

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
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2011-12**

MAJORS

Political Science

**Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs
(for students entering before Fall 2009)**

**Diplomacy and Global Politics
(for students entering Fall 2009 and after)**

Public Administration

MINOR

Political Science

**Thematic Sequences
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WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Political Science is a social science oriented around the study of politics and government. The Political Science Department at Miami University is large and active, with over two dozen full-time faculty working in all aspects of the discipline. We offer three undergraduate majors, Political Science, Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs/Diplomacy and Global Politics, and Public Administration, as well as a Master's degree and Ph.D. in Political Science. We regularly offer a range of courses that cover central issues and questions in the study of politics and government, including courses on the American political system (e.g., constitutional rights and liberties, the American presidency, Congress, parties and interests groups, and political behavior); World Politics (e.g., international relations, international law and organizations, American foreign policy); Comparative Politics (the politics and government in the major regions of the world, e.g., Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, Africa, and Asia); Political Philosophy; and Public Administration.

We prepare our students for their futures, whether in advanced studies or careers, and most importantly as citizens. Our alumni go on to study at top graduate and professional schools as well as the study of law. Other alumni of the department find careers in business, the Foreign Service, the armed forces, federal, state, and local government, law enforcement, lobbying, and non-profit organizations. Some of our alumni serve in Congress, at the White House, and in U.S. embassies abroad, while others are attorneys and business professionals. Some of our alumni have successful careers in academic political science, including the president of a university, deans, and department chairs.

Our students study with an expert and engaging faculty, who themselves are involved in a wide range of research projects. Several members of our faculty have received awards for outstanding teaching and in recognition of their scholarly research. Many of our faculty also have experienced working in government and politics, and bring that experience to the classroom. We also encourage our students to take advantage of opportunities to undertake internships and other experiences in applied settings, and to study abroad—which is increasingly important in our new global environment. There are several opportunities for students to engage in research projects of their own, often funded by college or university programs. We are committed to offering our students an interesting curriculum and challenging courses.

The Department of Political Science is committed to support the learning of all students, irrespective of gender, race, ethnicity, age, religion, handicapping condition, or sexual preferences. Students should be able to expect that their learning environments are free from any form of prejudice. Disparaging comments aimed stereotypically at any group and any questioning of the seriousness of purpose or academic commitment of students based upon group characteristics may undermine our educational mission. If such behaviors occur in any class, University policy directs students to first try talking with the instructor and identifying the specific examples of behavior by the instructor or by other students which the students find offensive or disparaging. If the student is not satisfied with the resolution of the complaint, the student is encouraged to consult with the Department Chair and to seek the Chair's assistance in improving the classroom environment.

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GETTING ACADEMIC ADVICE

General Academic Advising

Welcome to the Department of Political Science. The first step to successful academic advising is yours: take the initiative and ask questions. Academic advice at Miami University can come from a variety of places. First, there are a range of materials that can help you understand the requirements of the Miami Plan, your major, study abroad opportunities, and the like. [The Miami Bulletin](#) and [The Guidebook for New Students](#) are two great resources that students should consult and keep handy. First Year Advisers are available in the living learning communities to provide assistance in course selection in one's first year. Your Degree Audit Report (DARS) has a lot of information in it that can help with academic advising (please bring a copy of your DARS with you, or a 'what-if DARS' that the college advising office can run for you, when you seek academic advice). There is a new university office dedicated to helping with academic advising, the Undergraduate Advising Information Office, located in 102 CAB. There are divisional advisers, such as the advisers of the College of Arts and Science (Room 146 Upham), who can help with a range of general questions about the Miami Plan, your academic program, and planning for the future. The Interim Chair of the Department, Professor Steven M. DeLue (deluesm@muohio.edu, 529-0391), always stands ready to assist you with questions as well as Professor Bryan Marshall (marshabw@muohio.edu, 529-0161), Director of Undergraduate Studies. Each department of the university has a "Chief Departmental Adviser" who can help answer general questions about majors and minors. The Chief Departmental Adviser for political science is Dr. Dilchoda Berdieva (berdiedn@muohio.edu, 529-0163); Professor Adeed Dawisha (dawisha@muohio.edu, 529-2332) is the CDA for Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs/ Diplomacy and Global Politics; for Public Administration, the CDA is Professor Philip Russo (russopa@muohio.edu, 529-2008). Finally, the "DOPS Majors" site on Niihka, on which all majors are automatically enrolled, serves as our primary portal for posting information, announcements, and for sending messages to the students in our three undergraduate majors.

Basics of Course Planning for Your Major

You probably learned a lot about the requirements of the Miami Plan for Liberal Education when you attended summer orientation. Divisional advisers can perhaps be best at helping you plan your strategy for completion of the Miami Plan. Your faculty adviser in the department can best help you plan what courses will most challenge you and help you meet your academic needs and goals. While every student is different, of course, and student schedules will vary widely, we recommend that you consider the following as you begin your major program. All requirements for the majors, minors, and thematic sequences, as well as lots of other information, are discussed later in this handbook. (The department completed a major overhaul of the political science major in 2006, and new rules apply to students entering the university starting in Fall 2006 and after; for information about older rules, please consult a HANDBOOK from that period.)

Political Science Majors

If you entered Miami in Fall 2006 or after, and are majoring in political science, you should take POL 241 first, if possible. Then you should move on to take at least two other courses at the 200-level; these courses introduce different subfields of political science and are prerequisites for courses you will then take at the 300- and 400-level later (e.g., POL 241 is the prerequisite for upper-level courses in American politics). We strongly encourage you to take these introductory courses in your first and second year. Please note that the POL major gives students great freedom in course selection after the introductory level; we urge you to talk about what most interests you and what courses will best meet your needs with your faculty adviser.

Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs (DFA) (for students entering before Fall 2009)

Majors in DFA should begin by taking POL 271 (World Politics) and POL 221 (Modern World Governments). These courses are prerequisites for the courses you will later take. You may then take POL 373 (American Foreign Policy), which is also required of DFA majors, and begin taking some of your related hours as well as other political science courses required of DFA majors. Again, your faculty adviser stands ready to help plan your individual strategy.

Diplomacy and Global Politics (DGP) (for students entering Fall 2009 and after)

Majors in DGP should begin by taking POL 271 (World Politics), POL 221 (Modern World Governments), and POL 241 (American Political System). These courses are prerequisites for the courses you will later take. You may then begin taking some of your related hours as well as other political science courses required of DGP majors. Again, your faculty adviser stands ready to help plan your individual strategy.

Public Administration (PA)

Public Administration majors should begin by taking POL 241 and then POL 261, the introduction to public administration and a prerequisite for upper-level courses in this area. We also encourage PA majors to take ECO 201 (microeconomics) and 202 (macroeconomics) as early as possible in your major program. Students can then move on to courses at the 300-level and above.

