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The Department of Political Science offers courses for students interested in understanding government and politics at the international, national, state, and local levels.

The mission of the department is to provide students with both a substantive knowledge of politics and the skills necessary to make use of that knowledge effectively, not only as private citizens participating in a democracy, but also in a wide range of careers. The department has implemented a program of assessment to measure achievement of these objectives. Students in the department are exposed to both the theory and practice of politics. The department's faculty covers a broad range of substantive specializations, encompassing American politics, comparative politics, constitutional law, international relations, and political theory. Courses in the department also strive to instill in students a number of important skills, including critical thinking, analysis, writing, and the practical application of ideas to real world situations. The combination of substantive knowledge and practical skills instilled by courses in the department provides a solid background to help our students to excel as leaders in a variety of fields, including politics, government service, law, teaching, and business.

Knowledge Goals - students majoring in political science will be exposed to a wide range of substantive information about the world of politics, covering subjects such as:

- The history, characteristics, and impact of political institutions and systems, including international, national, state, and local governments
- The behavior of individual actors at both the mass and elite levels
- The processes involved in creating government policy and the impact of those policies
- The debates over the normative foundations of the state, the scope of its activities, and the nature of justice

Skill Goals - students majoring in political science will develop practical and marketable skills which will help them to apply that knowledge to any number of career paths. These skills include:

- Critical thinking - the ability to read and evaluate primary texts, ideas, theories, and political analysis
- Analysis/Research - the ability to pose and answer questions effectively
- Argumentation/Persuasion - the ability to use logic and evidence to build a persuasive argument
- Written and Verbal Communication - the ability to communicate ideas clearly on paper or through oral presentations
- Working in Groups - the ability to effectively coordinate with others on a project
- Practical Applications - the ability to take information gained through coursework and use it effectively in real world or simulated exercises

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Core Requirements (44 hours)¹

Second Language Proficiency²

Required Courses(6 hours)

POLS 1310 American National Government
POLS 2301 Introduction to Political Science

Students are required to take at least one upper level course in each of the following five fields:

American Political Institutions and Processes (3 hours)

POLS 3300 American Political Parties
POLS 3303 American State and Local Government
POLS 3305 Elections and Public Opinion
POLS 3320 The American Presidency
POLS 3325 Legislative Process and Behavior

Comparative Politics (3 hours)

POLS 3360 Comparative Government: Western
POLS 3370 Comparative Politics: Developing Areas

Constitutional Law (3 hours)

POLS 4350 Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers
POLS 4351 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties

International Relations (3 hours)

POLS 4320 American Foreign Policy
POLS 4340 International Relations

Normative and Empirical Analysis (3 hours)

POLS 3302 Methods of Political Inquiry
POLS 3390 American Political Thought
POLS 4380 Classical Political Theory
POLS 4390 Modern Political Theory

Upper Level Electives (12 hours)

Completion of a Minor

Minor in Presidential Studies

Required Courses (6 hours)

POLS 3320 The American Presidency
POLS 4360 Selected Topics in Political Science: Presidential Studies

History Requirements (6 hours)

HIST 3352 American Revolution, 1763-1787
HIST 3353 The New Republic: The US, 1787-1848
HIST 3355 American Civil War and Reconstruction, 1848-1876
HIST 3356 The Gilded Age: The US, 1876-1900
HIST 3357 The Age of Reform: The US, 1900-1939
HIST 3358 Recent America: The US, 1939-present
HIST 4385 U.S. Diplomatic History
HIST 4387 Great Decisions in American Foreign Policy (if not taken below as POLS 4387)

Political Science Requirements (6 hours)

POLS 3301 Seminar in Political Science

1. See "Core Requirements" on page 31.

2. See "Second Language Requirement on page 31.

POLS 3331 Public Administration (if not taken below as PADM 3331)
POLS 4345
The Clinton Presidency
POLS 4350 Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers
POLS 4387 Great Decisions in American Foreign Policy
(if not taken above as HIST 4387)

One course from the following (3 hours)

RHET 4306 Writing for Business and Government
PADM 3331 Public Administration (if not taken above as POLS 3331)
HIST 4391 Seminar in United States History
HIST 4395 History Internship
POLS 3348 Internship I
POLS 4348 Internship II
PSYC 4290, 4390 Senior Seminar
SPCH 4313 Seminar: Topics in Communication
MCOM 4384 Topics in Journalism
MCOM 4370 Special Topics: RTVF
RHET 4347 Topics in Nonfiction Writing

Secondary Teacher Licensure

See "Secondary Teacher Licensure" on page 44 for details and contact the Department of Political Science as soon as possible for program advising.

