

LAW AND THEORY CONCENTRATION, POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA)

This concentration allows students to focus on law and its foundations in political theory.

Course Requirements

Core Courses: 8 quarter hours

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
PSC 130	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY	4
Select one of the following 100-level courses:		4
PSC 120	THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM	
PSC 140	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	
PSC 150	INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS	

Intermediate Courses: 20 quarter hours

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
Five 200-level courses:		
PSC 260	LAW AND THE POLITICAL SYSTEM	4
Select two courses from Public Theory and Public Law:		8
PSC 230	CLASSICAL POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 231	MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 232	LIBERALISM, CONSERVATISM, AND DEMOCRACY	
PSC 233	POLITICAL IDEAS AND IDEOLOGIES	
PSC 234	FREEDOM AND EMPOWERMENT	
PSC 235	EQUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE	
PSC 236	LEGITIMACY AND CRISIS	
PSC 239	TOPICS IN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 261	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS	
PSC 262	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: RIGHTS OF DEFENDANTS	
PSC 263	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS	
PSC 264	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: SEPARATION OF POWERS	
PSC 265	LAW AND POPULAR CULTURE	
PSC 266	LAW, POLITICS AND MASS INCARCERATION	
PSC 267	LAW, POLITICS AND SOCIETY	
PSC 268	THE POLITICS OF LAW AND SEXUALITY	
PSC 269	TOPICS IN PUBLIC LAW	
Select two courses from the following areas:		8
Political Culture (PSC 200 through PSC 209)		
American Politics (PSC 220 through PSC 229)		

International Politics (PSC 242 through PSC 249)

Comparative Politics (PSC 250 through PSC 259)

Advanced Courses: 16 quarter hours

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
Select two 300-level courses from the following:		8
PSC 330	AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 331	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 333	MARXISM	
PSC 335	THEORIES OF THE CHURCH	
PSC 336	AFRICAN-AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 337	CHRISTIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 339	ADVANCED TOPICS IN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 361	INTERNATIONAL LAW	
PSC 362	THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM	
PSC 363	WOMEN AND THE LAW	
PSC 365	VOTING, REPRESENTATION, AND THE LAW	
PSC 366	NATIONAL SECURITY AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION	
PSC 367	IMMIGRATION LAW	
PSC 368	RIGHTS-BASED SOCIAL MOVEMENTS	
PSC 369	ADVANCED TOPICS IN PUBLIC LAW	

Two additional 300-level courses from the following areas

- Methodology (PSC 300 through PSC 309)
- Political Culture (PSC 310 through PSC 319)
- American Politics (PSC 320 through PSC 329)
- International Relations (PSC 340 through PSC 349)
- Comparative Politics (PSC 350 through PSC 359)
- Civic Engagement (PSC 380 through PSC 389)

PSC Electives: 12 quarter hours

- Three additional PSC courses at the 200 or 300 level

Open Electives

Open elective credits are required in order to meet the minimum graduation requirement of 192 hours. These courses are to be selected in consultation with the student's faculty adviser and may include courses in fields such as economics, history, English, sociology, etc. Students may choose to use their open electives as part of a minor or to complete a double major.