

# 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 PS 1113 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; applications are available on the department website.

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 advisor 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).

<sup>1</sup> Transfer students receive the stipend for two years or until graduation, which ever comes sooner.

## Minor in Pre-Law

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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

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

Literature - see General Education courses		3
History - see General Education courses		3
Philosophy Elective - Consult advisor		3
Humanities Electives - Must be from 2 different areas - see A&S Core		9

### Mathematics

MA 1313	College Algebra	3
above college algebra		3

### Fine Arts

See A&S Core List		3
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### Natural Sciences

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

### Social Sciences <sup>3</sup>

See General Education courses		6
Social Sciences Electives		12

### Major Core

PS 1113	American Government <sup>4</sup>	3
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### Introductory PS Courses

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	

### PS Upper Division Electives

See advisors for selection <sup>5</sup>		21
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### Oral Communication Requirement

CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
or CO 1013	Introduction to Communication	

### Writing Requirement

PS 4464	Political Analysis	4
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### Computer Literacy

PS 4464	Political Analysis	4
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### General Electives

General Electives		18
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<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>124</b>
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(31 hours must be A&S upper division)

- 1 See General Education courses.
- 2 Consult advisor.
- 3 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.
- 4 Also counts as Social Science Requirement.
- 5 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.

## Minor in Pre-Law

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 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	

## Foreign Languages

FLL 1113	Latin I
FLL 1123	Latin II
FLL 2133	Latin III
FLL 2143	Latin IV

## Food Science, Nutrition, &amp; Health Promotion

FNH 4333	Food Law
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## Forestry

FO 4353	Natural Resource Law
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## Health Care Administration

HCA 3813	Healthcare Regulations
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## History

HI 3903	Historiography and Historical Method
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## Insurance

INS 3103	Principles of Insurance
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## Philosophy

PHI 1103	Introduction to Philosophy
PHI 1123	Introduction to Ethics
PHI 3113	Philosophy of Law

## 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
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## Religion

REL 1213	Introduction to the Old Testament
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## 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
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<sup>1</sup> Must be from at least two different disciplines