Courses in Political Science (POLS)

POLS 1310 American National Government

An introduction to the political institutions, processes, and patterns of the national government of the United States, focusing on the Congress, presidency, and courts, and on their interrelationships. Attention is given to suffrage and elections, political parties, interest groups, and public opinion. Significant issues and problems of national policy such as civil rights and civil liberties are considered. Three credit hours.

POLS 2301 Introduction to Political Science

Introduction to social science concepts as applied to political analysis. Analysis of individuals, groups, and society, particularly the study of social, economic, and political structures and behavior. Introduction to the discipline of political science as a social science, including enduring questions about politics, nature of political analysis, major theoretical and empirical approaches, and critiques of the discipline. Three credit hours.

POLS 3101 Seminar in Political Science

[See course description for]

POLS 3201 Seminar in Political Science

[See course description for]

POLS 3300 American Political Parties

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. The nature, function, and history of political parties in the United States and the process by which the will of the electorate is applied to public problems through suffrage, nominations, campaigns, and elections. Three credit hours.

POLS 3301 Seminar in Political Science

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. Special problems, issues, or trends in the theory and practice of politics and government. May be repeated with a change of subject and permission of department chairperson. One, two, or three credit hours.

POLS 3302 Methods of Political Inquiry

Introduction to basic research methods in empirical political analysis. Research design in political science; data collection techniques; data analysis and hypothesis testing; statistics and computer use for political science. Three credit hours.

POLS 3303 American State and Local Government

Problems of state and local government; the party system in the state; organization, functions, and powers of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the state government; organization and operation of county, city, village, and township government in the United States; emphasizes the effect of federalism on American state and local governments. Three credit hours.

POLS 3305 Elections and Public Opinion

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. The roles of elections and public opinion within the democratic system are thoroughly analyzed, with emphasis on factors leading to different electoral behavior and opinions within the public. Three credit hours.

Minor in Political Science

A minor in political science requires 18 credit hours, including POLS 1310 American National Government, POLS 2301 Introduction to Political Science, and at least 9 hours of upper-level courses.

Minor in Presidential Studies

Joseph Giammo, Coordinator

The Presidential Studies minor enables students to gain a greater understanding of the presidency as an institution and as an actor within several arenas: government and politics, the economy, media and communications, and culture and society.

As an interdisciplinary minor, Presidential Studies allows students to study multiple approaches for understanding the presidency and different aspects of presidential behavior, the executive branch, and public policy. Course work in the program is designed to enhance students' understanding of how the presidency and executive branch operate and the institution's impact on society at home and abroad. The minor is well suited to combine with a major in Political Science, History, Journalism, Radio/TV/Film, Rhetoric and Writing, Speech Communication, and Professional and Technical Writing. This minor may be chosen as one of the concentrations in the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts (BALA) curriculum.

The minor requires 21 hours. Students who declare the minor must be advised by the coordinator. Students' individual needs and interests are important considerations in the course selection and advising process. During registration, students should confirm with the coordinator that the courses they plan to take meet the requirements for the minor. Students who plan to take online courses or courses at other campuses must first seek written approval from the coordinator and apply for concurrent enrollment.

POLS 3310 Policy Process

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. Surveys alternative approaches for analyzing policy making, the political and institutional context affecting the policy process, and selected public policies and decisions. Three credit hours.

POLS 3320 The American Presidency

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. Powers, duties, and responsibilities of our greatest executive officer, centering on historic and contemporary conceptions of the office; the presidency as an administrative institution. Three credit hours.

POLS 3325 Legislative Process and Behavior

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. Legislative politics in the United States Congress and state legislatures; socialization; role of party, constituency, and legislative institutions as they affect legislative behavior and public policy. Three credit hours.

POLS 3331 Public Administration

Prerequisites: POLS 1310 or junior standing. Trends and organization of public administration, fiscal and personnel management, administrative powers, and responsibility. Cross-listed with PADM 3331. Three credit hours.

