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- **Complete the B.A. in Political Science with a total of 126 undergraduate credits**
- **Maintain at least a 3.0 in the major**
- **Complete 12 credits (two courses during each summer session) of graduate coursework in the summer after you finish your B.A.**
- **Complete 9 credits (three courses) per semester for one academic year to earn your MSA**



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Departmental Courses

NOTE: All of these courses have the prefix PSC

100 U.S. Government and Politics	346 Russian Government & Politics (F)
101 The Politics of Diversity in the U.S.(J)	348 African Culture and Politics
200 Political Analysis (W)	350 Constitutional Law I: Government Institutions: Power & Constraints
202 Elements of Public Administration	351 Energy and the Political Process
213 International Relations	352 Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
230 Introduction to Political Thought (W)	353 Latino Politics
240 Introduction to Comparative Politics	355 Congressional Politics
301 Women in Politics (J)	356 U.S. Public Policy
304 Urban Politics (I)	357 Advanced Political Analysis
310 The United States & Latin America	358 Applied Public Policy Analysis
311 Russian Foreign Policy	359 Presidential Politics
312 Politics of Modern Nationalism	371 State and Local Government
317 Contemporary International Relations	372 Organization and Management
318 International Political Economy (I)	373 Intergovernmental Relations
319 Middle Eastern Politics	375 Public Policy & Budgeting
320 U.S. Foreign Policy (W)	399 Political Science Symposium
322 Public Opinion, Media, and Politics	400 Senior Seminar in Political Science
323 The Politics of Race, Class and Gender (J)	401 Senior Project in Political Science
324 U.S. Political Parties	402 Seminar in International Relations
325 Campaigns and Elections	410 Independent Studies in Political Science
329 Judicial Decision Making	412 Internship in Political Science (*)
330 The Politics of the Holocaust & Genocide	414 International Theory
339 Contemporary Political Thought	
340 Latin-American Culture and Politics (J) (F)	(J) Diverse communities course
342 European Politics (F)	(W) Writing emphasis course
343 Cultures and Politics of Asia (J) (W)	(I) Approved interdisciplinary course
	(F) Diverse cluster course
	(*) This course may be taken again for credit.

The department is also the home department for HBI 400, 401 and 402, the Harrisburg Internship Seminar.

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Welcome!

A Message From the Chair

As you will read elsewhere in this handbook, the Department of Political Science offers three B.A. programs and attempts to make it relatively easy, during the student's first two years, to move from one to another. (Additionally, we participate in the Elective Citizenship Education Teacher Certification program in cooperation with the College of Education).

Political Science has historically been one of the most popular liberal arts majors because it is useful in a variety of postgraduate careers. It is the single major most frequently selected by pre-law students, but it is also popular with students intending careers in journalism, international business, banking, with public interest groups and, of course, politics and government. Our focus is on developing the skills—written, oral, technical, and critical—necessary for our students to compete in the globalized world we live in today.

One of my jobs as Chair of the Department is to assist our students in making these choices. I also make a conscious effort to be available to meet with our majors on all matters of academic concerns. My claim is that while I cannot deal with every problem you may have, I have been here long enough to know who you should consult.

Our department is relatively large and offers a variety of academic specialties among the faculty. We pride ourselves on some of the programs we have developed and have become involved with which help prepare our students for the world: specifically the European Union Simulation Program, the Legislative Fellow Program, and the Center for Social and Economic Research. We also are proud of the positions some of our recent alumni are achieving in the political field as well as in the private sector. Some of these students are described in the following pages.

I know that this handbook provides you with a number of resources you can consult about the department — please consider the Chairman to be one more.

Dr. Peter H. Loedel



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Areas of Interest: American Government, Public Policy, Political Thought and Public Law.

Degrees BA Drake University, M.A., Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dr. Stangl's dissertation was on the political thought of Herbert Croly, an early 20th century public figure, and has also done research and presented papers on Edmund Burke and on contemporary liberalism. He also serves as advisor to the Political Science Club.

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Areas of Interest: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Latin American Politics, Women and Politics, Comparative Policies Development.

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Dr. Stevenson worked in Mexico with U.S. adult and undergraduate student groups in study abroad programs in Mexico and Central America from 1989-1993. She has published articles in English and Spanish on social movements, non-governmental organizations and political institutions in Mexican politics, and on issues of gender equality in Latin America.

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Dr. Osgood's research interests focus on urban political economy, public policy and administration. He is an active researcher and has several publications, presentations, and other scholarly projects to his credit.

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Areas of Interest: International Relations including Soviet/Post Soviet foreign policy.

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Dr. Polsky has published major articles on current Russian foreign policy in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa. Published *Russia During The Period of Radical Change 1992-2002*, Mellen. He serves as advisor to the university Chess Club and co-advisor to the Russian Club.