Advising for the Major

Once you have declared one of the three majors offered by the department, you will be assigned a faculty adviser who stands ready to assist you as you plan your major program and select courses. This adviser can also be helpful with questions you may have about the rest of your academic program of study at Miami. The burden will rest on you to initiate a meeting with this adviser, but we strongly encourage you to contact your adviser and set up a meeting to introduce yourself and to talk about the kinds of courses that will make the most sense for you. If you would like to have a different adviser than the one assigned to you, whether because of your changing academic or career goals or for any other reason, you should consult the Department's CDA. We will try to accommodate your request, while we also try to distribute advising responsibilities evenly across the department. You should also feel free to talk about your plans with other faculty members with whom you have worked with in your courses, if you like. Nearly every faculty member in the department is also an academic adviser, and we stand ready to assist you to meet your goals. As an initial adviser assignment, please see the list on the following page.

All faculty members have regular, posted office hours. If it is difficult or impossible for you to meet with your adviser during these hours, you can also schedule an appointment at a time of mutual convenience.

What assistance can you expect from your adviser?

First, as suggested above, an adviser should be accessible during office hours and specific appointment times. Second, you should expect assistance with questions you have about courses and requirements in your major. Third, your adviser may be able to provide some assistance in understanding the requirements of the University (Miami Plan Requirements), the College of Arts and Science (CAS), in addition to those of the Department of Political Science (POL). An adviser may be able to make suggestions for selecting University, College, and Department requirement courses which will result in a more integrated program for you than if you just pick courses from the lists. You should also consult with an adviser in the College of Arts and Science on these issues (146 Upham). Fourth, your adviser should be able to help you develop your career goals and identify ways of achieving those goals, in conjunction with help from advisers in Arts and Science and the Career Services Office (200 Hoyt Hall). Each year the College advising office offers a program jointly with Career Services; watch for the posters for this great program, which is aimed especially at second and third year students. (For further comments see this HANDBOOK under the section "Planning for Careers.") Finally, and most importantly, your adviser stands ready to help you seek out further sources of information concerning questions which neither of you can answer at the moment.

In all of this, it should be emphasized once again, the responsibility for taking initiative is yours; your adviser will not seek you out but will stand ready with assistance as requested. The Department has three majors and each major has its own chief adviser. If you wish to appeal your major requirements, please consult your major's chief adviser.

The Department of Political Science strongly recommends that you consult with your adviser at least once a year. It is especially important to review your plans about midway in your sophomore year and again very early in your senior year. Experience has shown us that these are the times when students are most likely to be making decisions critical to their graduation, and a timely review of these decisions can be quite helpful in avoiding mistakes.

Department of Political Science
Major Adviser Assignments for 2011-12 Academic Year

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ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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The Chair is the chief departmental administrator who is responsible for overseeing the entire operation of the Department including the scheduling of all courses, approval of proposals for independent study, arbitrating student or faculty grievances, and representing the Department to the rest of the University.

Director of Undergraduate Studies: Dr. Bryan Marshall, 214 Harrison Hall, 529-0161

The Director of Undergraduate Studies acts as Chair of the Department's Undergraduate Studies Committee and acts in place of the Department Chair on issues and problems related to the undergraduate curriculum. He can sign forms related to undergraduate matters. He also assists students with questions, problems, and general advising.

Chief Departmental Adviser: Dr. Dilchoda Berdieva, 218 Harrison Hall, 529-2000

The CDA can answer questions when regular advisers are unavailable, as well as help with problems related to advising, course requirements, petitions concerning academic requirements, etc. The CDA also coordinates the department's advising system. The CDA can also act in the place of the Chair to sign independent study permits and various other forms.

The Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs: 2 Harrison, 529-6959

Director: Professor Philip Russo

Housed in the Public Administration program, the Miami University Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs (CPMRA) engages in applied public policy and management research, technical assistance services, training and education, and database development in the areas of public management and capacity building, local government economic development, planning, and public program evaluation and policy research. The Center provides assistance to local governments (counties, municipalities, and townships) across the state. The Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs facilitates the University's teaching and research mission by serving as a practical laboratory for faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students pursuing studies and careers in public affairs. The CPMRA is funded through various external grants and contracts from federal, state, local agencies, and foundation sources.

The Laboratory for Political Research: 202 Harrison

The laboratory is the computing center for political science graduate students. It is also used for undergraduate instruction in data retrieval and analysis, as well as for political simulations and other forms of research.

The Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, 116 Harrison, 529-3303

Director: Professor Karen L. Dawisha

The Havighurst Center is devoted to joint research at Miami by scholars both from Russia and the other post-Soviet states and from American universities; to service and learning activities for the Miami student community to enrich their own understanding of this region; and programs designed to foster interdisciplinary research on the most important questions relating to the future of this area.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

An important way to become engaged in the major is to get involved in one of the student organizations inside the department, such as Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honorary society, MAPA, the Miami Association for Public Administration, or the pre-law society, Amicus Curiae. Further information about any of the following groups may be obtained from their faculty advisers who are listed in 218 Harrison Hall, from departmental bulletin boards and from announcements in classes.

PI SIGMA ALPHA is the national political science honorary society for students who have at least 10 hours in political science, of which at least 3 hrs. must be at the 300 level or above. In addition, they must have at least a 3.0 GPA in political science. The chapter acts as a service agency, carrying out various departmental functions from time to time. Students who meet the requirements are encouraged to join and become better acquainted with other majors and with their professors. (There is an initiation fee.)

AMICUS CURIAE is among the student organizations affiliated with the Pre-Law Programs in the College of Arts and Science. Membership in this group is open to any interested student who shares the aim of preparing and informing pre-law majors about a career in law. Amicus Curiae meets regularly and sponsors such activities as Mock Law Classes, LSAT preparation sessions, and Law Career Day (when representatives of leading law schools come to provide information about their schools to prospective applicants).

The MIAMI ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MAPA) is a student organization committed to the advancement of public administration study at Miami University and to providing a forum for the discussion of issues relevant to the administration of the public sector. The Association affords the student an opportunity to interact with others interested in public management, obtain counseling and advice regarding the course of study as a public administration major, and be exposed to a wide range of professional activities. In the past, MAPA has co-sponsored a number of events and activities including scheduling and course advising sessions, internship seminars, speakers, both professional and academic, trips to the local chapter of ASPA in Cincinnati or to the national conference, and social outings.

The NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS provides a forum where students may learn about the objectives and functions of the United Nations. Through concentrated interactions within the structure of a simulated United Nations, delegates can acquire unique perspective on international relations. Throughout, the NMUN adheres to its purpose of participatory education in a manner which is both intellectually stimulating and enjoyable.

