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POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM MISSION

The Political Science undergraduate program is a component of the Social Science Division of the College of Arts and Sciences and is located in Douglass Hall 144 and 112. In many respects, the Department is a microcosm of the world, in the sense that its faculty and students come from practically all regions of the United States and the world. Their national and demographic diversity gives rise to diverse research interests and political ideas that enrich the Department in unique ways. The ideas and work of Ralph Bunche, a founder of the Department and the first Black person to receive a doctorate in Political Science and Noble Peace Prize, provided a solid foundation for the Department. Bunche and his colleagues questioned the institutional legitimacy of the Political Science discipline and argued that it was unresponsive to the intellectual interests of Black Political Scientists and the socio-economic needs of the Black community. The Department has continued in that tradition, providing a critical mass African American and other under-represented students who enroll in graduate, law and other professional schools and provide service to the larger community.

The primary mission of the Department is to provide students an excellent undergraduate education through an interactive program of instruction that includes formal courses and simulations, research opportunities, academic and career counseling, internships, and community service. The Department's curriculum is designed to help students acquire a systematic understanding of Political Science and practical political processes in preparation for a variety of graduate and professional school and career options. The Department's instructional focus includes various dimensions of Political Science, including elements of national, state and local government, unique political challenges and opportunities facing the African American community, political factors shaping domestic and international developments, and insights into comparative political systems. The following academic concentrations are available to the Political Science major: Pre-Law, Public Administration and Policy, International Relations and Comparative Politics, Political Theory, Black Politics, and American Government. Graduates attend law school and graduate programs focusing in such areas as international relations and national security, public policy, and Black Politics.

The Political Science undergraduate degree prepares students for careers in the public and private sector, including public administration and policy, public affairs, administration of justice, business, social work, and journalism. In addition, the Political Science major provides significant programmatic and academic flexibility for students who have not made a career choice and are primarily looking for an excellent liberal arts education. The Political Science Department's graduates have an impressive record of gaining admission to law and professional schools in all regions of the country. Their professional accomplishments and service contributions are varied and extensive. Representative graduates include individuals as Frank Savage, Chairman of Howard University's Board of Trustees; Elaine Jones, J.D., Executive Director of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund; Sharon Pratt Kelly, J.D., the first woman mayor of Washington, D.C.; Alexander Williams, Federal District Court Judge; Paula McClain, Professor, Duke University; James Christian, Attorney; William Lightfoot, Attorney; and Alice Gresham Bullock, J.D., Dean, Howard University School of Law.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The Political Science Department is divided into two major programs: The Undergraduate and Graduate Programs. Each program has a Director who works with the Department Chairperson to administer the program. The undergraduate Program Director also chairs the Undergraduate Committee, which recommends curricular and academic policies for the program. The main Undergraduate Program office is located in Douglass Hall 112. Students interested in Political Science as a major or minor should consult the Undergraduate Program Director. The Director completes students' Schemes of Graduation and assigns them to individual faculty advisors. The Chairperson of the Department (located in Douglass Hall 144) is also available to students.

AREAS OF ACADEMIC CONCENTRATION

The undergraduate program exists along side three graduate level programs in the Political Science Department: Master of Arts (M.A.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees, and a Master of Arts in Public Administration (MAPA) degree. The Department's general curriculum is subdivided into areas of concentration, or sub-fields, six under the M.A. and Ph.D. programs, and three under the MAPA degree program (Public Policy Analysis, International Affairs, and Public Administration). Undergraduate instruction is structured around the following sub-fields and a dynamic pre-law concentration: (1) American Government and Political Behavior; (2) Public Administration and Public Policy; (3) Black Politics; (4) Comparative Politics (Africa, Caribbean, Latin America, Europe and Asia); (5) International Relations; and (6) Political Theory. A sub-set of courses in Political Economy is also available to undergraduate students.

MAJOR AND MINOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS

Political Science majors are required to complete 33 credit hours in Political Science courses including the following core courses: POLS-001, Introduction to Political Science; POLS-002, Introduction to Research in Political Science; POLS-010, The National Government of the United States; and one of the following courses: POLS-004, Introduction to Political Theory; POLS-190, Classic and Medieval Thought; POLS-191, Modern Political Theory. To satisfy the remaining 21 credit hours, students may select any course offered by the Department for which prerequisites have been satisfied. College of Arts and Sciences students, including Political Science majors, are required to complete a minor course of study, consisting of 15 to 18 credit hours, in an academic department other than the one in which they have a major. Students should consult a faculty advisor when selecting a minor course of study. Students may also select a minor from a combination of related academic concentrations with the approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies. A model four-year course scheme for Political Science majors is presented below in Table 1.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES MINOR COURSE REQUIREMENT

The Political Science Department requires 15 credit hours for a minor. Students must complete Introduction to Political Science (POLS-001) and 12 additional credits. The 12 elective credit hours of Political Science should be related to the student's major and selected in consultation with a primary academic advisor.

THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT'S PRE-LAW PROGRAM

The Department's Pre-Law Program is a four-year learning experience that involves academic advising, specific training, and special activities administered on a group and individual basis. Students who participate in the pre-law program significantly improve their chances of gaining admission to law schools. Students who are interested in preparing for the study of law should see the Director of the Pre-Law Program during the freshman year for printed materials and advice about course selection. The comprehensive nature of the Pre-Law Program means that it extends beyond the Political Science curriculum and involves courses in related departments such as English, Philosophy, Economics and History. Students will be advised about specific courses to take in these disciplines to enhance their law school preparation. A preparatory course for the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) is recommended. The LSAT preparatory course and the

***Table 1. Model Four-Year Course Scheme For Political Science Majors**
(127 credit Hours Required for Graduation, 33 in Political Science Courses, 15-18 in Minor Courses)***

<i>Freshman Year (34 credit hours)</i>	
First Semester (17 credit hours)	Second Semester (17 credit hours)
English (002, 3 credits)	Introduction to Research in Poli. Sci. (3 credits)
Mathematics, Division D (3 credits)	Mathematics, Div. D (3 credits)
Introduction to Political Science (002, 3 credits)	Foreign Language (4 credits)
Humanities, Division A, (3 credits)	English (003, 3 credits)
Freshman Orientation (1 credit)	Humanities, Div. A (3 credits)
Foreign Language (4 credits)	Physical Education (1 credit)
<i>Sophomore Year (30 credit Hours)</i>	
First Semester (15 Credit Hours)	Second Semester (15 Credit Hours)
National Government of the U.S. (3 credits)	Philosophy (3 credits)
Speech (3 credits)	Political Theory Course (3 credits)
Foreign Language (3 credits)	Foreign Language (3 credits)
Natural Science Division D (3 credits)	Social Science, Division B (3 Credits)
English, Writing course (3 credits)	Humanities, Division A (3 credits)
<i>Junior Year (32 credit Hours)</i>	
First Semester (16 Credit Hours)	Second Semester (16 Credit Hours)
Political Science Major course (3 credits)	Political Science Major Course (3 credits)
Health Science (1 credit)	Political Science Major Course (3 credits)
Social Science, Division B (3 credits)	Humanities, Division A (3 credits)
Afro-American Cluster (3 credits)	Political Science Major Course (3 credits)
Natural Science, Division D (3 credits)	Minor Concentration Course (3 credits)
Political Science Major course (3 credits)	Swimming (1 credit)
<i>Senior Year (31 credit hours)</i>	
First Semester (16 credit hours)	Second Semester (15 credit Hours)
Political Science Major Course (3 credits)	Political Science Major Course (3 credits)
Political Science Major Course (3 credits)	Minor Concentration Course (3 credits)
Minor Concentration Course (3 credits)	Minor Concentration Course (3 credits)
Minor Concentration Course (3 credits)	General Elective (3 credits)
General Elective (3 credits)	General Elective (3 credits)
Physical Education (1 credit)	

[** Students should use this model scheme only as a general guide when registering for courses. The distribution of course requirements may be affected by initial placement, advanced placement credits, and other factors. Students should remember that credits earned in Center for Academic Reinforcement (CAR) courses do not count toward graduation. Immediately after selecting Political Science as a major, students should proceed to the College of Arts and Sciences Educational Advisory Center (Locke Hall 110) to obtain a Scheme of Graduation. The Scheme should then be taken to the Department's Undergraduate Program Director (Douglass Hall 112/806-6722) to be completed. The Director will assign the student an advisor and design an appropriate academic program for the student. Political Science majors, their faculty advisors, and the Undergraduate Program Director retain copies of the Scheme of Graduation.]