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Areas of Interest: Public Administration, comparative (Asian) Politics, American Politics, and International Relations.

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Degrees: B.A. University of Tuebingen, M.A., Ph.D. State University of New York, Stony Brook.

Dr. Schnell is a co-director of the Research Center at West Chester University. She publishes in the area of political communication, media politics, public opinion, and women and politics.

In the words of one graduate...

If you're looking for dynamic course offerings, academically diverse faculty, and an opportunity to build a solid foundation in international political interactions or domestic political systems, the Political Science Department at West Chester University is a perfect fit for you. The diverse academic background of the faculty allows the department to offer a plethora of courses focused on all geographic corners of the world as well as the key domestic policy debates and institutional battles of Washington D.C. or Harrisburg, PA. Whether you are interested in the politics of Africa, the geo-political consequences of oil dependency, or the future of health care policy or urban economic development, the department offers courses to fulfill your curiosities and further your understanding. If you are unsure of your specific interests, the professors in the department consistently demonstrate their commitment to helping students focus on areas that will be beneficial and interesting to students' academic and professional careers.

After receiving my B.A. in Political Science: International Relations, I found myself well prepared and well positioned to excel at the graduate level. As a testament to the professional preparation that I received from Political Science professors at WCU, I am now attending the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School for Public and International Affairs, pursuing a Master's Degree in Security and Intelligence Studies. Now knowing what to expect at such a prestigious program, I soon discovered that the foundation I received at WCU put me in a position to excel at the next level. The successes I have achieved at the graduate level can be attributed, in large part, to the outstanding professionalism, knowledge, and support of the faculty and staff at WCU's Political Science Department.

Dan Blomquist, 2008 Graduate

Department Mission

The mission of the Department of Political Science is to promote scholarship and responsible citizenship among students at West Chester University. We provide a comprehensive curriculum that exposes students to the principal subfields of the discipline and encourages critical analysis and communication skills. The department prepares students for careers in government/public service, law, teaching, business and international affairs, as well as admission to various advanced degree programs. Through internship programs, service learning, simulations, and other curricular and co-curricular activities, the department offers students experiences in politics, government, and the law. Actively involved in research, teaching, and applied scholarship, the political science faculty serves as mentors to students seeking academic challenge and civic involvement in an environment that values diversity. Overall, the department provides students with an excellent foundation for a broad range of career and professional paths.

Learning Goals and Outcomes

1. Knowledge: Students will demonstrate knowledge of the discipline of Political Science and its subfields in terms of content, purpose and methods.

2. Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will develop the ability to apply, synthesize, and analyze materials (e.g., data or texts) and to think critically. We pull apart complex issues into their basic components and then assess these issues or arguments on the basis of reasoned application of a variety of methodological approaches (e.g., quantitative or qualitative analysis, case studies, logical analysis, etc.).

3. Communication Skills: Majors will demonstrate the necessary oral and written skills to convey their knowledge about political science to others.

4. Applied Learning Environment: Students will be given the opportunity to apply theories and concepts in a non-classroom setting (e.g., European Union Simulation, Internships, the Research Center, Political Science Club activities, service learning, etc.)

Full-Time Faculty

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Dr. Loedel serves as advisor to the Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society. Dr. Loedel has published three books and articles and publications in the area of European monetary politics.

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Dr. Bernotsky is director of the Center for Social and Economic Research. She has written on political mobilization and social movement theory as well as religion politics in the United States. She also serves as the Director of the Masters of Science in Administration program.

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Dr. Kennedy has written two books on the politics of Pennsylvania, *Pennsylvania Elections, Statewide Contests from 1950-2004* (2004) and *The Contemporary Pennsylvania Legislature* (1999). He also serves as advisor to the College Democrats and is the Internship Coordinator for the Political Science Department.

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Areas of Interest: State and Local Governments, Intergovernmental Relations and the American Presidency.

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Dr. Milne is currently a Pennsylvania State Representative.

5. Writing Emphasis. Most students are required to take 3 writing emphasis courses, designated with the “W” notation in the Master Schedule, but only one of these may be in their major department. Transfer students with 40-70 credits need take only two. Transfer students with 71+ transfer credits need take only one. Students are not supposed to take writing emphasis courses until after having taken WRT 121, 200-220.

Please Note: A writing emphasis course is one so designated in the Master Schedule. It is not necessarily one that simply has a “lot of writing.”

6. With the Foreign Language requirement, there is a relationship between departmental and university requirements. Students in the IR concentration must complete an approved language at the 202 level. Students in the General or in the Applied Public Policy concentrations may *either* complete language at the 202, **or** at the 102 level. If, however, they choose to only go through 102 they must take three culture cluster courses in the language field. That is, if you have taken Spanish through the 102 level, you must take three approved Spanish language culture cluster courses. Only one may be taken in your major, and none of these may be taken Pass/Fail. The Foreign language requirement for foreign students from non-English speaking countries is somewhat different.