The MODEL ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES and MODEL ARAB LEAGUE are both similar to the Model UN but with a focus on countries in the northern and southern Americas and the Middle East, respectively. Delegates represent individual countries and address current issues pertaining to relations among member states. (Offered infrequently.)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Several scholarships and awards are presented annually to students who have distinguished themselves in various ways as political science majors.

The GARY BEST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP was established by the Department of Government (Political Science) in 1966 to confer high honor upon a student of distinguished scholarship and professional promise. This award pays tribute to the memory of a good friend and colleague, who served as Assistant Professor of Government (Political Science) at Miami from 1961 until his death in 1964. This award honors outstanding scholarship, excellence in teaching, and personal merit reflected in his undergraduate education at Bradley, in his doctoral studies at Northwestern, and in his career as a scholar at Oregon, Stanford, and Miami.

The IRMA KARMOL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, established by her children, was first awarded in 1983. The award is given to an outstanding student upon recommendation of the Department of Political Science. Mrs. Karmol, at the time of her death in 1979, was serving her third term in the house of the Ohio General Assembly. A former Miami marketing major, social worker, and teacher, she was the ranking Republican on the human resources section of the House Finance-Appropriations Committee and the House Energy and Environment committee.

The HOWARD WHITE AWARD was established in honor of the chairman of the Department of Government (Political Science) at Miami University from 1927 to 1958. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the American Political Science Association from 1938-1941 and president of the Midwest Conference of Political Scientists from 1942-1946. In 1959 he participated as a delegate to the Atlantic Congress in London commemorating the 10th anniversary of NATO, and was involved in the Fifth NATO Parliamentarian's Conference in Washington the same year.

The ATLEE POMERENE PRIZE is given in honor of Atlee Pomerene, Lt. Governor of Ohio and U.S. Senator. He was largely responsible for framing the historic Webb Pomerene Act (exempting exporters from the Sherman and Clayton Acts) and played a major role in punishing the offenders and rectifying the mischief in the Teapot Dome scandals. Later he became Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (1933) and chaired the Ohio Convention which ratified the repeal of the 18th Amendment.

The ENGEL PRIZE in Political Science was established in 1997 through the generosity of Alan and Sondra Engel. Alan Engel was a member of the Department of Political Science from 1960-1997, when he retired at the rank of Professor. He also served as Assistant Chair of the Department 1975-83. He was very active in university faculty governance and served for many years as one of Miami's premier pre-law advisers. From 1978-95, he variously served as member or chair of the Oxford Civil Service Commission. Each year, the Department selects one Junior and one Senior to receive this award. Each recipient is chosen for showing "outstanding promise in the field of law."

The MAHER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARDS are given every year to a student majoring in political science and/or zoology. In some cases, only one award will be given alternating between political science and zoology. The program was established with a gift from alumna Kathleen Maher Zouhary in 1980. Students who wish to apply for Undergraduate Research Grants do so through the Office for the Advancement of Research and Scholarship.

The SARA C. GLOSIK SCHOLARSHIP is endowed by family, friends, and sorority sisters in memory of Sara Glosik who died an untimely death at the age of twenty in a car accident Easter weekend of 2002. Sara was a junior at Miami from Brecksville, Ohio, majoring in Political Science and Finance. She was involved in a number of campus activities, including the lecture board and the multicultural council. She was also an active member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority.

CURRICULUM

The Political Science Department organizes its course offerings into five fields. Each of these fields has its own number suffix in the course numbering system. You can thus identify the fields by name and number.

Number suffix and field:

- 01-19 Political Theory and Methodology
- 20-39 Comparative Political Systems
- 40-59 American Political Systems
- 60-69 Public Administration and Policy Analysis
- 70-89 International Relations (except for 477, independent readings).

The field number is preceded by a single digit number which indicates the level of the course being identified. Thus, Political Science 261 (Introduction to Public Administration) describes a course which is more advanced than one at the 100-level, and it places the subject matter within the area of Public Administration and Policy Analysis. The third digit in a course number is just to distinguish one course from another; for example, POL 352 can be taken before 351, or you can take 352 and never take 351. The third digit does not indicate a relationship between courses.

While students are not restricted to courses in any field and may enroll in courses in all areas, there are pre-requisites for certain upper-level (300 and above) courses. It is also not necessary to take courses in numerical order where different fields are involved or even with respect to the very different subjects within the same field. For example, 201 Modern Political Ideologies need not precede 271 World Politics. The following are pre-requisites for upper-level courses:

- POL 241 (American Politics) for all upper division courses in American Politics
- POL 201 (Modern Political Ideologies) for POL 302 and POL 303
- POL 221 (Modern World Governments) for upper division courses in Comparative Politics
- POL 306 (Applied Research Methods) for POL 406
- POL 271 (World Politics) for all upper division courses in the International Relations
- POL 331 (Development of the Russian Polity) for POL 332

If in doubt about the sequence of courses, consult your adviser or the instructor of the course.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

There are three sets of requirements which you must fulfill in order to graduate from Miami University. The first set is the Liberal Education Requirement (subjects which all students at Miami must complete). The second set is the academic division (one of the six colleges or schools in the University—in your case, the College of Arts and Science). Finally, each major establishes a set of requirements you must meet in order to graduate (in this Department three majors are offered: Political Science, Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs/Diplomacy and Global Politics, Public Administration). Current Department requirements for our majors and minor are detailed below. The requirements of the University and of the College of Arts and Science are detailed in the University BULLETIN, as are descriptions of all courses. Because requirements change over time, you should consult your DARs to be certain about the requirements that apply to you.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJORS AND MINORS

The Department of Political Science does NOT allow Political Science majors to pursue another major in the Department. A double major between Public Administration and Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs/Diplomacy and Global Politics is allowed, but will not meet the Miami Plan's thematic sequence requirement as a double major that is in the same department. We **strongly** discourage a Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs/Diplomacy and Global Politics - International Studies double major, due to all the "double counting" that is involved.

Declaring A Major In Political Science

The Department of Political Science welcomes your interest in the Major in Political Science (POL). Because of our very large number of majors & minors, there are a few rules of thumb that we have developed to help us make sure we can meet the needs of our current majors & minors, while welcoming you on board:

You must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher to declare a major in Political Science.

It is very likely that you will spend at least 5 semesters pursuing the POL major (while simultaneously completing other graduation requirements). Therefore, students who have already taken more than 70 total credit hours will need to have completed a certain amount of POL credit before admission to the major, or be prepared to perhaps not graduate “on time” (not counting POL 101/102/142/159, which do not count toward the POL major).

It is very unlikely that you will be able to register for more than 2 POL classes per semester, due to the high student demand we have from our majors and minors, as well as from students from several other majors who we try to serve. This, too, is why students who are very advanced at Miami may not be able to begin the POL major without extending their time at Miami.

Prerequisites matter. You must have the appropriate prerequisite (or instructor permission) to register for most 300-400 level courses.

