

# Department of Political Science and Public Administration

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The Department of Political Science and Public Administration offers a Bachelor of Arts degree (B.A.) for individuals who have an interest in politics and who seek careers in the law, in federal, state, or local government (either administrative or elective), in the diplomatic service, with international organizations, in the business world, or in teaching. The Department also offers a Master of Arts degree in Political Science (M.A.), a National Association of Public Affairs and Administration Accredited graduate professional degree in Public Administration (M.P.P.A.) and a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration which prepare men and women for careers in the public service. Interested students should consult the undergraduate or graduate coordinator.

Students pursuing the B.A. degree in Political Science are required to complete , , EC 1033 or EC 2113 and Choose three of the following: PS 1313, PS 1513, PS 2403, PS 2703, or PS 2713.

They must also complete a minimum of seven upper-division elective courses in Political Science (totaling at least 21 credits); of these seven courses, at least one must be completed in each of three of the four subfields of the discipline as displayed in the "Part III: Description of Courses" portion of this Bulletin (American Politics, International Politics, Political Theory, and Comparative Politics).

Political Science majors who wish to teach social studies in Mississippi may become certified by combining the Political Science major with appropriate courses in the College of Education; in Mississippi, it is not necessary to major in secondary education in order to become certified to teach. At the same time, majors in secondary education who plan to become social science teachers should consider a second major, or a minor in Political Science.

Students not majoring in Political Science may wish to select a minor. A minor consists of a minimum of 18 hours of course work in Political science at least nine of which must be at the 3000 level or above. Interested nonmajors should speak with the undergraduate coordinator to formulate a suitable program of study.

The John C. Stennis Scholarship in Political Science is awarded each spring to at least two graduating high school seniors and/or community-college graduates who are Mississippi residents, and who plan to major in Political Science at Mississippi State University. These scholarships carry a stipend of \$2,000 per year for four years or until graduation, whichever comes sooner.<sup>1</sup> The Stennis Scholarships are awarded to academically outstanding students who demonstrate the desire and potential to become actively involved as leaders in the political and governmental affairs of the community, state, or nation. For further information, consult the Head of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, P.O. Box PC, Mississippi State, MS 39762 or telephone (662) 325-2711; high school counselors should also be able to provide application forms.

The Morris W. H. "Bill" Collins Scholarship may be awarded to one African American political science major who is a resident of Mississippi,

who has earned 15 credits in Political Science at Mississippi State University, and who demonstrates potential for making contributions in some area of public service. This scholarship carries a stipend of \$1,500 per year for two years or until graduation, whichever comes first. Students may be nominated by faculty for the Collins Scholarship or make application on their own. For further information, consult the Head of the Department of Political Science, P.O. Box PC, Mississippi State, MS 39762 or telephone (662) 325-2711.

The Haley Barbour Scholarship is awarded each spring to one Political Science major, with two years of college remaining, who evidences a determination to become involved in the political life of the nation. The Barbour Scholarship carries a stipend of \$1,500 per year for a maximum of two years, typically the recipient's junior and senior years. Political Science majors may be nominated by faculty for the Barbour Scholarship or make application on their own. For further information and application forms, consult the Head of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, P.O. Box PC, Mississippi State, MS 39762 or telephone (662) 325-2711.

The following is a typical course of study for Political Science majors, but students should consult with their advisors in order to develop a program which is best for them. For more information contact: Dr. Rob Mellen at (662) 325-4160 or [rmellen@pspa.msstate.edu](mailto:rmellen@pspa.msstate.edu) .

- 1 Transfer students receive the stipend for two years or until graduation, which ever comes sooner.

## Minor in Pre-Law

Whit Waide, Advisor

The interdisciplinary minor in Pre-Law consists of 19 credit hours offered through several departments and programs throughout the university. The minor will consist of a two-semester prerequisite class called "Introduction to Law I and II" (PS 1182/1192), as well as the requirement that a student take PHI 1113 Introduction to Logic, and a Constitutional Law class (PS 3063, 3073, or AAS 3043/PS 3043) or Principles of Legal Writing (EN 4223). At least 9 of the 19 hours must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

The Pre-Law minor is designed to be a curriculum that is consistent with the best practice in preparing undergraduates for the study of law. It has an interdisciplinary focus, creates a practicum like common experience, and focuses on analytic skill development. It will assist students in determining whether they desire to attend law school and will provide exposure to what they will encounter should they decide to attend law school.