7. Any exemptions from **departmental** requirements must be recorded in the student’s advisement folder with a “Waiver of Departmental Policy Form.” If you are granted such a waiver, you should make and keep your *own* copy in your *own* records.

8. The following rule applies to all B.A. students in Political Science: Students must complete the last 15 hours of their Political Science program at West Chester University, including one of the following courses: PSC 400, 401, or 402. Exceptions may only be granted by the Chair of the Department for compelling personal reasons. (Examples: A student’s family has moved a great distance and s/he needs to complete only one or two courses; the student and/or the student’s spouse has been relocated to another state by his/her employer).

9. The following two rules apply to all B.A. students:

1. Students must have a “C” average or better in all political science courses, and no more than two grades below C in political science courses. A grade of C- is considered a grade below C.
2. Internal transfers must have an overall cumulative average of 2.0 to enter any political science program.

What can I do with a Political Science Degree?

The discipline of political science provides students with an excellent foundation for a broad and exciting range of jobs or career paths. The ability to adapt to the conditions of and meet the expectations of a given job makes political science majors a valuable asset for employers. This is particularly important in an age when college graduates are projected to experience at least six job changes in their working lifetimes.

A major or minor in political science grounds students in the kinds of abilities that prospective employers seek in potential employees. These include communication, analytical and reasoning, problem solving, interpersonal, organizational, and computing skills.

Below are some categories of careers for which graduates of the political science program are well-suited.

ADVOCACY: this refers to entities that seek to promote particular viewpoints and affect certain public policy outcomes. Examples include interest groups, membership associations, lobbyists and public relations firms. These organizations operate in both the nation’s capitol as well as the various state capitols.

BUSINESS: This concerns, first, work with companies engaged in international business as well as with the governmental affairs departments of domestically-focused companies. Secondly, and just as importantly, it includes virtually every type of private sector company and almost every aspect of their operations (regardless of whether or not it is directly related to political science). It is a myth that companies hire only business majors. Most private businesses will consider political science majors to fill openings if those prospective employees demonstrate the skills needed to succeed on the job.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE: Here, one route is with the federal government, with either one of the official branches (Executive, Legislative, or Judicial) or a government department or agency. Work is available either in Washington D.C. or outside the Capitol (both domestically and abroad). In fact, most federal government employees actually work outside of Washington D.C. Another route is with a state or local government. Again, this could be with either the official decision makers or a government department or agency. In recent years the growth of employment at the state and local levels has outpaced that of the federal level. Even “small” local governments employ some staff in this day and age.

JOURNALISM: Opportunities can be found in both the traditional print and broadcast mediums; these include both reporting and support roles. The Internet continues to impact the way news is distributed, and this certainly creates additional avenues into the news business. The industry particularly seeks individuals who understand the context in which events are unfolding, within the political system specifically as well as the larger American society.

Departmental Advising

LAW: There are many types of legal assistant and paralegal jobs for which a bachelor's degree is the minimum educational qualification. Indeed, these represent a rapidly growing segment of law-related careers.

MILITARY: Political science majors are eligible for admission into the armed services. The options range from entrance as a private to commissioning as an officer. As a college graduate, one is eligible to attend Officer Candidate School (OCS) and enter the military directly as an officer. Indeed, after several years of downsizing, the military has stepped up recruitment efforts in the past few years. Additionally, many civilian status jobs are available with the military. ROTC is also now offered on the campus of West Chester University.

POLITICAL: These pursuits include polling and survey work. Besides traditional political topics, this kind of work offers opportunities to focus on any number of nonpolitical matters. Another area is campaign management, whether it be working directly for an individual candidate or for a campaign management firm. Campaign management covers not only the election of individuals to office but also projects involving referenda and initiatives as well as political parties. This area also includes working directly for a political party to help it meet its mission. Both major parties have a headquarters in Washington D.C. and in most state capitols. Additionally, a party headquarters can be found in certain localities.

TEACHING: This could be at the elementary, middle school or high school level. Public school teaching usually requires state certification. For many private schools, the bachelor's degree alone is a sufficient qualification. Additionally, there are programs that pay down student loans if an individual agrees to teach in certain areas of the country.

Please be advised that this list is intended only to begin to orient students to career opportunities with a political science degree. There are literally hundreds of specific types of jobs within the above categories. To explore any of these opportunities in further detail (or ones not listed here) please consult the political science as well as the career resources the department has available.