POLS 3338, 3339 Cooperative Education in Political Science I & II

Prerequisites: declared major in political science; POLS 1310; and at least one upper-level course in political science, basic computer literacy, and consent of the department's cooperative education coordinator. POLS 3303 is strongly recommended but not required. Cooperative Education in Political Science is designed to give a student majoring in the discipline an educationally applied field work learning experience. A maximum of six hours of Cooperative Education may be taken in the major. Three credit hours.

POLS 3348 Internship I

Prerequisites: at least 45 hours of completed work and permission of the instructor. Public service learning in an applied setting. Provides undergraduate students interested in politics and government with practical governmental experience. Students, through the writing of a primary internship paper and the attendance at periodic intern seminars, synthesize practical and theoretical learning in government, politics, and law. Three credit hours.

POLS 3350 Arkansas Government and Politics

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. A study of contemporary politics and government of Arkansas with a brief introduction to the state's political history and a concentration on the twentieth-century experience. Topics include elections, the constitution, organization of Arkansas state and local government, and the operation of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. Three credit hours.

POLS 3360 Comparative Government: Western

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. The structure, powers, and principles of the national governments of the leading European nations, including the former Soviet republics, in contrast with one another and the United States. The course also includes Canada. Three credit hours.

POLS 3370 Comparative Politics: Developing Areas

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. An examination of the major themes and practical problems central to third world politics such as development, state-society relations and change. A general focus on cases from Africa, Asia and Latin America will help ground thematic discussions. POLS 3360 is recommended as background. Three credit hours.

POLS 3380 Seminar in Comparative Politics

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. Special problems, issues, or trends in the study of comparative politics. May be repeated with a change of subject and permission of the department chairperson. Three credit hours.

POLS 3390 American Political Thought

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. The lives and ideas of leading political thinkers of the United States from the colonial period to the present. Three credit hours.

POLS 4100, 4200, 4300 Independent Study

Prerequisites: senior standing, 15 credit hours of political science, consent of instructor. Advanced study and research. The student should prepare a prospectus before applying for independent study. One, two, or three credit hours.

POLS 4301 Judicial System and Process

A survey of state, local, and federal judicial systems and their interrelationships. Examines judicial structure, functions, and decision-making procedures. Three credit hours.

POLS 4302 Law and Society

An examination of the origins and history of law in society, including the evolving roles of judges, juries, defense attorneys, and prosecutors. Examines the evolution of civil and criminal law, the adversary system, and the concept of justice. Three credit hours.

POLS 4308 Topics in Urban Studies

In-depth analysis of selected urban topics and themes. Course emphasizes multidisciplinary nature of urban issues and various approaches used to characterize, investigate and understand urban phenomena. May be repeated for credit with a change of subject and permission of the department chairperson. Cross-listed as URST 4308. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as POLS 5308.

POLS 4310 Seminar in American National Government

Prerequisite: senior standing. Research seminar dealing with selected phases of politics and government in the United States. It gives students the opportunity to bring analytical skills and substantive knowledge gained in prior courses to bear on a selected topic of importance, and will involve a substantial writing project. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as POLS 5310. Three credit hours.

POLS 4315 Capitol Hill Seminar

An introduction to politics and government in Washington, DC politics. Through meetings with Washington decision-makers from the three branches of government, the major governmental linkage institutions and lobbyists, congressional staffers, members of the media, think tanks, and political analysts, the course facilitates understanding of the theoretical and practical worlds of American politics from an insider, Capitol Hill, perspective. Three credit hours.

POLS 4320 American Foreign Policy

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. Examines the goals and motivation of American foreign policy and relations, the actors and processes that shape policies and decisions, and selected foreign policy problems and issues. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as POLS 5320. Three credit hours.

POLS 4333 Seminar in State Politics

Research seminar dealing with selected aspects of state politics such as comparative policy making, political culture variations, and problem solving. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as POLS 5333. Three credit hours.

POLS 4340 International Relations

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. Provides a conceptual foundation for understanding and analyzing the international system, states, and actors. Examines economic, political, and military aspects of national security, power, and national interest, and patterns of national decision making. Three credit hours.

POLS 4341 Seminar in International Relations

Special problems, issues, or trends in the study of international relations. May be repeated with a change of subject and permission of the department chairperson. Three credit hours.

POLS 4343 Seminar in Local Politics

Research seminar dealing with selected aspects of local politics such as community power structure, local autonomy, and comparative administration. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as POLS 5343. Three credit hours.

