



POLITICAL STUDIES, B.A./M.A.

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Degrees offered: Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, Undergraduate Minor

Illinois is a state with a strong agricultural economy, a diverse industrial base, and one of the nation's more interesting political cultures. Located in Springfield, the hub of Illinois political activity, UIS is able to provide a laboratory for the study of state and local government and politics.

UIS students encounter political science in a setting where practical politics brings theoretical studies to life. Opportunities for experiential learning are available through the legislative applied study term for undergraduate majors and through internships and assistantships for graduates. By using electives in particular areas of public policy and professional studies, students are able to develop research skills and acquire broad academic backgrounds reflecting the rich political resources readily available in the capital city.

Students are encouraged to participate in special activities related to their course of study. The political

studies program is strongly involved in Model Illinois Government and, with faculty and students in international studies, in Model United Nations. Students and faculty in political studies also regularly attend several public affairs conferences.

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THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE

A major in political studies provides students with a systematic knowledge of political life, helping them evaluate public issues and make decisions through a balanced program of study in which philosophical, empirical, and policy concerns complement one another. The political studies curriculum offers a flexible course of study that provides a solid foundation for a career in law, politics, public service, research, or teaching.

The program is strong in the study of American national and state politics, politics and law, political

philosophy, and political behavior. Individual faculty have special competencies in such topics as policy analysis, voting behavior, legislative politics, civil liberties, political philosophy, public administration, and the role of symbols in politics. Faculty are also active in the UIS Center for Legal Studies and the Illinois Legislative Studies Center and participate in several internship programs sponsored by UIS.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

While the political studies program has no special entrance requirements beyond those required for admission to UIS, it is assumed that students will have had college-level study in political science. Students entering the program without preparation in political science should consult a program adviser before registering for their first semester.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Both the study and the practice of politics require that students/citizens speak, write, and read well. These

skills are also critical for successful careers in government, law, and business.

In view of this, all political studies students are required to take part in the assessment of their communication skills in their first semester. As a part of assessment in the major, political studies faculty also monitor student communication skills in all program courses. Students with deficiencies are assisted by the faculty or are directed to the Center for Teaching and Learning.

ADVISING

Entering students are assigned an initial faculty adviser when they declare political studies as their major field of study. After their first semester, when they are acquainted with the faculty and are more knowledgeable about the program and the campus, students may wish to select permanent advisers. The course of study for the B.A. is planned jointly with the academic adviser, so students should consult with their advisers before each registration and from time to time during the term.

APPLIED STUDY TERM

One distinct advantage of the program is its location in Springfield, affording opportunities to participate

directly in politics, especially during the applied study term. Cooperation between UIS and governmental and private agencies provides many opportunities for experiential learning in public affairs research and politics. Of special note is AST 303 Legislative Applied Study Term, which places students as assistants to legislators in the Illinois General Assembly every spring semester.

UIS REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to complete a minimum of 12 semester hours of UIS requirements in the areas of liberal studies colloquia, public affairs colloquia, and applied study. These hours must include at least four hours in each of at least two of these areas. Students majoring in political studies satisfy these requirements by taking eight hours of applied study and four hours of liberal studies or public affairs colloquia. If a student has a good reason for a different distribution of the 12-hour requirement, he or she may claim an exception to the rule by petitioning the political studies program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate majors must take the four foundation

courses: POS 301 Introduction to Political Studies, POS 325 Introduction to Political Philosophy, POS 371 Introduction to Comparative and International Politics, and POS 451 Empirical Political Analysis. Students who believe that they have had a comparable course at their four-year or community colleges may petition the program to waive the course requirement. Students are encouraged to take the foundation courses, including POS 451, in the first semester if possible. POS 325 Introduction to Political Philosophy is a prerequisite to advanced courses in political philosophy (POS 425-435). POS 371 Introduction to Comparative and International Politics is a prerequisite to advanced courses in comparative and international politics (POS 471-478). In addition to the foundation courses, students are required to take four POS electives, thus bringing the total hours in the major to 32.