Academic Advising is valued and seen as a critical part of your undergraduate experience. Upon admission, you will be assigned an advisor. Your advisor will help you meet your obligations, but it is ultimately **your** responsibility to remain current with what they are. When the time arrives for scheduling, you must first meet with your advisor to set up your schedule. If you fail to do so on time, you will have to go through late scheduling.

Please note that it is **your** responsibility to be familiar with the requirements or graduation. These tips are meant to help you out...but have no official standing.

Entering freshmen and transfer students should keep a copy of the undergraduate catalog of your entering. For those students, if you can, get a copy of the undergraduate catalog for the year you entered the university. You should regard that as your official guide to the academic requirements you must meet to graduate.

Some rules to live by:

1. University requirements may only be waived by the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs—and do not expect such a waiver just because you are due to graduate or misunderstood a rule. Do not depend on getting an exemption because you heard someone else got one. Circumstances differ, and often the rumors are just not true.
2. You must, no matter how many courses you exempt, have 120 credits for graduation, and many students have LESS than they think. If you have taken and passed one or more remedial courses these show on your transcript and count in credits earned for purposes of calculating your cumulative ***but they do NOT count for graduation.*** So if you have 121 credits counting English 020 or Math 000, 001, you really have 118 of the needed 120 credits.
3. You are only allowed to take for a Pass/Fail grade courses not required for graduation. This may become a bit complicated, however. Suppose you have all the major courses in Political Science you need for graduation. May you then take, for example, PSC 359 Pass/Fail? The answer is yes ***–but:*** you cannot later change your mind and count this course as a major elective. Can you take one of your language courses Pass/Fail? The answer is yes, but be careful: the last language course you are required to take (which may be 102 or 202 depending on your program MUST be taken for a grade.)
4. Math and English placements are determined when the student gets here. The way placement is done has changed over the years, so check the catalog if you are not sure you have been properly placed. Ordinarily students are scheduled in their first year for the appropriate Math and/or English section. It is important you meet your Math and English requirement as soon as possible. These sections are not ordinarily available to upper class students.

Latin American Studies (LAS) Program

West Chester University

LAS Coordinator: Dr. Linda Stevenson, Political Science

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Course Requirements for Minor (18 credits total) (WCU) 2004-2006 catalog, p.110):

Track A: Minor Code: Q031

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| • Spanish or Portuguese intermediate level (201-202) or above | 6 credits |
| • Latin American History (HIS 314-317; SPA 321: others with approval from LAS coordinator) | 6 credits |
| • Electives (1 course must be devoted to literature, art history or music; for others see list below) | 6 credits |
| Total | 18 credits |

Track B: Minor Code: Q032

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| • Latin American History (HIS 315-317; SPA 321; others with approval from LAS Coordinator) | 6 credits |
| • Latin American Civilization & Thought | 6 credits |
| • Electives (see list below and check for recent updates/additions) | 6 credits |
| Total | 18 credits |

LAS Faculty Members, Departments and Courses Offered:

Ed Morales	(Anthropology ANT/Sociology) ANT 322(Ethol. Cent. Am.); ANT 324 (Native Peoples of Andes)
Staff	(ANT) ANT 362 (Archaeol. Cent. Am)
Arlene Rengert/Staff	(Geography) GEO 302 (Lat. America)
Roger Bove	(Economics)
Tahany Naggar	(Econ) Int'l. Relations
Orhan Kara	(Econ) ECO 338 (Int'l. Econ.)
Erminio Braidotti	(Foreign Languages, ESP or SPA) ESP 300 [formerly 222] (Lat-AM.Cult Civ); SPA 321 (Civ Span. America)
Escorcia, Jorge/Staff;	Esplugas, Celia; Garofalo, Emilia; Lemaitre, Guy; (FL) SPA 201
Stacey Schlau	(FL) SPA 202; ESP 311 (Cont. LA Narrative);
Andrea Varricchio	(FL) SPA 201, SPA 202
Jerry Williams	(FL)
Maria Consuelo Sparks	(History) HIS 315 (Colonial Lat Am); HIS 316 (Modern Lat Am)
Fred Struckmeyer	(Philosophy/Peace in Conflict Studies)
Bonita Freeman-Witthoft	(Philosophy/Ethnic Studies)
Yury Polsky	(Political Science) PSC213 (Intl. Relations)
Linda Stevenson	(PSC) PSC 213 (Intl. Relations.); PSC340 (Lat Am Cult & Politics)

For announcements about scholarship opportunities, internships, language programs, on-campus and local events, and so related to Latin American Studies, contact Dr. Stevenson or the Foreign Languages department.

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Specific Careers in International Affairs

Graduates with international education experience are the ideal professionals for the 21st century. They are at ease with diversity in people, places, and things. They are well prepared for a future where dealing with what is different (i.e. global) will be not only necessary, but common place. The International Relations Major can provide you with the training and experience necessary in preparation for such careers. The major requires foreign language development, encourages foreign travel/education and internships, and allows for specialized development of career goals and skills.