## General Education and College Requirements

### English Composition

|            |                            |   |
|------------|----------------------------|---|
| EN 1103    | English Composition I      | 3 |
| or EN 1163 | Accelerated Composition I  |   |
| EN 1113    | English Composition II     | 3 |
| or EN 1173 | Accelerated Composition II |   |

### Foreign Language

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| 3 semesters - one Foreign Language - see advisor | 9 |
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### Humanities

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| Literature - see General Education courses | 3 |
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| History - see General Education courses                              | 3   |
| Philosophy Elective - Consult advisor                                | 3   |
| Humanities Electives - Must be from 2 different areas - see A&S Core | 9   |
| <b>Mathematics</b>   |     |
| MA 1313 College Algebra  | 3   |
| above college algebra  | 3   |
| <b>Fine Arts</b>   |     |
| See A&S Core List  | 3   |
| <b>Natural Sciences</b>  |     |
| Physical Sciences w/lab (CH, GG, PH) <sup>1</sup>                    | 3-4 |
| Biological Sciences w/lab (BIO, EPP, PO) <sup>1</sup>                | 3-4 |
| Natural Science Elective <sup>2</sup>                                | 3-4 |
| <b>Social Sciences</b> <sup>3</sup>                                  |     |
| See General Education courses  | 6   |
| Social Sciences Electives  | 12  |
| <b>Major Core</b>  |     |
| PS 1113 American Government <sup>4</sup>                             | 3   |
| <b>Introductory PS Courses</b>                                       |     |
| Choose three of the following (one counts as a Social Science req):  | 9   |
| PS 1313 Introduction to International Relations                      |     |
| PS 1513 Comparative Government                                       |     |
| PS 2403 Introduction to Political Theory                             |     |
| PS 2703 Introduction to Public Policy                                |     |
| PS 2713 Introduction to Engineering and Public Policy                |     |
| <b>PS Upper Division Electives</b>                                   |     |
| See advisors for selection <sup>5</sup>                              | 21  |
| <b>Oral Communication Requirement</b>                                |     |
| CO 1003 Fundamentals of Public Speaking                              | 3   |
| or CO 1013 Introduction to Communication                             |     |
| <b>Writing Requirement</b>   |     |
| PS 4464 Political Analysis   | 4   |
| <b>Computer Literacy</b>   |     |
| PS 4464 Political Analysis   | 4   |
| <b>General Electives</b>   |     |
| General Electives  | 18  |
| <b>Total Hours</b>   | 124 |

(31 hours must be A&S upper division)

- <sup>1</sup> See General Education courses.
- <sup>2</sup> Consult advisor.
- <sup>3</sup> Must be from 2 different areas and must cross 4 disciplines over the 18 hours. Only one Economics - EC 1033 or EC 2113, can be chosen. See advisor.
- <sup>4</sup> Also counts as Social Science Requirement.
- <sup>5</sup> Must have at least one course from 3 of 4 areas as listed under the Political Science and Public Administration Department in the bulletin's Description of Courses: American Politics, International Politics, Political Theory, Comparative Politics. Only one directed individual study course and only one honors thesis course may be included.