POLS 4345 The Clinton Presidency

Prerequisite: consent of the instructor. The presidency of Bill Clinton from several perspectives, all grounded in the discipline of political science: the administration's policy making; presidential power and leadership; crises and turning points in the Clinton administration; campaigning and communications skill of the president; relations with the press, political parties and groups; and the legacy of the Clinton presidency. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as POLS 5345. Three credit hours.

POLS 4348 Internship II

Prerequisite: Senior standing and permission of the instructor. A public service learning experience which gives students the opportunity to blend practical concepts learned on the job with their academic course work in political science. Students attend periodic seminars and participate in a substantial writing assignment aimed at fully integrating and synthesizing their public service experience. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as POLS 5348. Three credit hours.

POLS 4350 Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. The Supreme Court as a political institution in American democracy. Analysis of leading constitutional decisions exploring judicial review, federalism, separation of powers, regulation of commerce, due process, and equal protection. The dynamics of Supreme Court decision-making. Three credit hours.

POLS 4351 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. Civil liberties; analysis of leading constitutional decisions focusing on human freedom and fundamental rights. Emphasis on religious liberty, freedom of expression, racial equality, privacy, criminal procedures, and the dynamics of Supreme Court decision making. Three credit hours.

POLS 4355 Urban Planning and Land Use

A view of urban planning and land use from critical, analytical urban studies perspective. The course inquires into the meaning of planning for communities and cities. Course uses case studies to explore positive and negative impacts of planning technique and professionalism. Considers historical and modern alternatives to planning and subsequent land use and how urban planning and land use relate to quality of urban life. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as POLS 5355. Three credit hours.

POLS 4356 Urban Policy and Government

Course explores urban policy-making and urban government from a critical, analytical urban studies perspective. Considers historical and modern variations of urban government and intergovernmental relations and how this relates to urban policy making, political will and quality of urban life issues. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as POLS 5356. Three credit hours.

POLS 4360 Selected Topics in Political Science

Prerequisite: senior standing. The seminar provides students the opportunity to bring analytical skills and substantive knowledge gained in prior courses to bear on a selected topic of special importance, and will involve a substantial writing project. Students should inquire at the department for the topic that will be addressed in a given semester. Three credit hours.

POLS 4370 Readings in Political Science

Prerequisite: senior standing. In this readings seminar several outstanding books, including classics and notable current works, are assigned for analysis and discussion. The course is designed to give students an opportunity to consider fundamental themes that perennially concern the discipline: the nature of power, politics, and governance. Three credit hours.

POLS 4375 Politics of the Middle East

The course covers the politics and political dynamics of the Middle East, introducing the student to the main issues and actors (state and non-state) of the contemporary Middle East. The course explores the nature of contemporary politics in the region including the impact of the complex relationships among great power intervention, economics, ethnicity, nationalism, and religion. Three credit hours.

POLS 4376 Global Terrorism

The course will cover history, contemporary nature and defense against terrorism, with a particular emphasis on post 09/11 "war on terror." Three credit hours.

POLS 4380 Classical Political Theory

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. Major political ideas and doctrines of political thinkers from Plato to Montesquieu, with emphasis on the contributions of each to the theory and practice of government. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as POLS 5380. Three credit hours.

POLS 4387 Great Decisions in American Foreign Policy

Prerequisites: POLS 1310, HIST 2311, or junior standing. Examines eight current foreign policy issues. Explores the origin of each issue, alternative proposals and strategies for American foreign policy, other nations' proposals and strategies, and the consequences of past and current international problems for the United States and the world community. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as POLS 5387. Three credit hours.

POLS 4390 Modern Political Theory

Prerequisite: POLS 1310 or junior standing. A continuation of POLS 4380; from Edmund Burke to the present, with emphasis on the more recent political theories and systems of democracy, communism, and socialism. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as POLS 5390. Three credit hours.

POLS 4397 Social Studies Teaching Applications

A link between social studies content with practical applications for classroom instruction. Content information comes from history, geography, political science, sociology/anthropology, and psychology. Modeled for prospective secondary education teachers to illustrate how content can be applied in the classroom. Critical components of each of the disciplines integrated into the content presentations and the demonstrated applications. Team taught. Same as GEOG and HIST 4397. Three credit hours.