U.S. Government (Executive Branch) and Civil Service Examples:

US Agency for International Development
Department of Defense, Energy, Education, Treasury, Commerce
DEA/CIA/FBI/Labor
Peace Corps
Foreign Service- State Department

Congress/Legislative Branch Examples:

Committee staff for
Armed Services
Finance
International Affairs

International Organizations Examples:

United Nations (and all sub-agencies of the UN)
European Union
International Monetary Fund

NGO (Non-Governmental Agencies) Examples:

African American Institute
American Friends Service Committee
Amnesty International
Carter Center
Greenpeace

Private Sector Examples:

Banking (Interest Groups, Companies)
Consulting
Media, Communication, Journalism
(Public Relations)

Overview of Majors

In the Department of Political Science we recognize that many entering undergraduates are not sure of what major they wish to pursue. For this reason, we try to keep the student's first year program of study largely focused on general education courses. This is beneficial since if the student should decide to switch majors he or she will find it easier to do so. The first semester student, therefore, ordinarily takes only one Political Science course: PSC 100, American Government. Each subsequent semester, the emphasis on political science becomes more intense.

There are four different Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) programs in Political Science, but all feature a common "core" to make it easier for students entering after Fall 2002. Students who have entered before that date should consult with their advisors to determine which requirements from the old programs they may need to meet.

In addition to the three B.A. tracks, there is also Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Elective Citizenship Education Teacher Certification Program which upon completion enables students to be certified to teach Social Studies at the secondary level.

General Concentration

The general concentration is the most popular "track" in our department. This allows the greatest flexibility and is probably the one best suited to students planning to continue graduate studies in political science (unless they plan to emphasize international relations or public administration postgraduate education).

The general concentration prepares students for careers a number of areas, including advocacy, journalism, politics, business, public opinion and survey research, government service, and military service.

International Relations

Changes in technology, in telecommunications, in transportation, in social institutions and political structures, as well as demographic changes will continue to transform the careers of public officials, lawyers, diplomats, nonprofit organizations, bankers and businessmen/women, and consultants. Such changes pose a number of challenges for today's graduates.

International Relations is a broad field that can prepare students for such challenges – challenges that demand the ability to effectively communicate at a number of different levels- especially in the international arena. Graduates with international education and experience are the ideal professionals for the twenty-first century.

In the International Relations track of the Department of Political Science, students develop the knowledge-based, language, and professional skills necessary to participate effectively in this increasingly interdependent world. Students should also work closely with their advisor – related in part to the "Cognates" section of the major – to develop opportunities for internships and/or study abroad.

Graduates with an International Relations emphasis have successfully gone on to Graduate School, Law School, Business School, as well as careers in business, banking, politics (federal, state, and local) and public policy (i.e. Defense Department, Treasury Department).

Minor in Public Management

The Department of Political Science adopted the following policy regarding minors. Students pursuing the procedure outlined below will be certified by the Department of Political Science as official minors.

Requirements: 18 semester hours

- * PSC100 American Government (3 sh)
- * PSC202 Elements of Public Administration (3 sh, required first course in minor)

*Selected Courses: 4 courses in concentrated Public Management area. Specific written program of study will be developed and agreed to by this department, the major department and the student.

Generally Recommended Courses in Concentration Area:

- PSC200 Political Analysis
- PSC371 State and Local Government
- PSC304 Introduction to Urban Studies
- PSC356 American Public Policy
- PSC357 Advanced Political Analysis
- PSC358 Applied Public Policy Analysis
- PSC375 Public Fiscal Management

(You can also substitute GEO for one of the PSC classes)

Students with minors will meet with minor department advisor for scheduling and advising information regarding the minor. Minor students should meet on a regular basis for scheduling and advising with their minor advisor to chart their progress toward the program agreed to when the minor was developed and approved. The department retains control of admission to its minor program and may drop students from the minor if 2.00 GPA is not maintained in the minor.

Minor in Political Science

Students may pursue a minor providing for an overall introduction to Political Science, choosing courses from many subfields or many concentrate the minor in as few as three subfields or many concentrate the minor in as few as three subfields. However, no more than two courses may be taken in any one of the political science subfields.

Requirements: 18 semester hours

* PSC100 American Government or PSC101 Politics of Diversity (3sh)

* Select 5 courses totaling 15 hours from three or more subfields.

A. International Relations: 213, 310, 311, 312, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 330

B. Political Behavior: 301, 322, 323, 324, 325, 329, 353, 358

C. Political Theory: 230, 339

D. Comparative Politics: 240, 340, 341, 342, 343, 346, 348, 349

E. American Government: 350, 351, 352, 355, 356, 359

F. Public Administration: 202, 304, 363, 369, 371, 372, 373, 375

G. Foundations of Political Science: 200, 357, 399

Internship credits in Political Science or Public Management may not be used as credits toward the Political Science Minor.