During the pre-registration period each semester (your registration “window”), POL courses are open only to majors & minors in the department; this restriction is removed during open registration (although prerequisites still apply).

Students already registered in Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs/Diplomacy and Global Politics or Public Administration should be able to be accepted to the POL major so long as they are in good standing.

Guidelines for Declaring a POL Major:

<u>Total number of Student credit hours</u>	<u>Amount of POL credit that should be completed to declare major</u>
70 hours or fewer	Should be able to start the major
71-90 hours	Should already have 8-15 POL hours
91-110 hours	Should already have 21-27 POL hours
More than 110 hours	Should consult the Department Chair

How to Declare the POL Major:

- 1) Obtain an up-to-date copy of a “What-if” Degree Audit Report. This document is available from the DARS office (CAB building) or the College of Arts & Science advising office (146 Upham). Meeting with an adviser in the College of Arts & Science is the best starting place, so you can discuss majors that might be of interest to you, review your progress in the Miami Plan, and review your “what if” DARS.
- 2) Take the DARS to a POL CDA during the adviser’s office hours or during an appointment that you arranged. All students should expect to have an advising conversation about adding the major and how it fits with your interests and requirements. The adviser will admit students to the major according to the guidelines listed above.
- 3) If accepted, the adviser will sign a yellow “Change of Major, Minor, Thematic Sequence” form. We will keep one copy; you will take the rest of it to the College advising office (146 Upham); they’ll take it from there.
- 4) If you have questions or concerns, you are always welcome to discuss these issues with the Department Chair.

Declaring A Minor In Political Science

The Department of Political Science welcomes your interest in the Minor in Political Science (POL). Because of our very large number of majors & minors, there are a few rules of thumb that we have developed to help us make sure we can meet the needs of our current majors & minors, while welcoming you on board:

You must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher to declare a minor in Political Science.

It is very likely that you will spend at least 3 semesters pursuing the POL minor (while simultaneously completing other graduation requirements). Therefore, students who have already taken more than 70 total credit hours will need to have completed a certain amount of POL credit before admission to the minor or be prepared to perhaps not graduate “on time” (not counting POL 101/102/142/159, which do not count toward the minor).

It is very unlikely that you will be able to register for more than 2 POL classes per semester, due to the high student demand we have from our majors and minors, as well as from students from several other majors who we try to serve. This, too, is why students who are very advanced at Miami may not be able to begin the POL minor without extending their time at Miami.

Prerequisites matter. You must have the appropriate prerequisite (or instructor permission) to register for most 300-400 level courses.

During the pre-registration period each semester (your registration “window”), POL courses are open only to majors & minors in the department; this restriction is removed during open registration (although prerequisites still apply).

A POL, DFA/DGP, or PA major, who wants to change to a POL minor, in most cases will be able to do so.

Students pursuing a major in the department may not also pursue a minor in the department.

Guidelines for Declaring a POL Minor:

<u>Total number of student credit hours</u>	<u>Amount of POL credit that should be completed to declare minor</u>
70 hours or fewer	Should be able to begin the minor
71-80 hours	Should have already taken 4 POL hours
81-90 hours	Should have already taken 8 POL hours
91-100 hours	Should have already taken 12 POL hours
101-115 hours	Should have already taken 15 POL hours
More than 115 hours	Should consult the Department Chair

How to Declare the POL Minor:

- 1) Obtain an up-to-date copy of your Degree Audit Report.
- 2) Take the DARs to a POL minor adviser during the adviser’s office hours or during an appointment that you arranged. All students should expect to have an advising conversation about adding the minor and how it fits with your interests and requirements. The adviser will admit students to the minor according to the guidelines listed above.
- 3) If accepted, the adviser will sign a yellow “Change of Major, Minor, Thematic Sequence” form. We will keep one copy; you will take the rest of it to the College advising office (146 Upham); they’ll take it from there.
- 4) If you have questions or concerns, you are always welcome to discuss these issues with the Department Chair.

THE MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
(For students entering Miami in Fall 2006 and after)

The major in political science requires a course in American politics in order to insure that all graduates have a working knowledge of the U.S. political system, and two courses that introduce various subfields within the discipline. Beyond those minimal requirements, the major in political science allows the student flexibility to structure a program of study in political science and related courses which will enhance the intellectual experience of the student and which will allow preparation for better understanding the world we live in, for law school, other professional and graduate education opportunities, or a variety of careers.

A. Political Science courses (34 semester hours minimum)

- POL 241 (4) [**Take this course first**]
 - [**Then, take:**] At least 2 from among the following:
 - POL 201 Political Thinking (4)*
 - POL 221 Modern World Governments (4)*
 - POL 261 Public Administration (4)*
 - POL 271 World Politics (4)*
- *Prerequisites for certain 300- and 400-level courses
- In consultation with a faculty adviser, choose at least 19 additional hours from other POL courses at the **300** level and above, with at least one course selected from two of the five major fields. (Hours may include POL MP Capstone. You are not required to take a POL capstone, but you may take one.)
 - Additional hours from POL courses at the 200+ level to complete the 34 hour requirement (100-level POL courses do NOT apply to major).
 - Other requirements: 2.0 GPA in POL; all courses must be taken for a grade; at least half must be taken at Miami.

B. Related courses (18 hours minimum)

- Courses from cognate disciplines; at least 12 hrs must be at the 200+ level.
- Other requirements: 2.0 GPA in all related courses; all work must be taken for a grade; at least half of the coursework must be at Miami.

** Requirements can vary based upon the bulletin year of entry to Miami. Students should consult their DARs, with their faculty adviser, to confirm their requirements.*

THE MAJOR IN DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS
(For students entering before Fall 2009)

This program of concentration is designed primarily for students interested in understanding more about comparative and international politics. It is a major appropriate for those interested in international careers. It is also the kind of broad, liberal arts program which many pre-law students will want to consider. Additionally, it provides a solid background for graduate study in international relations. All DFA majors are urged to take advantage of opportunities for foreign study.