Foundation Courses

POS 301 Introduction to Political Studies	4 Hrs.
POS 325 Introduction to Political Philosophy	4 Hrs.
POS 371 Introduction to Comparative and International Politics	4 Hrs.
POS 451 Empirical Political Analysis	<u>4 Hrs.</u>
Total	16 Hrs.

Political studies electives 16 Hrs.

Total 32 Hrs.

UIS requirements

Applied Study Term 8 Hrs.

Liberal Studies or Public Affairs Colloquium 4 Hrs.

Total 12 Hrs.

Electives

16 Hrs.

Total 60 Hrs.

INTEGRATED B.A.-M.A. IN PRACTICAL POLITICS

This special curriculum is designed for undergraduates who wish to prepare for a career in practical politics. It is an accelerated program that makes it possible for a student majoring in political studies to complete both the upper-division bachelor's degree requirements and master's degree requirements in three years.

ADMISSION TO INTEGRATED B.A.-M.A. PROGRAM

Students must first be admitted to UIS. Qualifications for admission include a GPA of at least 3.00 for all previous college work and completion of a basic course in American government or POS 200 The American Political System.

Undergraduate political studies majors may apply for admission any time before registering for the applied study term. However, interested students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible after being admitted to UIS.

INTEGRATED B.A.-M.A. CURRICULUM

To ensure that students acquire the skills and knowledge needed for effective professional practice in the public sector, three additional courses are required as part of the 32-hour undergraduate major in political studies: POS 405 Illinois Government and Politics, POS 409 Political Parties and Interest Groups, and POS 451 Empirical Political Analysis.

Students must develop expertise in an area of public policy (i.e., environment, health, or finance) through two significant learning experiences. One of these must be an upper-division or graduate course. The other may be a course or experiential learning in a government position, policy research, or other practical experience in the policy area. Student plans for gaining policy expertise must be approved in advance by the B.A.-M.A. adviser.

The integrated B.A.-M.A. plan includes an en-

hanced applied study term that focuses on political practice. B.A.-M.A. students must have their AST placements approved by the B.A.-M.A. adviser before registering for the AST.

When the student has successfully completed the undergraduate phase of the B.A.-M.A. curriculum, he/she will be admitted to the graduate program. The required internship in the practical politics concentration will be waived – although the student may choose to do an additional internship – and the number of courses required for the M.A. will be reduced by two.

POLITICAL STUDIES MINOR

To earn a minor in political studies, students must complete a minimum of 17-20 semester hours, at least eight hours of which must be upper-division course work taken at the University of Illinois at Springfield. Required hours vary depending on whether courses are taken at UIS or at a previously attended college.

Prerequisite

POS 200 The American Political System
or a comparable lower-division
course in American government 4 Hrs.

Core courses

POS 325	Introduction to Political Philosophy	4 Hrs.
POS 371	Introduction to Comparative and International Politics or a basic course in comparative politics or international relations at the lower-division level	4 Hrs.
POS 415	The American Constitution and Constitutional Law <i>or</i>	
POS 416	The American Constitution and Civil Liberties or the equivalent through transfer of upper-division course work	4 Hrs.
Elective	(Choose one course in political institutions and processes (POS 402 through 412))	4 Hrs.

THE MASTER'S DEGREE

The master's degree program is designed to join the basic theoretical pursuits of political science with the practical knowledge needed by effective public officials and political practitioners. The campus' location in the state capital offers a rich setting for combining theory and practice. The political studies program of-


fers sound academic instruction in American state and national politics, public law, international relations, comparative government, and political philosophy. Program faculty augment their academic specialties with a great variety of professional and political experiences. Members of the program have served in state legislatures, as precinct committeepersons, as participants in major civil rights suits, as legislative staff aides, as policy consultants, and in other offices. The faculty encourage students to take full advantage of the academic and professional opportunities offered by UIS and the state capital.