Students with minors should meet with the Department advising coordinator or other advisors from within the Department regarding course selection. The Department retains control of admissions to its minor programs and may drop students if the 2.00 GPA is not attained in the minor.

Applied Public Policy

Of the Department's four B.A. programs, the Applied Public Policy track is the most specifically career oriented and is designed for students who have a strong interest in a civil service job. Many of our graduates find permanent positions as a result of their internship experiences.

Recent alumni had found careers with the U.S. Department of Education, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and many local governments. It is also an appropriate choice for students who plan on graduate work in the field or working for agencies having extensive interaction with governmental agencies.

Elective Citizenship Education Teacher Certification

This program prepares students to teach social studies at the secondary education level. The program offered by West Chester includes course work in all major fields of social studies as well as time spent in the field student teaching. The tests and procedures necessary for obtaining state certification are part of the program so that upon successful completion students are certified by the state of Pennsylvania to teach social studies at the secondary education level.

Students in this major have an academic advisor from the Political Science Department as well as a professional advisor from the School of Education. Students in this major should plan carefully their academic programs with both of their advisors in order to complete the courses necessary to student teach in their senior year. It is important to note that an overall GPA of 3.0 is needed to apply for student teaching the state of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Linda Stevenson is the advisor for all students interested in the Elective Citizenship Teacher Certification Program. The complete guidance sheet can be obtained through Dr. Stevenson or in the Political Science Department located in room 106 Ruby Jones Hall.

Specifics of the Core Curriculum

All three concentrations have a common core totaling 18 semester hours as detailed below. There are two reasons for this. First, it ensures that all students have a broad exposure to the field of political science. Second, this makes it easier for students to switch from one concentration to another. The political science core consists of the following courses:

PSC100 American National Government

PSC200 Foundations of Political Science

PSC213 International Relations

PSC230 Introduction to Political Philosophy

PSC240 Introduction to Comparative Politics or PSC202 Elements of Public Administration

PSC400, 401, or 402 Senior Project or Senior Seminar

*Students in the International Relations Concentration are encouraged to take 240.

Full descriptions of these and other courses may be found in the university catalog. Course names and numbers are listed in Appendix A of this handbook.

Advisement sheets for students entering the university after September 2002 are reprinted on the following pages. Students should be sure to use the correct advising sheet when planning schedules. Please consult your departmental advisor if you have any questions regarding the interpretation of the advising sheet.

Internship Program

Purpose

The Department of Political Science offers students the opportunity to do internships. Such experiences take place outside the regular classroom environment. Their purpose is to provide students with field placement learning in organizational settings.

Goals

- Internships are intended for students:
- to explore various areas of career interest;
- to develop job-related skills and competencies;
- to contribute to the success of an organization;
- to build upon traditional classroom learning;
- to expand intellectual horizons;
- to grow professionally and personally;
- to enhance resumes; and
- to engage in networking.

Eligibility

Internships are intended for highly qualified students who meet the following criteria:

1. a major or minor in one of the programs of the Department of Political Science;
2. class status of junior or senior;
3. overall G.P.A. of at least 2.5;
4. proper completion of the application process
5. agree to all conditions set forth in the internship contract.

Internship credits may be earned during the fall, spring and summer sessions. The usual internship workload equates to the following number of site hours for a fifteen week assignment:

<u>Credits of Internship</u>	<u>Site Hours per Week/ 15 Weeks</u>
3	10-12
6	16-18
9	24-26
12	30-32
15	37-40

Internship Placement

Internships are available in a wide variety of organizational settings. To start the process, students should schedule a meeting with the department's Director of the Internship Program – Dr. John Kennedy or Dr. Linda Stevenson

II. B.A. Political Science General (15 credits):

- A. An additional course in the American or Behavioral Area (3credits)
This includes PSC 301, PSC 304 and any course in the 320-329 or 350-359 Range _____
- B. One comparative course (3) credits- May include PSC240 if not counted in core.
Any course in the 340-349 range _____
- C. Three PSC courses at the 300 level or above (9 credits); PSC 202 can be counted here if not used in the core. _____
- D. Cognates: (9 credits)
 1. Geo 101 or Geo 103 _____
 2. Eco 101, 111, or 112 or SOC 200 or PSY 100 _____
 3. History 150, 151 or 152 _____

