Loyola Semester in Washington, DC Program

Do you want to spend an entire semester living, studying, and interning in Washington, DC with Loyola faculty at a Loyola DC Center? Consider taking part in our Washington, DC Program, which is a joint collaboration between the Department of Political Science and the School of Communication. This program, which is offered during the fall and spring semesters, enables the motivated student to (1) gain valuable professional experience and earn course credit while serving four days a week as a student intern in a host office in Washington, DC; (2) enroll as a full-time student for 15 credit hours in classes taught by Loyola faculty; and (3) experience life for a semester in the unique setting that is our nation's capital: Washington, DC. For additional information, visit our website at <http://www.luc.edu/politicalscience/dc/> or email Professor Susan Dimock, our Resident Director in Washington DC, at sdimock@luc.edu

Political Science Honors Seminar PLSC 395

Do you want to graduate with "honors" in Political Science? Apply for enrollment in the Political Science Honors Seminar which is offered each spring and open to students in their junior or senior years. Admission into the Honors Seminar requires a 3.5 GPA in Political Science (and overall) as well as the completion of seven Political Science classes (21 credit hours) by the time of the course. The Honors Seminar does not count toward the 33 credit hours required for a Political Science major. Students interested in applying should contact Nora Rybarczyk at nenglun@luc.edu



Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honors Society)

The Political Science department at Loyola University Chicago is home to the Zeta Mu Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national Political Science Honors Society that was originally founded in 1920. Our Zeta Mu Chapter is run by undergraduate student officers who are Political Science majors. Among a variety of activities, they help coordinate the spring Political Science Honors Ceremony, at which students are inducted in Pi Sigma Alpha. Students must achieve a level of academic excellence set by Pi Sigma Alpha National. For information, contact the Zeta Mu Chapter's faculty moderator, Professor Eric Hansen at ehansen@luc.edu

Spring Political Science Honors Ceremony

Every spring semester the department of Political Science holds an Honors Ceremony at which we recognize the academic accomplishments of our Political Science majors. Family and friends are invited to attend. Among the awards presented include (1) the Nick and Loretta Feller Endowed Scholarship, endowed by the Feller family, for the graduating senior in Political Science with the highest overall GPA; (2) the Woefl, Hartnett and Sarkesian Awards for graduating seniors who have excelled in the discipline of Political Science; (3) "Honors in Political Science" for graduating seniors who successfully complete the senior honors seminar (see above); and (4) inductees into the Zeta Mu Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science National Honors Society. For more information about the Spring Political Science Honors Ceremony, contact Professor Alexandru V. Grigorescu at agrigor@luc.edu

Endowed Lecture Series

Undergraduate Political Science majors and minors are invited to participate in our three annual endowed lectures, which are presented by noteworthy scholars within the field. These lectures are as follows: (1) Fall Hartigan Lecture, funded by the Hartigan family; (2) January Leibman Lecture, funded by the Morris I. Leibman Endowment Fund; and (3) Spring Covey Lecture, funded by the Covey Endowment Fund. For further information about these lectures, contact Professor Alexandru V. Grigorescu agrigor@luc.edu



Chicago Internship PLSC 370

This program allows students to earn course credit while gaining valuable professional experience as an intern in the Chicago area. Internship possibilities include positions with U.S. Congresspersons and Senators, Illinois Legislators, political campaigns, international organizations, policy think-tanks, and city, state, and federal government agencies. Interns earn 3 or 6 credit hours by working in an internship position that is jointly agreed upon by the student and the internship coordinator. The intern also takes part in a special seminar that meets periodically during the semester and keeps a journal and writes a research paper related to the internship experience. Students need the permission of the internship coordinator to register and must submit an application form. Contact Professor Eric Hansen at ehansen@luc.edu



Mock Trial (PLSC 202)

Led by Political Scientist and Head Coach Michael Walsh, JD, Loyola Mock Trial involves traveling across the country and competing against other top colleges and universities. The Mock Trial team holds tryouts for new members during the second week of classes in the fall semester in order to prepare for the fall invitational tournament season that begins in mid-October. This activity is partially funded through the Morris I. Leibman Endowment Fund. For further information about Mock Trial, visit <http://www.loyolamocktrial.com/>, or contact Coach Walsh directly at mwalsh2@luc.edu

Moot Court (PLSC 203)

Led by Political Scientist and Head Coach Michael Walsh, JD, Loyola Moot Court involves traveling across the country and competing against other top colleges and universities in regional and national competitions. The Moot Court team advertises for new members in the spring semester, to prepare for the writing competition and tournament season that take place in the fall semester. This activity is partially funded through the Morris I. Leibman Endowment Fund. For further information about Moot Court, visit <http://www.loyolamocktrial.com/>, or contact Coach Walsh directly at mwalsh2@luc.edu

Model European Union

This initiative is coordinated by Political Science Professor Olga Avdeyeva, who also serves as the director of the interdisciplinary European Studies Program. Offered every spring semester, students selected to participate in the Model European Union travel together to participate in a regional competition held in the Midwest. Due to the limited number of positions that are allotted to each university taking part in the competition, participation involves a selection process based on GPA, seniority, and prior coursework and activities in European Studies and international organizations, such as Loyola's Model European Union Club. The application process begins in late September. This activity is partially funded through the Morris I. Leibman Endowment Fund. For further information about Model European Union, contact Professor Avdeyeva at oavdeyeva@luc.edu

Model United Nations (PLSC 367)

Offered every spring semester, the Model United Nations (UN) course prepares students for their involvement as distinguished diplomats at the National Model UN conference in New York, the largest Model UN conference in the world that brings together 3,000-4,000 students from more than 25 countries. Due to the limited number of positions that are allotted to each university taking part in the New York conference, participation in the course involves a selection process based on GPA, seniority, and prior coursework and activities in international politics and international organizations, such as Loyola's Model UN Club. The application process begins in late September and ends in late October. This activity is partially funded through the Morris I. Leibman Endowment Fund. For further information about Model United Nations, contact Professor Endless at bendles@luc.edu

Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs

Political Science faculty periodically lead short-term overseas study programs lasting 2-3 weeks, either during the January term (J-term) or early summer session. Past programs include Colombia led by Professor Molly Melin, Cuba led by Professor Peter Sanchez, Northern Ireland, led by Professor Molly Melin, and Tunisia led by Professor Peter J. Schraeder. For further information, contact Nora Rybarczyk at nenglun@luc.edu.

Thank you for considering studying Political Science at Loyola University Chicago!

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