The master's degree curriculum is organized to meet the needs of a diverse student body, offering graduate students the option to take a course of study that focuses on either the academic or practical aspect of politics. Because students enter the program with bachelor's degrees in a variety of social sciences and humanities, the M.A. curriculum is centered in several required courses that provide essential concepts and skills. For that reason, all students who have not taken an undergraduate research methods course are required to take POS 451 Empirical Political Analysis to prepare them in research and quantitative methods. A range of options in subject-matter seminars, elective

courses, and internships allow students to tailor their courses of study to their individual professional aspirations. The program is particularly well organized for students who want to pursue careers in practical politics at the state level or in agencies involved in international policy making, for those who are preparing to teach, and for those who aspire to an advanced degree in political science or law.

ACADEMIC POLITICS CONCENTRATION. The political studies curriculum ensures that competence is coupled with understanding. Courses in the academic politics concentration examine political structures, historic changes in political structures and the larger human meaning of competence in the areas of electoral and legislative systems, law and civil liberties, political philosophy, international relations, and comparative politics. Students are also encouraged to seek appropriate instruction from faculty in public administration, economics, legal studies, and women's studies, among other areas.

This field is important to students who are seeking teaching careers at the secondary, community college, or university level, or who plan to study toward the doctorate. Sound academic course work and the



hands-on experience are both important political science experiences for in-service teachers and for those preparing to teach. Interested students can combine course work in several subfields of particular interest to teachers of world politics, American government, Illinois history and government, and other aspects of civic education. Students may also arrange special teaching internships.

Graduate students in political studies may also shape their M.A. programs to the special requirements of advanced degrees. Students who anticipate entering law school can tailor a program that draws on the resources of legal studies. For those interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in political science, the subject-matter seminars offer graduate preparation in the standard fields required for doctoral study.

For those interested in international affairs and comparative politics, the program offers a special combination of courses and practice-related experiences. Internships are available in selected agencies of Illinois government that have international policies and programs. Because political studies is a part of the campus' interdisciplinary committee on international studies, students are encouraged to take courses on international subjects in several academic programs.

PRACTICAL POLITICS CONCENTRATION. A concentration is offered for those who wish to specialize in practical politics. Students are expected to sharpen the skills and understanding required of thoughtful and effective practitioners in elective and appointive public service. Instruction involves consultation with experienced representatives of government and government-related endeavors in the capital. Students learn political and policy research, organizing and lobbying skills, campaign techniques, and an array of analytical approaches to policy making in partisan and nonpartisan settings.

Practical knowledge is intelligence in context. All graduate students in political studies have opportunities to enhance their skill and understanding in actual political settings. The program has developed a broad range of internship experiences with legislative staffs and agencies, legislative liaisons, lobbyists, public interest groups, political consultants, and campaign organizations. These learning experiences ensure that M.A. students are effective learners both in the classroom and in the field and that they can transfer their learning from one setting to another, as the professional practice of politics requires.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

The program encourages diversity among its graduate population and so admits students who have been trained in most undergraduate fields of study. For those lacking a strong undergraduate background in political science, history, or the social sciences, admission is conditional upon completion of two or more courses designated by the program committee. Prospective students who do not hold a B.A. degree should investigate the requirements for alternative admission discussed in this catalog.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Successful performance in practical politics and political science requires ability to write and speak persuasively and to present sophisticated information and complex subject matter directly and plausibly. Completion of POS 501 Introduction to the Graduate Study of Politics will verify satisfaction of the communication skills requirement.

ADVISING

On admission to the program, students are assigned an initial adviser. After a semester a student may select his or her permanent academic adviser. This faculty

member assists the student as thesis adviser, supervisor for internships and practice units, and academic counselor in devising an appropriate program of study. The adviser also monitors student progress in satisfying the requirements of the program.

GRADING

Students must have a grade average of B to qualify for the M.A. degree. A maximum of eight semester hours of C may be applied toward the degree so long as each hour of C is balanced by an hour of A. In no circumstances, however, may a grade lower than B in POS 501 Introduction to the Graduate Study of Politics be counted toward the degree. For students choosing the credit/no credit option, a CR represents work equivalent to B, meaning that grades of CR may be counted toward the master's degree.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The M.A. in political studies is a 40-hour program with a required 28-hour minimum of 500-level courses.