Political Science courses required for the major (minimum of 30 semester hours required):

All of these: **[Take 221 & 271 first]**

POL 221 Modern World Governments (4)

POL 271 World Politics (4)

POL 373 American Foreign Policy (3)

A. Foreign Policy Component / at least two of these:

POL 374 Comparative Foreign Policies (3)

POL 375 International Relations of East Asia (3)

POL 376 U.S. National Security Policy (3)

POL 378 Latin America: The Region and the World (3)

POL 387 Comparative Security Issues (3)

POL 488 Russia and the Republics in International Relations (3)

B. Global Politics Component / at least two of these:

POL 270.L Current World Problems (must be a minimum of 3 hours)

POL 326 Comparative Ethnic Politics (3)

POL 346 Global Gender Politics (3)

POL 381 Global Governance (3)

POL 382 International Law (3)

POL 386 Global Competition (3)

*POL 422 Democratization (3)

*POL 438 Africa in the Global Economy (3)

C. Regional Politics Component / at least two of these:

POL 133 Imagining Russia (2)

POL 321.L Comparative European Politics (4)

POL 331 Development of the Soviet Polity (3)

POL 332 Post-Soviet Russian Politics (3)

POL 333 Politics of Western Europe (4)

POL 335 Politics of East Asia (4)

POL 336 Politics of the Middle East (3)

POL 337 Politics of Latin America (4)

POL 338 Contemporary African Politics (4)

*POL 339 Nationalism, Islam and Democracy in the Arab World (3)

POL 423 European Union: Politics and Policies (4)

POL 425 British and Irish Politics (3)

POL 430 Seminar on Comparative Political Systems (4)

Related Hours (minimum of 21 semester hours required):

A. Economics / both of these:

ECO 201 Principles of Microeconomics (3)

ECO 202 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)

B. Diplomatic History / one of these:

- HST 222 U.S. Foreign Policy (3)
- HST 275 20th Century European Diplomacy (3)
- HST 332 Age of Dictators in Europe 1914-1945 (3)
- HST 333 Reconstruction of Europe Since 1945 (3)
- HST 398 20th Century World History (3)
- HST 431 The U.S.-Vietnam War (3)
- HST 472.L Rise and Fall of Hitler (3)

C. World Regions / one of these:

- GEO 111 World Regional Geography (3)
- GEO 301 Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa (4)
- GEO 304 Geography of Latin America (4)
- GEO 308 Geography of East Asia (3)
- GEO 311 Geography of Western Europe (4)
- GEO 405 Caribbean in Global Context (3)
- HST 322 History of the Modern Middle East (3)
- HST 325 Images of Africa (3)
- HST 354 Modern Chinese History (3)
- HST 356 Modern Japanese History (3)
- HST 375 Russia and the USSR from 1855 to the Present (3)
- HST 378 20th Century Eastern European History (3)
- HST 495 Modern African Environmental History (3)
- HST 496 Africa in the 20th Century: Decolonization & Independence (3)
- LAS 208 Latin American Civilization (3)
- SOC 337.L Directed Research in European Studies (3 hours minimum)

D. International Functional Problems / two of these:

- ECO 341 Economic History of Modern Europe (3)
- ECO 342 Comparative Economic Systems (3)
- ECO 343 The Economy of Modern China (3)
- ECO 344 International Economic Relations (3)
- ECO 347 Economic Development (4)
- ECO 441 International Trade and Commercial Policy (3)
- ECO 442 International Monetary Relations (3)
- GEO 101 Global Forces and Local Diversity (3)
- GEO 211 Global Change (3)
- GEO 378 Political Geography (4)
- GEO 457 Global Cities, World Economy (3)
- GEO 473 Development and Underdevelopment (3)
- GEO 475 Third World Urbanization (3)
- HST 326 Islam (3) (*REL 326 Islam)
- HST 343 Comparative Terrorism (3)
- ITS 302 Problems of Non-Western Societies (3)
- MKT 471 International Marketing (3) (* MKT 425 Global Marketing)
- POL 208 Rise of Industrialism in East Asia (3) (cross-listed with ATH, GEO, ITS, SOC)

E. Foreign Language / Math / Statistics / one of these:

- Foreign Language course (not in translation) at 300-level or higher (3)
- DSC 205 Business Statistics (4), MTH 151 Calculus (5), or STA 261 Statistics (4)

At least half of the required hours in Political Science courses (Part 1 above) and half of the required hours in Related courses (Part 2 above) must be from Miami. Required Political Science and Related hours courses may not be taken on a credit/no credit basis. A grade point average of at least 2.0 is required in both Political Science and Related hours courses.

** In consultation with your DFA faculty adviser these courses may be substituted into your major program. Occasionally, other courses may be offered in the Department of Political Science or related disciplines that may partially satisfy the requirements above. Please consult with your adviser about how special course offerings might fulfill major requirements.*

For the Foreign Service Exam, POL 241, upper-level courses in American politics, and electives in American studies and Economics are recommended. For graduate School, POL 241 and at least one course in political theory, research methods, and statistics are recommended. For advanced professional degrees, electives from POL 241, law and American politics, accountancy, business, communications, and English are recommended.

THE MAJOR IN DIPLOMACY AND GLOBAL POLITICS **(For students entering Fall 2009 and after)**

This program of concentration is designed primarily for students interested in understanding more about comparative and international politics. It is a major appropriate for those interested in international careers. It is also the kind of broad, liberal arts program which many pre-law students will want to consider. Additionally, it provides a solid background for graduate study in comparative politics and international relations.

I. Core Requirements (minimum 33 hours)

1. *Core courses*--All of these: POL 221 (4), POL 241 (4), POL 271 (4)

2. *Diplomacy and international relations*—two of these:

- POL 326 Comparative Ethnic Politics (3)
- POL 346 Global Gender Politics (3)
- POL 373 American Foreign Policy (3)
- POL 374 Comparative Foreign Policies (3)
- POL 376 US National Security Policy (3)
- POL 381 Global Governance (3)
- POL 382 International Law (3)
- POL 386 Global Competition (3)
- POL 387 Comparative Security Issues (3)

3. *Politics in global regions*--at least TWO courses from TWO regional clusters below:

A. Eurasia and East Asia

- POL 328 Politics of Central Asia (3)
- POL 331 Development of the Soviet Polity (3)
- POL 332 Post-Soviet Russian Politics (3)
- POL 335 Politics of East Asia (4)
- POL 375 International Relations of East Asia (3)
- POL 440 Havighurst Seminar (4)

B. Africa, Middle East, and Latin America

- POL 336 Politics of the Middle East (3)
- POL 337 Politics of Latin America (4)
- POL 338 Contemporary African Politics (4)
- POL 339 Nationalism, Islam and Democracy in the Arab World (3)
- POL 370B African Politics & Society through Literature (3)
- POL 378 Latin America: The Region and the World (3)
- POL 438 Africa in the Global Economy (3)

C. Europe: East and West

- POL 321.L Comparative European Politics (4)
- POL 333 Politics of Western Europe (4)
- POL 334 Politics of Eastern Europe (3)
- POL 423 European Union: Politics and Policies (4)
- POL 425 British and Irish Politics (3)

NOTE: With approval of advisor, student may apply relevant coursework taken in an approved study abroad program as substitute for one or two courses on politics in global regions

4. *Required capstone*: Student must complete one of the following:

- POL 419 Civil Society and Modern Politics (3)
- POL 424 Transatlantic Seminar (4-6)
- POL 439 North American Politics: Unity and Diversity (3)
- POL 471 The International System (3)
- POL 487 Individual Lives and International Politics (3)
- POL 489 Conflict Management in a Divided World (3)