POLS 4399 Undergraduate Research Project

Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing, POLS 3302, 15 credit hours of political science, and consent of the instructor. Completion of a major research project in political science. The student should complete a research proposal before applying. Three credit hours.

International Studies

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The international studies program comprises a major/minor consisting of 45-48 hours. The curriculum is divided into a set of International Studies foundation courses and an area of concentration.

Area of Concentration

In addition to the International Studies foundation courses the student will select an area of concentration. Options include Latin America, Europe, a private track emphasis, or an area designed by the student with the advisor's approval. Possible choices include, but are not

limited to; East Asian Studies, International Women's Issues, Middle Eastern studies, or a diplomatic, environmental, or a developing nations emphasis. The area concentration consists of 18 hours of thematically clustered courses from various academic disciplines, an advanced foreign language course in culture or literature, an internship or cooperative education work experience, and a senior paper connected with the student's specialization.

Minor in International Studies

The minor in international studies is designed for students who have an interest in foreign cultures and global affairs and would like to complement their major or career related field with foreign language and international skills.

The international studies minor consists of 21 hours. Students must complete an intermediate foreign language course (2311 or above), INTS 2301 and 2302, and 12 hours of related upper-level courses chosen in consultation with the international studies coordinator.

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

Core Requirements (44 hours)¹

Second Language Proficiency²

International Studies (45-48 hours)

Foundation Requirements (18 hours)

INTS 2301 World Cultures

INTS 2302 Global Issues

SPCH 4312 Intercultural Communication

INTS 4350 Internship

RHET 3300 Introduction to Research Methods

INTS 4101, 4102, & 4103 Senior Research Project: Proposal, Paper, and Presentation³

Second Language Proficiency for International Studies Majors (6 hours)

Two upper level courses in a foreign language (3000-4000 level)⁴

Areas of concentration (24-21 hours)

Public Sector Track (24 hours)

Political Science Requirement: an upper level Political Science course in comparative or international politics, including, but not limited to:

POLS 3360 Comparative Government: Western

or POLS 3370 Comparative Politics: Developing Areas

or POLS 4340 International Relations

INTS 3321 Topics in Modern International Cultures or an equivalent course

Four courses (12 hours) of upper level clustered courses

Two courses (6 hours) of upper level designated electives

Private Sector Track (21 hours)

MKTG 3350 Principles of Marketing

STAT 2350 Introduction to Statistical Methods

or ECON 2310 Business Statistics I⁵

Three courses (9 hours) of upper level International business electives, including, but not limited to, the following options:

ADVT 4370 International Promotion Management and Public Relations

ECON 4320 International Economics

FINC 4330 International Finance

MGMT 4377 International Business Management

MKTG 4320 International Marketing

MKTG 4381 International Business Transactions

Two courses (6 hours) of upper level restricted electives (in cultural/political area)

University Electives (11-20 hours)⁶

Total Hour Requirement for International Studies Degree: 124 hours (45 upper level hours)

1. See "Core Requirements for Bachelor Degrees" in the Policy section..

2. See "Second Language Requirement."

3. Pre-requisite: RHET 3300.

4. If students cannot test into this level of coursework based on prior language experience or proficiency, 2000-level course(s) in the language chosen may be required as pre-requisites to these courses. One 2000-level course will fulfill the B.A. degree's second language proficiency requirements.

5. MATH 1342 is a pre-requisite

6. These general electives, 11 hours for private track students and 20 hours for public track students, do not include hours needed for pre-requisite courses. These hours are purely free elective hours that may be needed to reach the required 124 total hours needed to complete this degree program.

Courses in International Studies (INTS)

INTS 2301 World Cultures

A study of traditional culture of major world areas emphasizing values and systems that lead to cultural unity and cultural diversity, followed by a study of the modernization of each culture and the extent to which the cultures have interacted and changed as a result of intercultural contact during the 19th and 20th centuries. Three credit hours.

INTS 2302 Global Issues

A study of issues of concern throughout the modern world, the reaction of cultural entities to those issues, global dynamics, and the ways in which international assessments are made. Three credit hours.

INTS 3321 Topics in Modern International Cultures

Modern institutions and lifestyles in cultures selected from the major regions of Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The course emphasizes different patterns of behavior found in cultural areas outside the U.S. The specific focus of the course will vary from time to time. It may be repeated for credit if the content is different. Three credit hours.