Students in established internship programs, such as the Graduate Public Service Internship or the Illinois Legislative Staff Internship, may receive credit for the program's internship requirement by completing an internship report.

Electives may be selected from a wide range of courses in political studies and related disciplines. Students may take up to 12 semester hours of 400-level courses for graduate credit. When they take 400-level courses, graduate students are held to a higher standard of performance and must complete additional requirements.

Further information on how electives, seminars, projects, and colloquia may be combined is available in the program's *Handbook for Graduate Students*. The handbook also identifies sets of elective courses that the program approves for students concentrating in practical politics and for those developing a course of study focusing on international studies, the Ph.D. in political science or other advanced degrees, careers in teaching, or avocations in public service. It also contains details about graduate internships.

MASTER'S CLOSURE REQUIREMENT

Every graduate degree candidate is required to complete a closure exercise demonstrating mastery of some area within the major field of study. Political studies students have four options for fulfilling this requirement: 1) group research project, 2) comprehensive examination, 3) master's project in practical pol-

itics, and 4) master's thesis.

Students must enroll for four hours' credit in POS 590 Closure Exercise for one of the options listed above. Except for the comprehensive examination, which must be completed in one semester, students may accrue their four hours' credit in increments. Campus policy requires that students be enrolled in at least one semester hour of master's closure exercise *each* semester after they have begun their graduate closure exercise until that exercise is completed. For POS students, this means that if the project/thesis is not completed by the end of the initial four hours of continuous enrollment in POS 590, students must register to audit POS 590 for one credit hour in all subsequent semesters until the exercise is completed.

Concentration in Academic Politics 40 Hrs.

Foundation Seminars:

POS 501 Introduction to the Graduate Study of Politics	4 Hrs.
POS 502 Methods of Inquiry	4 Hrs.
POS 503 Graduate Research Methods	4 Hrs.

Subject Matter Seminars: (three required)

POS 511 Seminar in American Politics	4 Hrs.
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POS 512 Seminar in State Politics	4 Hrs.
POS 513 Seminar in Politics, Inequality, and the Legal Order	4 Hrs.
POS 514 Seminar in Political Philosophy	4 Hrs.
POS 515 Seminar in International Relations	4 Hrs.
POS 516 Seminar in Comparative Politics	4 Hrs.
POS 517 Seminar on Congress	4 Hrs.
POS 518 Seminar on Public Policy	4 Hrs.

Internships: (not required, may do one as an elective)

POS 520 Internship in Teaching Process	4 Hrs.
POS 521 Internship in the Electoral Process	4 Hrs.
POS 522 Internship in the Legislative Process	4 Hrs.
POS 523 Internship in the Executive Process	4 Hrs.
POS 524 Internship in International Policy	4 Hrs.

Electives 8-12 Hrs.

POS 590 Closure Exercise: (choose one) Group Research Project Comprehensive Examination Master's Project in Practical Politics Thesis	4 Hrs.
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Concentration in Practical Politics 40 Hrs.

Foundation Seminars:

POS 501 Introduction to the Graduate Study of Politics	4 Hrs.
POS 502 Methods of Inquiry	4 Hrs.

Subject Matter Seminar:

POS 511 Seminar in American Politics <i>or</i>	
POS 512 Seminar in State Politics	4 Hrs.

Advanced Seminars:

POS 562 Practical Politics Seminar in Political Campaigns <i>or</i>	
POS 563 Practical Politics Seminar in Lobbying and Policy Analysis	4 Hrs.

Internships: (choose one, no more than two)

POS 520 Internship in Teaching Process	
POS 521 Internship in the Electoral Process	
POS 522 Internship in the Legislative Process	
POS 523 Internship in the Executive Process	
POS 524 Internship in International Policy	4 or 8 Hrs.