5. At least 17 hours earned at Miami; a grade point average of at least 2.0 is required; no courses taken credit/no-credit can be applied to major

II. Related Requirements (minimum 22 hours)

1. *Cognate courses*—all of these: ECO 201 (3); ECO 202 (3); and STA 261 (4)
2. *Advanced foreign language study*: at least 6 semester hours in a foreign language at the 300 level or higher (not in translation)
3. *Study abroad*: 12 semester hours earned in one or more study-abroad programs approved by the Department of Political Science (not more than 6 semester hours earned in study abroad program can be applied to other major requirements)
4. At least 9 semester hours for Part II requirements must be earned at Miami University; a grade point average of at least 2.0 is required; no courses taken credit/no-credit can be applied toward this requirement.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION MAJOR
(For students entering Miami in Fall 2007 and after)

The Public Administration major is designed for undergraduates interested in studying and understanding the issues of governance and management of the public sector, and more specifically about the link between politics and public policy implementation. It is appropriate for those interested in public service careers in the federal government, state government, and/or local government including: city and county management, public finance administration, public personnel administration, and public policy analysis and program evaluation. This major prepares students for continuation of their education in professional and graduate schools of public administration, public policy analysis, and related fields. It also serves as a course of pre-legal study.

At least 40 semester hours including:

I. Public Administration core requirement (all 17 hours required):

- POL 241 American Political System (4) [**Take this course first**]
- POL 261 Public Administration (4) * [**After 241, take this course**]
- POL 306 Applied Research Methods for Public Administration (3)
- ECO 201 Principles of Microeconomics (3) [**Begin asap**]
- ECO 202 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)

*(POL 261 is the prerequisite for 300-400 level Public Administration courses)

II. The core elective/ at least 18 hours including:

A. At least 12 hours from this list

- POL 351 Criminal Justice (4)
- POL 362 Administrative Politics and Decision Making (3)
- POL 363 Administrative Law (3)
- POL 364 Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations (3)
- POL 460 Seminar on Public Administration and Policy Analysis (4)
- POL 467 Public Budgeting (3)
- POL 468 Public Personnel Administration (3)

B. Not more than 6 hours from the following professional related courses can be counted **

- ACC 468 Accounting for Governmental Organizations (2)
- COM 339 Introduction to Organizational Communication (3)
- ECO 331 Public Sector Economics (3)
- ECO 435 Urban and Regional Economics (3)
- ENG 313 Introduction to Technical Writing (3)
- GEO 451 Urban and Regional Planning (3)
- SOC 454 Formal Organization (3)

*** Courses appropriate to the major, but not listed as core electives, may in some cases be counted toward the major with the written approval of the student's public administration adviser.*

III. Seniors must take the two capstone courses CONCURRENTLY:

- *** POL 406 Public Policy Analysis Lab (2)
- *** POL 466 Public Policy Analysis (3)
- *** *Requires Senior standing, completion of the core requirements (I) and, and 15 hrs of IIA and IIB from above.*

IV. Internships

Public administration internships (POL 340.B) for majors are coordinated through the Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs, 2 Harrison Hall. Internships provide an added dimension to your educational experience. Internship credits do not fulfill any requirements for the Public Administration major. For information, consult the director of the Center.

THE MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
(For students entering Miami in Fall 2006 and after)

Political Science Minor (21 hours):

- A. POL 241 (4) [**Take this course first**]
- B. Take at least one of these, which are prerequisites to corresponding 300-400 level courses:
POL 201 Political Thinking (4)
POL 221 Modern World Governments (4)
POL 261 Public Administration (4)
POL 271 World Politics (4)
- C. At least 9 POL hours at 300+ level (students are encouraged to meet with an adviser in selecting courses)
[Be mindful of prerequisite requirements]
- D. Additional POL hours at the 200+ level to complete 21 hours.
(100-level POL courses do NOT apply to minor, but POL capstones do apply)
- E. Other requirements: Minimum 2.0 GPA in all POL hours, all POL courses taken for a grade, at least 12 hours applied to minor must be taken at Miami

Your DARs may not automatically list the minor as satisfying the Thematic Sequence requirement, but it will meet the requirement at the time of graduation.

THEMATIC SEQUENCES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

POL1 / Comparative Analysis of Foreign Policy

This course:

POL 271 World Politics

One of these:

POL 374 Comparative Foreign Policies

POL 387 Comparative Security Issues

One of these:

POL 373 American Foreign Policy

POL 375 International Relations of East Asia

POL 376 U.S. National Security

POL 378 Latin America: The Region and the World

POL3 / National Political Institutions

This course:

POL 241 American Political System

Three of these:

POL 343 American Presidency

POL 344 U.S. Congress

POL 352 Constitutional Law

POL 356 Mass Media and Politics

MIAMI PLAN FOUNDATION COURSES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

- POL 101 Politics and National Issues (3)*
- POL 102 Politics and Global Issues (3)
- POL 142 American Politics and Diversity (4)
- POL 159 U.S. Identity Politics (3)

*AP American Government credit awarded with this course

CAPSTONE COURSES OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

- POL 419 Civil Society & Modern Politics
 - POL 424 Transatlantic Seminar on the European Union (summer workshop)
 - POL 439 North American Politics: Unity and Diversity
 - POL 459 The American Political System
 - POL 466 Public Policy Analysis*
 - POL 471 The International System
 - POL 487 Individual Lives and International Politics
 - POL 489 Conflict Management in a Divided World
- * POL466 is required for the public administration major and satisfies the capstone requirement for PA majors.

Other capstone courses may be offered; check each semester's course schedule for a list of approved capstones.

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS PROGRAM

Students with an overall grade point average of 3.5 and above, and a 3.7 GPA in the POL, DFA/DGP, or PA major, are invited to apply at the start of the third year (or after 64 credit hours earned) to enter the Departmental Honors Program. Students must have at least 12 POL hours in political science coursework before enrolling. After enrolling for departmental honors, students must complete the following:

- 1) Complete the POL, DFA/DGP, or PA major with at least a 3.7 GPA in the major;
- 2) Complete at least *one* of the following:
 - write a paper and present it at a professional conference (either off- or on-campus) with the assistance of a POL faculty member;
 - satisfactorily complete a Dean's Scholar or Undergraduate Summer Scholar program;
 - a senior thesis for the University Honors Program under the direction of a POL faculty member; or for students not in the University Honors Program, complete a Senior Honors Paper under the direction of a POL faculty member, written in conjunction with completion of an independent study, POL 477, Departmental Honors (2 credit hours);
 - either a 1-3 credit hour internship (POL 340), or a recognized, sponsored internship program that does not carry MU course credit, under the direction of a POL faculty member culminating in a significant written work synthesizing the internship experience with an academic interest. The internship must be approved ahead of time with your faculty sponsor.
- 3) And participate in the spring semester departmental honors colloquium to be organized by the department to showcase the work of our best students.

