

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 Network of Schools of Public Policy, 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 students 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. Students must also complete PS 4464 in their junior or senior year.

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.¹ 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.

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. 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. 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.

The Tip Allen Scholarships are awarded to Political Science majors who are participating in a public service internship in the summer, who have earned at least 12 credits in Political Science at MSU, and who demonstrate potential for making contributions in some area of public service.

The Dr. Marty Wiseman Scholarship is awarded to a Political Science major who has demonstrated achievement and a commitment to public service.

The Dr. Charles E. Menifield Public Service and Leadership Annual Scholarship is awarded to an African American Political Science major who has demonstrated leadership potential and a commitment to public service.

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. Brian Shoup at bds223@msstate.edu.

¹ 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.

Accelerated MPPA Program

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Students with at least a 3.5 GPA can opt to apply for the Accelerated MPPA program in their senior year. This program allows students to take up to nine (9) credit hours of approved classes for both undergraduate AND graduate credit that can be applied towards their MPPA degree. In essence, students graduate with both a BA and a MPPA degree. Students apply for the graduate program in their senior year and take three approved cross-listed courses in their last semester that contribute to the program.

Core Courses (27 Hours)

PPA 8103 (<http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2023-24/search/?P=PPA%208103>) Seminar in Public Administration
PPA 8703 Government Organization and Administrative Theory
PPA 8713 Public Personnel Management
PPA 8723 Public Budgeting and Financial Management
PPA 8733 Public Program Evaluation
PPA 8743 Administrative Law
PPA 8803 Research Methods for Public Affairs
PPA 8903 Public Policy
PPA 8983 Integrative Capstone

Electives (12 Hours)

Each student must complete a 12-hour elective concentration to augment knowledge, skills, and abilities acquired in required courses. These courses are tailored to the student's career objective.

Internship (3 Hours)

Each student completes an internship in a public or nonprofit agency. The internship is waived for students possessing at least one year of relevant work experience.

General Education and College Requirements

English Composition

EN 1103	English Composition I	3
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

above college algebra	3
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Fine Arts

See A&S Core List	3
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Natural Sciences

Physical Sciences w/lab (CH, GG, PH) ¹	3-4
Biological Sciences w/lab (BIO, EPP, PO) ¹	3-4

Natural Science Elective ²		3-4
Social Sciences ³		
See General Education courses		6
Social Sciences Electives		12
Major Core		
PS 1113	American Government ⁴	3
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 ⁵		21
Oral Communication Requirement		
CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
or CO 1013	Introduction to Communication	
Writing Requirement		
PS 4464	Political Analysis	4
Computer Literacy		
PS 4464	Political Analysis	4
General Electives		
General Electives		18
Total Hours		121

(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	
Elective Courses ¹		9
African American Studies		
AAS 3043	Modern Civil Rights Law	
AAS 4983	African Americans and the Law	
Agricultural Economics		
AEC 4413	Public Problems of Agriculture	
Anthropology		
AN 4633	Language and Society	

Business

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

Communication

CO 4243	Rhetorical Theory
CO 4253	Elements of Persuasion
CO 4313	Mass Media Law

Criminology

CRM 3343	Gender, Crime, and Justice
CRM 3353	Race, Crime and Justice
CRM 4243	Drugs, Crime and Control
CRM 4253	White Collar and Computer Crime
CRM 4323	Victimology
CRM 4513	Correctional Systems

Economics

EC 4043	Survey of Economics
EC 4223	Labor Law and Employment Policy

English

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, & 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	Introduction to Healthcare Law and Regulation
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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
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 and Computer Crime
SO 4523	Law and Society
SO 4633	Language and Society
Sports Administration	
SS 3203	Sport Law

¹ Must be from at least two different disciplines