Electives 12-16 Hrs.

POS 590 Closure Exercise: (choose one) Group Research Project Comprehensive Examination Master's Project in Practical Politics Thesis	4 Hrs.
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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Both undergraduate and graduate students may enroll in 400-level courses. Graduate students, however, are held to a higher standard of performance and additional work may be required.

POS 200 The American Political System (4 Hrs.)

Designed to provide an introduction to the American political system for both majors and non-majors. Examines the role and function of governments in providing for a variety of public goods. In addition to examining the system's institutions and political behavior, special attention will be devoted to federalism and the role of the states. See LES 200.

POS 301 Introduction to Political Studies (4 Hrs.)

Introduction to the discipline that focuses on the tools of understanding and their application to the major questions that define the study of politics. Emphasis is on questions such as: What is politics? How do we provide

public goods? Why do we need governments? How do we resolve conflict? How do we get people to cooperate with each other? Applications will cover the breadth of world politics.

POS 325 Introduction to Political Philosophy (4 Hrs.)

Survey of the great thinkers who have raised the perennial normative questions of political philosophy: What is the nature of a good regime? What is politics? The course will begin with Plato and Aristotle and conclude with late 20th century theory.

POS 371 Introduction to Comparative and International Politics (4 Hrs.)

Provides students with the basic concepts and theories of the field: nations and states, ethnicity, institutions and ideologies; anarchy and the international system, the balance of power, and economic interdependence.

POS 402 Legislative Politics (4 Hrs.)

Legislative decision making in the state legislature and United States Congress. The law-making process as a system involving interplay of competing personalities, interests, and actors. Special attention to Illinois.

POS 404 African Americans and American Politics (4 Hrs.)

Examines political, economic, and social factors that affect African-American participation in national, state, and local politics. See AAS 432.

POS 405 Illinois Government and Politics (4 Hrs.)

Policy-making process as it operates in Illinois. Major topics include constitutional structure, role of parties and interest groups, initiation of public policy, legislative process, role of the governor, politics of the budgetary process, implementation of public policy. See PAR 405.

POS 406 The American Presidency (4 Hrs.)

Nature and scope of the American presidency — both historically and analytically. Topical attention given to the views of the framers of the Constitution and to problems of presidential management, leadership, and prerogative. See MGT 406.

POS 407 Urban Politics (4 Hrs.)

Structure, function, and politics of governmental entities in urban areas, with policy focus on issues and alternative methods of analysis. Attention given to small and large urban areas.

POS 408 American Political Behavior (4 Hrs.)

Examination of mass public opinion, electoral behavior, and participation in American politics. Special attention is given to the role of the mass media.

POS 409 Political Parties and Interest Groups (4 Hrs.)

Examination of interest groups and political parties in American politics. Special attention is given to the impact of mass media on contemporary political organizations.

POS 410 Public Policy Processes (4 Hrs.)

Designed to deepen students' understanding of public policy processes at the federal, state, and local levels. The first part of the course explores the dynamics of issue and agenda formation at the federal and state levels. The second part focuses on public policy implementation processes. Students conduct library and field research on existing intergovernmental policies and programs to trace the dynamics issue and policies and programs at the state and local levels.

POS 412 Political Processes (4 Hrs.)

Introduction to the examination of public policy making at the federal and state levels. Includes review of major national and state policy concerns, budgeting, and bill drafting.

POS 415 The American Constitution and Constitutional Law (4 Hrs.)

The place of the Constitution and Supreme Court in American polity, using both empirical and case materials. Focus on structure and powers of national government, with special emphasis on the Supreme Court as a policy-making institution. See LES 415.

POS 416 The American Constitution and Civil Liberties (4 Hrs.)

Civil liberties and constitutional law, with examination of the Supreme Court's role in definition and development of civil liberties. Emphasis on the Bill of Rights and the Civil War amendments. See LES 416.



POS 417 Judicial Process (4 Hrs.)