III. B.A. International Relations (15 credits)

- A. PSC320 _____ (3 credits)
- B. Two courses from the International Group (6 credits)
(That is, courses in the 310-319 group or PSC330) _____
- C. Two courses from the Comparative Group (6 credits)
Courses in the 340-349 and 340-349 group _____
- D. Cognates: (15 credits)
 1. Geo 101 or 103 _____
 2. History 101, 102, 150, 151 or 152 _____
 3. 3 Courses (9 credits outside the major) _____

Normally courses with an “international focus” – with approval by advisor;
Examples include History, Culture Clusters, Geography, Economics, Women’s Studies

IV. B.A. Applied/Public Policy (15 credits):

- A. Requirements: (9 credits)
PSC 322
PSC 356
PSC 357
- B. Two additional political science courses chosen from the following: (6 credits)
PSC 202 (if not used in core), PSC 301 _____ PSC 304 _____ PSC 323 _____ PSC 324 _____
PSC 355 _____ PSC 358 _____ PSC 359 _____ PSC 371 _____ PSC 375 _____ or up to six hours of internship (see catalog) _____
- C. Cognates distributed as follows: (9 credit hours)
 1. A sociology course selected under advisement
 2. An economics course selected under advisement
 3. A geography course selected under advisement

For all three programs (General, International Relations, and Applied/Public Policy), free electives to complete 120 credits for graduation.

For information on the B.A. in Citizen Education/Teacher Certification, please see Dr. Linda Stevenson. For Internship information, please see Dr. John Kennedy. Or Dr. Stevenson.

* This guidance sheet and its notes are intended for assistance in course planning only. Official policy appears in the University Bulletin and the undergraduate catalog.

Department of Political Science

For Transfer Students and first year students who entered the University Fall 2002 (or later)

PART ONE: GENERAL EDUCATION: ALL POLITICAL SCIENCE TRACKS

I. Academic Foundations (18 credits) II. Distributive Requirements (21 Credits)

WRT120____WRT 200 -220____(6 c.)*A. Science (6credits)*

Math 103 or higher____(3c)

SPK (formerly Com) 208____or 230____(3c.)

Diversity “J” course____(3c.)

Interdisciplinary “I” course____(3c.)

Two Basic Courses - Select courses from two of following areas:

Computer Science____(NO CSW)

Physics____ Chemistry____

Biology____

Geology & Astronomy____

B. Humanities (6 credits)

Two Basic Courses - Select courses from two of the following areas:

History(rec.)____

Philosophy____

Literature____

C. Behavioral/Social Sciences (6 credits)

Two Basic Courses – Select courses from two of the following areas

(PSC does not count)

Anthropology____

Sociology____

Geography (rec.)____

Psychology____

Economics____

D. The Arts (3 .c)

III. Free General Education “Electives” (9 credits)

IV. Writing Emphasis (3 “W” courses)**

Transfer students with more than 70 credit hours need to complete one writing emphasis course; those who enter with 40-70 credits need to complete two; those with less than 40 need to complete three. **One Writing Emphasis has to be at the 300 or 400 level.

V. Applies Only to B.A. in Political Science General and B.A. Applied/Public Policy

Must complete or exempt an approved language through the 102 level; then has a choice of either continuing through the 202 level or completing **three relevant culture cluster courses**

VI. Applies only to B.A. International Relations: Must complete or exempt Foreign Language Through the 202 level

PART TWO: DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

I. Common core; All B.A. Tracks in Political Science (18 credits)

Psc100____ Psc200____ Psc213____ Psc230____

Psc202____ or Psc240____ Psc400, 401 or 402____(Senior Seminar)

Other than the Senior Seminar, the core courses are taken during the first and second year.

Center for Social and Economic Research At West Chester University of PA

The Center for Social and Economic Research was founded in 1998 and is housed in the Department of Political Science, College of Business and Public Affairs, at West Chester University of Pennsylvania. Our faculty research associates include methodologists, geographers, communication studies experts and economists. We also employ students to work directly with faculty on our research projects, providing an invaluable opportunity for students to develop professional skills. The breadth of expertise of our faculty and our collaboration with students allows us to provide affordable research services to meet a wide range of research needs.

The CSER emphasizes multi-disciplinary collaboration and consultation and is committed to providing quality research services in combination with effective student training. The mission of the CSER is:

- ~To provide up-to-date quantitative and qualitative research, combining superior service with academic expertise
- ~To train undergraduate and students to become the next generation of social researchers
- ~To serve the research needs the Borough of West Chester and its surrounding communities.
- ~The specific objectives that follow from our mission are:
- ~To increase the accessibility of faculty resources to the West Chester community.
- ~To provide opportunities for students and faculty to apply research skills by working with the community while expanding their expertise.
- ~To assist local social and economic planning efforts by providing expertise and support for conducting public opinion surveys, evaluation studies, and other types of attitudinal research.
- ~To provide a cost-effective source of research services for the West Chester community

Our clients include media organizations, private businesses, townships, and public/non-profit agencies. Among the services we provide are:

- Public opinion surveys
- Political polls
- Benchmark polls, tracking polls and panel studies
- Economic impact analysis
- Focus groups
- Policy evaluations
- GIS mapping and analysis of data

Expanded services through partnerships include:

- Web-based survey research
- Video and audio analysis of focus groups

For more information, please feel free to contact Dr. Lorraine Bernotsky at the CSER at 610-738-0576.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

Political Science Club

The West Chester University Political Science Club invites all students who have an interest in Political Science to become members. Throughout the year the club provides students with various experiences by educating them about political thought, structure and processes.