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LSAT should be taken, preferably, during the spring semester of the junior year. Political Science pre-law students receive the following assistance: (1) notification about important deadlines; (2) scheduling of interviews with law school recruiters; (3) assistance with securing remission of fees for law school and related applications; (4) advice about how to select the most appropriate law school; (5) assistance with securing law school financing; (6) assistance with properly completing the admissions application; and (7) advice about how to secure effective reference letters. The Department will assist pre-law students in obtaining a legal internship with area law firms and organizations. The eligibility criteria are: junior or senior standing; and completion of at least two of the following courses: POLS-163 (Constitutional Law I), POLS-164 (Constitutional Law II) and POLS-186 (Administrative Law). **Recommended Courses to Support the Pre-Law Curriculum.** Political Science pre-law students are given academic counseling about how to access other sets of courses in the College of Arts and Sciences to make sure they have the academic skills required for success in law school. For example, in addition to the Political Science pre-law courses, students may be advised to take College Grammar, Vocabulary Development, and Advanced Essay Writing in the English Department; Symbolic Logic, Philosophy of Law, and Principles of Reasoning in the Philosophy Department, Economics I and II in the Economics Department, and Statistics in the Sociology and Anthropology Department. Courses such as these may be pursued under the required 15 to 18 credit hour minor sequence and College of Arts and Sciences electives.

UNDERGRADUATE POLITICAL SCIENCE SUBFIELDS

Group A -- American Government and Political Behavior

POLS-010. National Government of the United States. Introduces students to the origins, development, and organization of the national government of the United States. (Departmental required core course.) **POLS-011. State and Local Government.** Examines the roles, functions and characteristics of governments and politics in the more than 80,000 American states and localities. (Satisfied a COAS division C requirement) **POLS-140. American Political Parties.** Examines the operation of political parties under the American system of government. Prerequisite: PS 012-010. **Political Science 012-141. American Public Opinion and Pressure Groups.** An examination of public opinion and how it affects political action with emphasis on opinion formulation and measurements, propaganda, and pressure group aims and activities. Prerequisite: POLS-010. **POLS-142. The American Judicial Process.** Examines the role of courts with emphasis on judicial recruitment and policy-making. Considers the relationship of courts with the legislative and executive branches of government. Prerequisites: POLS-001 or 010. **POLS-144. The American Presidency.** A study of the sources, bases, and character of presidential power with consideration of the relationships of the executive office to governmental, public, and private groups. Prerequisite: POLS-010. **POLS-148. District of Columbia Government and Politics.** Examines the government and politics of the District of Columbia, focusing on its relations with Congress and local governments during the current home rule period. **POLS-163. Constitutional Law I.** Explores the structure of the U.S. Constitution in the context of political and economic developments with a focus on judicial review, congressional commerce powers, the contract clause, and presidential powers. Prerequisite: POLS-010. **POLS-164. Constitutional Law II.** An examination of the development of civil rights and civil liberties focusing on such topics as voting rights, free speech and press, and religious freedom. Prerequisite: POLS-010. **POLS-180. Urban Government and Politics.** Examines the urbanization, development, functions and structure of cities and considers the politics of modern municipalities. Prerequisite: POLS-010. **POLS-181. The American Legislative Process.** An examination of the machinery and function of congressional lawmaking in the United States. Prerequisite: POLS-010. **POLS-184 Problems in American Democracy.** An examination of selected major public policy issues, long-term and current forces and problems challenging American Democracy: interdisciplinary in method and content. Prerequisite: POLS-001 and 010. **POLS-185. Political Behavior.** Examines American voter behavior and political participation in political parties, interest groups and social movements. Considers the application of theory,

method, and products of scientific analysis to American political behavior.

Group B -- Public Administration and Public Policy

POLS-138. Seminar in Community Development. Examines theories of leadership, community building and activities of community development organizations that seek to address the needs of distressed low-income minority communities. **POLS-139. (BIO-204) Science and Public Policy.** A team-taught course (professors from Political Science and Biology) that explores the interaction of scientific knowledge, as generated and applied by scientists, with public policy, as decided upon by an array of authoritative decision-makers. The case method, lectures, and internet-based research are used in this course. **POLS-145. Principles of Public Administration.** Focuses on the basic concepts of public administration, and examines issues related to organizational efficiency and procedures, personnel and financial administration, administrative law, and public relations. Prerequisites: POLS-001 and 010. **POLS-146. Public Personnel Administration.** Exposes students to the basic principles of personal management applicable to public service and private enterprise. Prerequisite: POLS-001, 010, and 145. **POLS-149. Introduction to Public Policy Analysis.** Introduces students to the basic theories and concepts of the policy analysis with a particular emphasis on selected policy issues such as welfare, employment, education, health insurance and housing. Attention is given to the impact of policy decisions on the Black, community, the economically disadvantaged, and other minorities. Prerequisite: POLS-010.