Social science literature on judicial process in the United States. Major topics include legal culture, court structure, litigation, legal profession, trial and appellate courts, impact and compliance, and criticisms of the process. Prerequisite: CRJ 311 or LES 301, or permission of instructor. See LES 411 and CRJ 419.

POS 418 Jurisprudence (4 Hrs.)

An overview of the major legal theories about the nature of law and its place in the political system. Among the issues considered are the origin of law, its relationship with divine law, obligations of obedience and disobedience, and the relationship between political sovereignty and law. See LES 418.

POS 419 Environmental Law (4 Hrs.)

Surveys the major federal statutes and regulatory schemes relating to environmental quality and analyzes and compares the contrasting approaches to regulation that have been used. Focuses on the interaction of law and policy and considers the role of Congress, regulatory agencies, and the courts in defining and implementing environmental mandates. See ENS 419, LES 419, and MPH 419.

POS 421 Law and Inequality (4 Hrs.)

The role of law and the legal system in creating, maintaining, and reducing inequality, with emphasis on race, class, and gender inequality in the United States. The relationship between law and the legal system and political/economic institutions and ideologies. See LES 404, SOA 425, and WMS 445.

POS 425 Democracy, Pluralism, Elitism (4 Hrs.)

Three theoretical perspectives on the distribution of power in society: democracy, pluralism, and elitism. Both normative (what ought to be) and empirical (what is) theoretical perspectives examined. Major focus on American society, but comparative materials included. Prerequisite: POS 325.

POS 426 Political Economy (4 Hrs.)

Analysis of competing theories and models of explanation in political science and economics as they comprise the basis for contemporary policy disputes and alternatives. Emphasis on the crisis tendencies/contradictions of the political economy of the United States and their impact on the rest of the international economic order. See ECO 426 and LAR 426.

POS 428 Public Interest (4 Hrs.)

Traditions of political thought through contemporary authors and classic texts, with attention to the public interest versus private, special, vested, and other interests. Prerequisite: POS 325.

POS 429 Political Ethics (4 Hrs.)

Examination of ethical relations in politics. Subjects considered include the requirements of practical judgment in legislative and administrative settings, ethically controversial issues in contemporary politics, and important ethical traditions in political life. Prerequisite: POS 325.

POS 431 Classical Political Philosophy (4 Hrs.)

Major theoretical treatments of injustice and justice in Western political tradition. Emphasis on Plato and Aristotle. Includes origins of political science and political philosophy and consideration of relevant historical contexts. Prerequisite: POS 325.

POS 432 Modern Political Philosophy (4 Hrs.)

Major theoretical treatments of injustice and justice in Western political tradition. Emphasis on political tradition from Machiavelli to Marx, with particular concern for development of American constitutionalism and Marxism. Prerequisite: POS 325.

POS 433 Feminist Theories (4 Hrs.)

A range of feminist political theories including liberal, radical, socialist, postmodern, and global feminisms which offer different solutions to social issues such as the division of labor in the home and beyond, reproductive rights, and sexuality. WMS 301 is recommended but not required as a foundation for POS 433. See SOA 408, PHI 411, and WMS 411.

POS 435 American Political Philosophy (4 Hrs.)

Basic issues and themes of American political life from colonial times to the 20th century. Consideration given to such concepts as individualism, federalism, democracy, and pluralism and to such problems as the transformation of America from an agrarian confederacy to a great

world power and the politics of race, region, and interest. Prerequisite: POS 325.

POS 436 Contemporary American Political Philosophy (4 Hrs.)

Focuses on four late twentieth-century political philosophies: liberalism, libertarianism, communitarianism, and conservatism. Considers left-wing vs. right-wing approaches to social redistribution and individualistic vs. communitarian views of the person as the basis for political theories. Readings include selections from Rawls, Nozick, Walzer, Guttman, and Taylor. See PHI 436.

POS 451 Empirical Political Analysis (4 Hrs.)