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| PHI 1113 Introduction to Logic                         | 3 |
| PS 1182 Introduction to Law I                          | 2 |
| PS 1192 Introduction to Law II                         | 2 |
| Choose one of the following:                           | 3 |
| AAS /PS 3043 Modern Civil Rights Law                   |   |
| PS 3063 Constitutional Powers                          |   |
| PS 3073 Civil Liberties                                |   |
| EN 4223 Principles of Legal Writing                    |   |
| <b>Elective Courses</b> <sup>1</sup>                   | 9 |
| <b>African American Studies</b>                        |   |
| AAS 3043 Modern Civil Rights Law                       |   |
| AAS 4983 African Americans and the Law                 |   |
| <b>Agricultural Economics</b>                          |   |
| AEC 4413 Public Problems of Agriculture                |   |
| <b>Anthropology</b>                                    |   |
| AN 4633 Language and Society                           |   |
| <b>Business</b>  |   |
| BL 2413 The Legal Environment of Business              |   |
| BL 3223 The Law of Commercial Transactions             |   |
| BL 3233 Business Law for Resorts                       |   |
| BL 4243 Legal Aspects of Entrepreneurship              |   |
| BL 4263 Environmental Law                              |   |
| BL 4273 International Business Law                     |   |
| BL 4333 Real Estate Law                                |   |
| <b>Communication</b>                                   |   |
| CO 4243 Rhetorical Theory                              |   |
| CO 4253 Elements of Persuasion                         |   |
| CO 4313 Mass Media Law                                 |   |
| <b>Criminology</b>                                     |   |
| CRM 3343 Gender, Crime, and Justice                    |   |
| CRM 3353 Race, Crime and Justice                       |   |
| CRM 4243 Drugs, Crime and Control                      |   |
| CRM 4253 White Collar Crime and Elite Deviance         |   |
| CRM 4323 Victimology                                   |   |
| CRM 4513 Correctional Systems                          |   |
| <b>Economics</b>                                       |   |
| EC 4043 Survey of Economics                            |   |
| EC 4223 Labor Law and Employment Policy                |   |
| <b>English</b>   |   |
| EN 2243 American Literature Before 1865                |   |
| EN 2253 American Literature After 1865                 |   |
| EN 2273 World Literature Before 1600                   |   |
| EN 2283 World Literature After 1600                    |   |
| EN 4223 Principles of Legal Writing                    |   |
| <b>Foreign Languages</b>                               |   |
| FLL 1113 Latin I                                       |   |
| FLL 1123 Latin II                                      |   |
| FLL 2133 Latin III                                     |   |
| FLL 2143 Latin IV                                      |   |
| <b>Food Science, Nutrition, &amp; Health Promotion</b> |   |
| FNH 4333 Food Law                                      |   |

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| Forestry                   |                                       |
| FO 4353                    | Natural Resource Law                  |
| Health Care Administration |                                       |
| HCA 3813                   | Healthcare Regulations                |
| History                    |                                       |
| HI 3903                    | Historiography and Historical Method  |
| Insurance                  |                                       |
| INS 3103                   | Principles of Insurance               |
| Philosophy                 |                                       |
| PHI 1103                   | Introduction to Philosophy            |
| PHI 1123                   | Introduction to Ethics                |
| PHI 3113                   | Philosophy of Law                     |
| PHI 4213                   | Epistemology                          |
| Political Science          |                                       |
| PS 2403                    | Introduction to Political Theory      |
| PS 3063                    | Constitutional Powers                 |
| PS 3073                    | Civil Liberties                       |
| PS 3183                    | Law and Politics                      |
| PS 4113                    | State Government                      |
| PS 4173                    | Legislative Process                   |
| PS 4183                    | Judicial Process                      |
| PS 4193                    | Mississippi Judicial System           |
| PS 4263                    | Mississippi Government and Politics   |
| PS 4313                    | Principles of International Law       |
| Psychology                 |                                       |
| PSY 4353                   | Psychology and the Law                |
| Religion                   |                                       |
| REL 1213                   | Introduction to the Old Testament     |
| Sociology                  |                                       |
| SO 3343                    | Gender, Crime, and Justice            |
| SO 3353                    | Race, Crime, & Justice                |
| SO 4243                    | Drugs, Crime and Control              |
| SO 4253                    | White Collar Crime and Elite Deviance |
| SO 4523                    | Law and Society                       |
| SO 4633                    | Language and Society                  |
| Sports Administration      |                                       |
| SS 3203                    | Sport Law                             |

<sup>1</sup> Must be from at least two different disciplines