INTS 3350, 3351 Cooperative Education Work Experience I and II

Prerequisites: major in international studies, INTS 2301, 2302, ECON 2321, FREN, GERM, or SPAN 2312, at least six upper-level required international studies hours, basic computer literacy, and consent of the international studies coordinator. Designed to complement and extend the classroom learning experience through application of theoretical concepts in a professional work environment with an international dimension. The exact number of work hours, activities, and responsibilities is dependent on the nature of the work experience and must be specified in a written agreement between employer and student in coordination with the Office of Cooperative Education. Three credit hours.

INTS 4101 Senior Research Project

Proposal. Required for international studies majors. An independent research project that is completed over two semesters under the guidance of a faculty supervisor whose field is related to the proposed area of investigation. The project has three components, consisting of a proposal (4101), a formal paper (4102), and an oral presentation (4103), each providing one hour of academic credit. A student may enroll in INTS 4102, 4103 only after completing an acceptable proposal (INTS 4101) in the previous semester. One credit hour.

INTS 4102 Senior Research Project

Formal Paper. Required for international studies majors. An independent research project that is completed over two semesters under the guidance of a faculty supervisor whose field is related to the proposed area of investigation. The project has three components, consisting of a proposal (4101), a formal paper (4102), and an oral presentation (4103), each providing one hour of academic credit. A student may enroll in INTS 4102, 4103 only after completing an acceptable proposal (INTS 4101) in the previous semester. Three credit hour.

INTS 4103 Senior Research Project

Oral Presentation. Required for international studies majors. An independent research project that is completed over two semesters under the guidance of a faculty supervisor whose field is related to the proposed area of investigation. The project has three components, consisting of a proposal (4101), a formal paper (4102), and an oral presentation (4103), each providing one hour of academic credit. A student may enroll in INTS 4102, 4103 only after completing an acceptable proposal (INTS 4101) in the previous semester. One credit hour.

INTS 4300 Seminar

For international studies majors. An integrative, in-depth study of a specified regional problem or global issue, related to the area of concentration, requiring analysis of traditional values and current issues and problems. Three credit hours.

INTS 4350 Internship

For international studies majors or minors. Field experience with businesses, industries, and agencies involved in the international arena. Supervised by the company or agency and a faculty member. Students are expected to apply theoretical concepts to active world situations and develop appropriate working skills and experience. Credit, no credit grading available on request. Three credit hours.

Minor in Legal Studies

Joseph Giammo, Coordinator.

The legal studies minor provides the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of law and legal institutions. The program is broadly humanistic, giving students a general knowledge of the institutional, philosophical, and historical character of the legal system. Course work in the program is designed to help students understand and use written and spoken language, to foster a critical understanding of the human institutions and values with which the law deals, and to stimulate creative thinking.

A minor in legal studies is not designed specifically to prepare a student for law school. There is no recommended major or minor for law school. If you are interested in attending law school, the best preparation is an undergraduate curriculum that requires you to investigate information, analyze it, and explain your conclusions clearly. Most often a broad liberal arts background is the best preparation for these tasks. See "Prelaw Studies" for further information about preparation for law school.

The minor requires 18 hours, which must be approved by the coordinator. No more than nine hours may be chosen from any one discipline. The student's individual needs and interests are important considerations in the course selection process. This minor may also be chosen as one of the concentrations in the bachelor of arts in liberal arts curriculum.

Before beginning the program students should get a list of approved courses for the minor at <http://ualr.edu/polsci/legalstudies.htm>. Each student should complete one three-hour independent research project,

subject to the approval of the coordinator, or an internship or field study program subject to the approval of the coordinator. Credit for this project will be provided by any independent study or equivalent course offered in the College or, if applicable, an internship or field-study program. For more information contact the coordinator in the political science department at (501) 569-3331 or nesnortland@ualr.edu.

Middle Eastern Studies

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Clea Bunch, Chair (Responsible for public programs)

Faculty: Clea Bunch, History Department

Krista Lewis, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

<http://ualr.edu/minors/mest>

The Middle Eastern Studies minor is an interdisciplinary program that gives student the opportunity to study the Middle East in-depth by combining existing course offerings from a number of disciplines. The minor is available to students from a wide variety of majors, and is particularly valuable option for students majoring in International Studies, Political Science, Anthropology, or History. The minor consists of 18 credit hours, including three required upper-division courses in politics, cultures and history of the Middle East, and three elective courses with a focus on the Middle East. The list of available elective courses is expanding.