Examines the empirical research process from conceptualization to data analysis and writing the research report. Particular emphasis will be given to research design and causal analysis. Empirical methods explored will include direct observation and survey research. Students will be expected to carry out an empirical research project and to write a paper on the research.

POS 454 Computer Applications in Political Research (4 Hrs.)

Introduces the use of computers in the study of politics and policy. The objectives include comprehension of basic computing concepts, exposure to large survey and aggregate data files, and experience with data analysis packages (emphasis on SPSS).

POS 471 Comparative Politics (4 Hrs.)

Analyzes and compares politics in developing and developed nations. Prerequisite: POS 371.

POS 472 The Law of Military Conflict (4 Hrs.)

Examines legal and political issues raised by military conflict. Includes the origins of modern law governing military conflicts, the law defining the character of a conflict, the definition of combatants and of noncombatants in a conflict and the specification of the military's responsibilities to those two groups, and difficulties related to adjudicating specific cases.

POS 473 War and Peace (4 Hrs.)

Why war? How have political scientists attempted to explain the endemic nature of interstate violence? More recently, international relations have focused on explaining cooperation in world affairs: the "democratic peace" and economic interdependence. Prerequisite: POS 371.

POS 474 American Foreign Policy (4 Hrs.)

Analyzes postwar American foreign policy from the Cold War and after. Topics include American responses to Third World nationalism and revolution in South and Central America, Vietnam, and South Africa and the impact of domestic policy and "great power" role on foreign policy making. Prerequisite: POS 371.

POS 475 International Organizations and Integration (4 Hrs.)

Examines how nation states shape international organi-

zations and are affected by them, in turn. Focus on the United Nations with consideration given to regional organizations. Prerequisite: POS 371.

POS 476 International Politics of the Middle East (4 Hrs.)

Examines the regional and global aspects of Middle East politics, with an emphasis on the Arab-Israeli dispute and the Persian Gulf area. Other topics include oil, the Islamic revival, and American policy toward the region. Prerequisite: POS 371.

POS 477 Russian Politics (4 Hrs.)

Explores the rise and fall of communism in the former Soviet Union. Special attention to the Gorbachev period, 1985-91. Focuses on post-communist politics in Russia and the other republics. Prerequisite: POS 371.

POS 478 Changing Politics in East Asia (4 Hrs.)


Examines the patterns and sources of recent political changes in China, Japan, and Korea from a comparative perspective. Prerequisite: POS 371.

POS 479 African Politics (4 Hrs.)

Examines contemporary politics in sub-Saharan Africa, both internal and external factors that affect the prospects for democracy, economic, and human development.

POS 480 Topics in Political Studies (4 Hrs.)

Issues arising from current and important political phe-



nomena. May be taken for unlimited number of credit hours, but the particular topic must differ.

POS 499 Tutorial (1 to 4 Hrs.)

Graduate Courses

POS 501 Introduction to the Graduate Study of Politics (4 Hrs.)

Overview of the major subfields, theories, thinkers, and issues in the advanced study of politics. Particular attention is paid to the logic of social science inquiry. The course is writing and reading intensive.

POS 502 Methods of Inquiry (4 Hrs.)

Covers quantitative and qualitative techniques for obtaining and organizing information. Lays a foundation for both academic and practical investigation questions that students will encounter throughout their careers in the field while conducting and evaluating research.

POS 503 Graduate Research Methods (4 Hrs.)

Designed to help students become more effective and better informed consumers of quantitative and qualitative political and policy research. The first part of the course covers the use of various data-gathering techniques such as surveys, nonparticipant observational studies, participant observation, focus groups, and similar techniques. The second part covers topics relevant to the analysis of statistical data, including ex-

ploratory data analysis techniques, probability distributions, units and levels of measurement, hypothesis testing, measures of independence, associations, and correlation. Multivariate statistical techniques and models such as the General Linear Model will be briefly reviewed as time permits. Prerequisite: POS 451 or equivalent.

POS 511 Seminar in American Politics (4 Hrs.)

Pre-eminent themes and basic literature in the field of American politics. Subjects may vary.