Questions? See Professor Bryan Marshall, Director of Undergraduate Studies, in 214 Harrison Hall.

CREDIT / NO CREDIT COURSES

The regulations for using credit/no credit registration are found in Part II, Section 208 of the Miami University Student HANDBOOK. Remember that credit/no credit courses may NOT be used to meet the minimum requirements for majors or minors within the department and non-Miami Plan courses require the permission of the instructor for you to take as credit/no credit. The University Council has adopted the following warning, upon the recommendation of a sub-committee which had investigated the operation of credit/no credit at Miami and throughout the U.S.

WARNING: Nationwide studies have shown that credit/no credit grades on your transcript will be a negative factor in evaluation of your application for admission or employment by most professional schools (law, medicine, etc.), by many graduate schools, and by some employers and undergraduate schools. Do not enroll for courses on a credit/no credit basis until you are sure that such enrollment will not interfere with your career goals.

INDEPENDENT READINGS

You may, at some point in your undergraduate career, wish to pursue a rather narrowly defined subject in more depth than is possible within a single course in the usual curriculum, or an instructor may suggest that you pursue in more depth a topic which you have brought up in class. For those situations, members of the faculty may be willing to supervise you in Independent Readings in Political Science (POL 277, 377 or 477, depending on year in college).

When you want to engage in supervised independent study, you should prepare a proposed course of study and present it to a faculty member who specializes in the area of your proposed study. The faculty member, if he or she is able to undertake supervision of independent readings that semester, will suggest additions and modifications to your proposal and with you will establish a schedule of meetings for discussing your ongoing reading project.

Independent Readings in Political Science are subject to the following regulations:

- You must have a GPA of at least 3.0 in at least 15 semester hours of political science and be a political science, diplomacy and foreign affairs/diplomacy and global politics, or public administration major.
- You must have completed basis work in an area before you propose to do independent readings in some extended facet of an area.
- The proposed independent study must not cover the same material as an existing course.
- You must prepare a written proposal for your Independent Readings in Political Science before securing the professor's consent to supervise your project.
- You will need both the instructor's and the Department Chair's signatures on a university Independent Studies Form. You must submit a written presentation (paper or examination) in order to receive credit in independent reading.
- POL 277, 377 or 477 is variable credit (1-4 semester hrs.; maximum total of 12 semester hrs.). You may not take more than 4 semester hours of Independent Readings in Political Science in any one semester nor count more than 4 semester hours in Independent Readings toward the major.
- No faculty member may supervise more than 3 students in Independent Readings per semester.

ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP CREDIT

Students interested in obtaining credit for an internship must read the rules in this handbook, meet the qualifications specified, obtain a faculty sponsor and approval of the Political Science Internship Coordinator and submit a completed and signed “Internship Planning Guide” (available in the department office), before permission will be granted.

Academic Internships can provide an added dimension to the educational experience of undergraduates and provide training in job-related skills. Internships may be with governmental or legal agencies, political parties, public office holders, political campaign staffs, civic organizations, interest groups, voluntary agencies, or other non-profit agencies. Some internship possibilities have been identified by the Department and are available to qualified students. More often, students identify their internship possibilities on their own that must then be formally developed between the host agency staff and the faculty members who direct internships.

There are two basic categories of internships available. POL 340.A is primarily oriented toward political experiences while POL 340.B is oriented toward administrative experiences. For further information about Political Science Internships (POL 340.A) as well as internships at The Washington Center, you should contact the Political Science Internship Coordinator, Dr. Patrick Haney. For further information about administrative internships (POL 340.B), you should contact the Director of the Miami Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs, Dr. Philip Russo.

All internships are subject to the following regulations:

- The POL 340 internship is reserved for junior and senior political science, diplomacy and foreign affairs/diplomacy and global politics, or public administration majors who have completed the necessary course work.
- The nature and score of the internship and the amount of credit to be awarded must be determined in advance of the internship by consultation among the student, the instructor, and the host agency.
- Internship credit may not be obtained for university service or activities.
- From 1 to 12 semester hours may be granted for POL 340 in any one semester.
- No more than 16 semester hours of internship credit may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree.
- Internship credit does not count toward the field of concentration requirements for any major administered by the Department. That is, **INTERNSHIP CREDIT DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD ANY OF THE REQUIRED COURSES FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE, DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS/DIPLOMACY AND GLOBAL POLITICS, OR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION MAJORS.**
- Once a “contractual arrangement” with the instructor has been made, internships receive course credit whether or not they carry financial remuneration.
- POL 340 is available only on a credit/no credit basis.
- Upon completion of the internship activity, the student must present to the supervising faculty member an analytical statement of the experience in light of the relevant literature in the field, as well as a statement from the supervising agency as to the student’s performance. Both must be found acceptable by the supervising faculty member before credit is granted.
- Internships must be supervised by a faculty member in the department. Please see the Political Science Internship Coordinator, Patrick Haney, for an internship planning sheet. This must be filled out prior to registration. Students will be billed by the university for internship credit hours.

PLANNING FOR LAW SCHOOL

Law schools demand three things from applicants:

- a diploma from an accredited institution of higher education.
- demonstrated academic proficiency in earning that diploma (i.e., a good grade point average).
- relatively high score on the Law School Admission Test, usually taken in the fall of the applicant’s senior year.

In addition, some law schools require, and all law schools recommend some accounting courses. Beyond that, there

probably is no single course which must be taken, but any course which will help develop a student's logical skills or expressive skills (both written and oral) will be helpful. The question of precisely how these things can be accomplished must be answered individually, for there is no general prescription. Since a practicing attorney must draw upon a wide variety of knowledge, a good general background in the liberal arts, including a wide sampling of the social sciences, is likely to be as useful as any; but a student who happens to have a strong interest in some other curriculum should not feel barred from a pursuit of that interest.

The department tries to maintain a supply of application forms for the LSAT, or you can obtain an application form by writing to the Law School Admission Services, Box 2000, Newtown, PA 18940. The best available source of admission data on law schools is the OFFICIAL GUIDE TO U.S. LAW SCHOOLS which is prepared by the Association of American Law Schools and the Law School Admission Council. This annual volume is published in late summer and can be purchased at area bookstores or directly from the Law School Admission Council.

The primary contact people for pre-law advising in our department are Dr. Augustus Jones, and Professor Melanie Marlowe. When you have your LSAT scores and some idea of what your cumulative GPA is likely to be, the Department's pre-law advisers may be able to assist you in deciding to which schools to make application. Prior to that moment in your senior year, your regular adviser will probably be able to help you with your questions. There is also a pre-law adviser in the College of Arts and Science whom you should consult, Yvette Simpson. You can contact Ms. Simpson at 159 Upham Hall, 529-0877 (prelaw@muohio.edu), on the web at: <http://www.cas.muohio.edu/prelaw/>.