The club sponsors guest speakers, educational seminars, trips to D.C., and debates on various topics. Club members have also volunteered their time on various community service projects. It is open to all students at WCU.

European Union Simulation – PSC 402

International Relations students may find one of the department's senior seminars, PSC 402 – The European Union Simulation, an exciting opportunity to experience the “real world” of international politics.

Dr. Loedel teaches PSC 402 every fall semester as a simulation exercise of the politics, people, personalities, and institutions of the European Union. Including visits to the State Department and various embassies, the Simulation culminates in a three-day intercollegiate exercise in Washington, D.C.

Students from fourteen other universities in the region participate along with West Chester students drafting a resolution on many issues related to international and European affairs (security, economic, trade, etc.).

Students gain valuable experience communicating, giving speeches, leadership, arguing, debating, negotiating, policy analysis, and the art of compromise. They also have a lot of fun in the process!!

Legislative Fellow

The Legislative Fellow Program is intended to help build bridges between state government and the West Chester University community. Each year, a state lawmaker is invited to join and share in the activities of the political science department. This enables the legislators and administrators, faculty and students of the University to become better aware of the expertise that each side has to offer. Central to the program is a course, Applied Pennsylvania Politics which is team-taught by the lawmaker and a member of the political science faculty. A trip to the state capitol culminates the semester, during which time students have been able to attend legislative sessions and meet with many of the political leaders of the legislature as well as enjoying private meetings with prominent figures such as Governors and State Treasurers.

Pi Sigma Alpha

The National Honorary Society for Political Science has a chapter at West Chester. Its advisor is Dr. Sandhu, 101 Ruby Jones Hall. It is open to students who have a cumulative average, both in their major and overall of at least 3.0 and have completed 15 hours of course work in political science at West Chester. See Dr. Sandhu for further details.

Pi Gamma Mu

Pi Gamma Mu, the Social Science Honorary Organization is open to all honor students in all the social and behavioral sciences. Its advisor is Dr. Loedel, Chair of the department and located in room 106 Ruby Jones Hall.

Pre-Law Society

The Pre-Law Society, open to all pre-law students and students with an interest in the law, is located in the Management Department. Its advisor is Professor Sandra Tomkowicz, and located in room 312D Anderson Hall.

Each year the pre-law advisory committee awards the D.T. Marrone Award, an award of \$1,000 to an outstanding graduating senior who has been accepted by an ABA approved Law School. The Award is made possible by the Alumni Association in honor of D.T. Marrone, past President Judge of the Chester County Court and past Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners.

The Chess Club

The University Chess Club is centered in the department. The advisor is Dr. Yury Polsky, 1C Ruby Jones Hall.

College Democrats and College Republicans

Many of our students are also involved in either the **College Democrats** or the **College Republicans**, organizations which have chapters on our campus. These organizations give students the opportunity to become involved in politics at the “grass roots” level by working with candidates in the Chester County area who are running for local or state offices. Professor Milne, from our department is the advisor to the College Republicans.

The Mayo Scholarship

Each year the faculty awards a scholarship, the value of which is approximately \$300.00 It is awarded to a student who has completed at least 30 semester hours at West Chester University including nine in political science with at least a 3.25 cumulative average. It is based on academic record, leadership and financial need. The scholarship is given in honor of the late Charles Mayo, political scientist, who was President of the University from 1974 until 1982.

Finnegan Fellowship

All university students in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible to apply to the James A. Finnegan fellowship Foundation which awards summer internships to the top ten applicants. Applicants are required to write an essay concerning a specific question set by the fellowship committee. The deadline for applications is in early February. More specific details are available in the Political Science Department office, 106 Ruby Jones.

Co-Curricular Activities

The Bulletin board on the first floor of Jones Hall outside of J102 carries important announcements for Political Science students. Please check it weekly for new announcements.

Aside from the organizations discussed here, there are numerous other campus organizations for students, as detailed in the university catalog.

There are numerous other student run organizations, fraternities, and sororities, to meet a wide range of student interests, whether those interests are social, academic, religious, or service-oriented. Consider co-curricular activities as an important part of your education.