POS 512 Seminar in State Politics (4 Hrs.)

Pre-eminent themes and basic literature in the field of American state politics. Subjects may vary.

POS 513 Seminar in Politics, Inequality, and the Legal Order (4 Hrs.)

Pre-eminent themes and basic literature in the field of public law. Subjects may vary. See LES 513.

POS 514 Seminar in Political Philosophy (4 Hrs.)

Pre-eminent themes and basic literature in the field of political philosophy. Subjects may vary.

POS 515 Seminar in International Relations (4 Hrs.)

Pre-eminent themes and basic literature in the field of international relations. Subjects may vary.

POS 516 Seminar in Comparative Politics (4 Hrs.)

Pre-eminent themes and basic literature in the field of comparative politics. Subjects may vary.

POS 517 Seminar on Congress (4 Hrs.)

Examines themes such as institutionalization and change in congressional representation and policy making. Subjects may vary.

POS 518 Seminar on Public Policy (4 Hrs.)

Examines themes such as agenda formation and policy implementation in the public policy process. Subjects may vary.

POS 520 Internship in Teaching Process (4 Hrs.)

Concentrated learning experience in college teaching. Students are placed with mentor teachers in local community colleges. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

POS 521 Internship in the Electoral Process (4 Hrs.)

Concentrated learning experience in campaign management. Students are placed with program-approved campaigns and party organizations. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

POS 522 Internship in the Legislative Process (4 Hrs.)

Concentrated learning experience in the legislative process. Students are placed with program-approved

lobbying organizations, legislative liaisons, political consultants, and units of the Illinois General Assembly. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

POS 523 Internship in the Executive Process (4 Hrs.)

Concentrated learning experience in executive and staff positions. Students are placed in agencies of the state of Illinois. Emphasis is on staff support of governmental and political leadership. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

POS 524 Internship in International Policy (4 Hrs.)

Concentrated learning experience in international policy making at the state and regional levels. Students are placed in program-approved agencies responsible for international programs and policies. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

POS 525 ILSIP: Academic Seminar (2 Hrs.)

Literature on legislative process and behavior, theories of representation, legislative staffing, and Illinois government and politics. Restricted to students selected as Illinois legislative staff interns. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

POS 526 ILSIP: Internship (1-6 Hrs.)

Internship component of ILSIP academic seminar and internship sequence. Restricted to students selected as Illinois legislative staff interns. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

POS 529 Practice Unit (1 Hr.)

Structured experiential learning module designed to accompany student undertaking in program-approved applied research. Prerequisites: POS 501 and one seminar (POS 511-518), or permission of instructor.

POS 562 Practical Politics Seminar in Political Campaigns (4 Hrs.)

Examines the history, techniques, and trends in modern political campaigns from the practitioner's perspective. Explores what works and why and the implications for those seeking elected public office and for the health of the political system.

POS 563 Practical Politics Seminar in Lobbying and Policy Analysis (4 Hrs.)

Examines the history, techniques, and trends in lobbying and applied policy analysis from the practitioner's perspective. Explores what works and why and the implications for those seeking to influence public policy

and for the health of the political system.

POS 580 Special Topics (4 Hrs.)

Intensive study of a research or theoretical problem in political science, political education, or practical politics. Subject matter and requirements for study and research are determined by the student and the supervising faculty member. Prerequisites: POS 501 and one seminar (POS 511-518), or permission of instructor.

POS 590 Closure Exercise (1 to 4 Hrs.)

Development and completion of a master's closure exercise in political studies. Four options are available: 1) group research project, 2) comprehensive examination, 3) master's project in practical politics, and 4) master's thesis. Except for the comprehensive examination, which must be completed in one semester, students may accrue the required four hours in increments. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. **Note:** If the closure exercise is not completed by the end of the initial four hours in continuous enrollment in POS 590, students must register to audit POS 590 for one credit hour in *all* subsequent semesters until the exercise is completed.

POS 599 Graduate Tutorial (1 to 4 Hrs.)