PLANNING FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL

If you're thinking of graduate school in political science, it's a good idea to talk to a political science faculty member who specializes in the particular subfields of the discipline which you are interested in pursuing. They will be able to advise you about the specific nature and quality of the programs in your area of interest. Also, check the faculty list to see whether any have attended schools in which you are particularly interested.

Good general advice, as you prepare for graduate school, would include the suggestion that you will need a relatively high GPA in order to demonstrate your competence at academic work. Most graduate schools will also want to see your scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), which you should plan to take not later than the fall of your senior year. We try to keep copies of the booklet that describes the exam and contains applications for taking it. Check the websites of the graduate programs to which you plan to apply to see which parts of the GRE you should take.

Your capstone experience should help provide more practice in writing papers, making oral presentations, and thinking critically, but consider taking other seminars when possible, as well as pursuing departmental honors. An added benefit of seminars is that they are small enough that the instructors can know your work in enough depth to write the detailed letters of recommendation, which are critical in graduate school admissions. The same is true of the professor with whom you work on an independent research project.

General advice about courses is difficult to provide. While it probably does not matter much whether your political science courses cover all the subfields of the discipline or are concentrated in the one or two subfields you are interested in, you should demonstrate your intellectual rigor by taking plenty of your work at the 300 and 400 levels. Think seriously about honors work as well.

Many, if not most, graduate programs require quantitative skills. It's a good idea to prepare yourself for those requirements by including statistics and calculus in your undergraduate curriculum. Among our political science courses you should be sure to include a course on research methodology such as POL 306: Applied Research Methods. A good reference tool for you to consult is *Earning a Ph.D. in Political Science*, published by the American Political Science Association.

PLANNING FOR CAREERS

With several hundred majors in its programs of Political Science, Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs/ Diplomacy and Global Politics, and Public Administration, the Department of Political Science ranks among the most popular undergraduate fields of study at the University today. If the experience of these students matches that of preceding graduates, they look forward to excellent career prospects. For those concerned about the usefulness of political science as a career preparation, we think there is considerable reassurance to be found in the record of our graduates.

What is that record? Or, to put the question in its more usual form: “What do you do with a political science major?” That has understandably become the recurrent query of a number of prospective students who want to know more about where a major in political science can lead. From our surveys of recent graduates we can provide some concrete answers.

The more familiar view of political science is the one which associates it with three career choices: teaching, government services, and law, but political science can lead in very different career directions. Our graduates report such varied activities as graduate study in M.B.A. programs, military services, communications, sales and hospital administration. Employment in the private sector ranks as a common choice of many graduates.

Clearly, political science has a wide range of applications and provides a useful preparation for a variety of career options. While it is an appropriate base for advanced professional study and for government service, it also often serves as a springboard into business, industry, and such related careers as journalism, communications, research, publishing, and interest group work.

The political science major provides an excellent grounding in the social sciences, coupled with a solid liberal education. There is substantial evidence that such learning is valued in a wide variety of career areas. Increasingly, we see a pattern of hiring and recruitment which is not narrowly defined in terms of a required major in some select area. The organization which is interested in our graduates is primarily interested in the quality of the student.

This is not to say that all graduates are indistinguishable from each other. It is only to suggest that the potential of a specific major may be more in its ability to indicate that a student can think critically, write well, and be adaptable under a variety of circumstances than in its links to specific careers. We strongly encourage students, therefore, to broaden their perspectives as to the range of possible options available to them, and to acquire appropriate areas of skills and specialties.

The limitations of space preclude a listing here of all the possibilities to which a political science major might lead and the details of avenues to pursue them. A good way to explore those alternatives is to acquaint yourself with the extensive resources of the Office of Career Services (formerly Career Planning and Placement). They are helpful and informed about career opportunities, and an early visit to their office is strongly encouraged. The Chief Departmental Adviser also has additional information on careers for political science majors. Also, keep an eye on the bulletin boards in Harrison Hall. The Office of Career Services sponsors the “Spotlight on Jobs” program every year.

Besides investigating careers outside of a narrow range of choices, there are a number of other suggestions we might offer as helpful to those who are beginning to think about life after college. Following are some ideas which we think are particularly worth emphasizing:

- Give thought as early as possible to the question of your career. Obviously the sooner one knows a career direction, the easier it will be to make the necessary preparation and plan accordingly. While one can drift in to some career choices at the eleventh hour, others require very careful attention along the way.

- For those who are having a particularly painful time in finding their direction, there are a number of University agencies available to help. Of special importance is the Office of Career Services (Hoyt Hall).
- Find out whom to talk to about the particular career possibilities you have in mind. You may also wish to talk to some practitioners in the field, but bear in mind that advice must be evaluated as to its currency.
- Give thought, in your course selections, to more than just the requirements and the obvious importance of a good grade point average. Consider also the benefits of acquiring some special skill or talent which other applicants for your career will not have. Your application may be strengthened by strong writing skills, foreign language proficiency, computer programming and analysis, quantitative techniques, research methods, accounting, or perhaps a set of courses in a related area.
- Other ways of enhancing your record include a unique internship experience, summer job experience, or workshop. In some fields, graduate training or advanced study is a must.
- Find out what examinations may be necessary for the career you are considering, such as the GRE or LSAT. And also talk to someone knowledgeable about the timetable which you must follow if you are to be a successful applicant.
- Where recommendations will be needed, you will have to be recognizable to some member of the faculty. Those who remain invisible throughout their college careers usually come to regret it.
- It is also well worthwhile to do your homework in familiarizing yourself with any organization to which you are applying. You will learn a lot about where you are headed, you will ask more useful questions, and you are sure to impress your interviewer with your seriousness and intelligence.
- Flexibility is a great asset when it comes to careers. We hope you will think about different alternatives and different directions, and also do a bit of contingency planning. The most common and tragic mistakes often are associated with putting all one's hopes on a single application.

STUDY ABROAD

The Department of Political Science believes it is more important than ever that our students be knowledgeable about international issues, politics, and cultures. One important way to develop expertise in these issues is to study abroad. There are a wide range of programs available for study abroad, whether for a semester-long or year-long experience; and whether through Miami University or through a program at another university. You can find more information and some recommended programs on our Study Abroad web page: <http://www.units.muohio.edu/internationalprograms/dept-pol.php>.

The programs identified there are only a few of the many available. For more information about study abroad options or how studying abroad will contribute to your major, please talk to one of the department's faculty study abroad advisers. Most study abroad plans can be incorporated into a student's academic program at Miami with some careful planning; so start early.

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*Finally, remember that the Department of Political Science stands ready to help in whatever way we can.*