The minor is a part of a broader Middle Eastern Studies Program, funded by the King Fahd endowment. The program offers, on competitive basis, grants for Middle Eastern Studies students studying at UALR and for UALR faculty with interest in the Middle East. The program also supports a series of monthly lectures and events on the Middle East. For further information, please contact the program coordinator, Jacek Lubecki.

Minor description:

The minor requires 18 upper level hours to include:

POLS 4375/5375 Politics of the Middle East

ANTH 3319 Cultures of the Middle East

HIST 3336 Islam and the Modern Middle East OR

HIST 4390 "Islamic Civilization 600-1900"

and 9 hours of elective credit selected from courses with a Middle Eastern focus including the following courses:

POLS 3301 Global Terrorism

RELS 3370 Judaism

RELS 3336 Islam

ANTH 4325 Egyptology

GEOG 4300 Geography of the Middle East

POLS 3101 Model Arab League

Students can transfer their credits for other minor-related coursework, including study of Middle Eastern Languages. Other elective courses may be substituted with prior consent of the program coordinator.

Urban Studies

Coordinator of Urban Studies Minor

Urban Studies is an academic field that examines how urban areas work, how cities contribute to civilization, and how people and institutions interact in areas of high population density. The study of urban issues includes urban democracy and citizen participation, local government structure, metropolitan planning, land use and economic development policy, intergovernmental relationships, urban demographics and population movement, urban and social history, geography and spatial form, and physical design.

The Urban Studies minor at UALR is designed to develop the critical thinking skills of students, preparing them for the workplace and graduate school. The minor encourages student internships and service learning opportunities as ways to immediately apply academic learning and critical thinking skills and to gain the practical experience and necessary contacts for the workplace.

Minor in Urban Studies

Required courses in Urban Studies: (3 hours)

URST 3305 Study of the City

Three courses (9 hours) from the following

URST 4305 Urban Design

URST/POLS 4355 Urban Planning and Land Use

URST/POLS 4356 Urban Policy and Government

URST/POLS 4308 Topics in Urban Studies

Two courses (6 hours) from the following (with coordinator's approval)

POLS 3348 Internship I or POLS 4348 Internship II

URST 4302 Independent Study

POLS 3350 Arkansas Government and Politics

POLS 4343 Seminar in Local Politics

HIST 4359 American Urban History

PADM 3331 Public Administration

GEOG 3320 Urban Geography

SOCI 4332 Population Analysis

PSYC 3308 Urban Environmental Psychology

Courses in Urban Studies (URST)

URST 3305 Study of the City

Investigation of the city from the vantage of time (ancient to modern) and various academic disciplines, such as politics, sociology, anthropology, and history. Course explores the function of cities, both the changing and constant meaning of cities for humankind, and compares the modern American urban experience with others. Course offers methodological and substantive urban perspectives. Three credit hours.

URST 4302 Independent Study

Prerequisite: consent of the instructor. Focuses multidisciplinary backgrounds on the problem of the urban area. Projects reflect interests and career objectives along with departmental objectives. Three credit hours.

URST 4305 Urban Design

Analyzes the evolution of the physical city with particular focus on issues surrounding livability. The planning and urban design factors which have influenced the city's growth and change through time will also be emphasized. Three credit hours.

URST 4308 Topics in Urban Studies

In-depth analysis of selected urban topics and themes. Course emphasizes multidisciplinary nature of urban issues and various approaches used to characterize, investigate and understand urban phenomena. May be repeated for credit with a change of subject and permission of the department chairperson. Cross-listed as POLS 4308. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as URST 5308. Three credit hours.

URST 4355 Urban Planning and Land Use

A view of urban planning and land use from critical, analytical urban studies perspective. The course inquires into the meaning of planning for communities and cities. Course uses case studies to explore positive and negative impacts of planning technique and professionalism. Considers historical and modern alternatives to planning and subsequent land use and how urban planning and land use relate to quality of urban life. Cross-listed as POLS 4355. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as URST 5355. Three credit hours.

URST 4356 Urban Policy and Government

Course explores urban policy-making and urban government from a critical, analytical urban studies perspective. Considers historical and modern variations of urban government and intergovernmental relations and how this relates to urban policy making, political will and quality of urban life issues. Cross-listed as POLS 4356. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as URST 5356. Three credit hours.