POLS-150. Internship I. Limited internship opportunities are available to political science majors. Interns work from 15 to 20 hours per week in professional positions in congressional and executive agencies, law firms, and non-profit organizations. Junior or senior standing and permission of the instructor. **POLS-151. Internship II.** Continuation of POLS-150. Junior or senior standing and permission of the instructor. **POLS-152-01. Internship III/Community Development.** Available to students who minor in Community Development. Student interns participate in area community development programs under the direction of the director of the Community Development coordinator. **POLS-152-02 and 03. Internship III.** Available to Political Science students who win international, national, or regional competitive internships. In this context, student may be placed at the U.S. State Department, Supreme Court, or White House. Prerequisites: junior or senior status. **POLS-156. Administrative Law.** Examines cases illustrating the manner in which the conduct of public officials is regulated. Prerequisites: POLS-142 or 145. **POLS-783. Race and Public Policy-Writing.** A survey of the policy-making process from the formulation and legislative to the implementation and occasional adjudicative phases. Examines the concepts and treatment of race and racial equity as addressed through traditional and non-traditional perspectives in public policy. A Writing Across the Curriculum that satisfies the college of Arts and Sciences writing requirement. Prerequisites: POLS-001 and 007.

Group--C Political Theory

POLS-001. Introduction to Political Science. An introduction to the basic concepts and fundamental substantive divisions of the discipline of Political Science. (A core course that is required of all Political Science majors and minors. Satisfies a COAS Division B requirement.) **POLS-004. Introduction to Political Theory.** An examination of theoretical approaches in the study of politics and an analytical introduction to the basic political concepts in their historical context. (Satisfies a departmental core course requirement.) **POLS-160. American Political Thought.** A study of the origins and development of American political thought from the colonial period to the present. Prerequisite: POLS-010 and junior or senior standing. **POLS-190. Classic and Medieval Thought.** Examines political theorists from Plato through the theorists of the French Revolution. Open to majors or minors in Political Science with junior standing and above. Prerequisite: POLS-004. **POLS-191. Modern Political Theory.** Examines political theorists from the Renaissance to the end of the 19th Century. (Satisfies a departmental core course requirement.) **POLS-192. Contemporary Approaches to Political Analysis.** Examines political theorists of the 20th and 21st Centuries. Open to

majors or minors in Political Science with junior standing above. Prerequisite: POLS-004. **POLS-193. Special Topics in Political Theory.** In

depth study of important topics and/or writers in political theory. Prerequisites: junior or senior standing. **POLS-700 (Fall) and POLS-701 (Spring). Political Analysis-Writing.** A College of Arts and Sciences Writing Across the Curriculum that examines the basic approaches to political analysis using an intensive writing format. (Satisfies COAS third writing course requirement) Prerequisites: ENGL-002 and 003.

Group D – Research Methodology

POLS-002. Introduction to Research in Political Science. An introduction to the various methods and approaches to the analysis of political phenomena in the field of political science (Required departmental core course). **POLS-162. Seminar in Survey Methodology.** The course is designed around a collective student-developed, administered and analyzed major survey. Prerequisite: POLS-002. **POLS-165. Political Behavior.** An examination of American voter behavior and participation in political parties, interest groups, societal movements involving the application of theory and products of scientific analysis American political behavior. Open to majors or minors with junior standing or above.

POLS-199. Behavioral Research Methods. Focuses on the fundamentals of research design and data analysis with introduction to elementary statistics. Prerequisite: POLS-002.

Group E -- Black Politics

POLS-007. Introduction to Black Politics. A general overview of the field of black politics focusing on: (1) the study of a historical and black political experience, (2) economic and aspects of black existence, (3) black ideology, (4) measurements of black political power, leadership in black communities and organizations, black political movements, (7) legal aspects of politics, (8) black political behavior, and (9) methods of studying black politics. **POLS-143. Black Politics: Electoral & Non-Electoral.** This course examines the rise, fall and reemergence of the black electorate in the United States. Prerequisite: POLS-011 and 010. (Satisfied a COAS division C requirement) **POLS-006. Pan Africanism.** A comparative analysis of political behavior in black communities in the Western Hemisphere. Prerequisite: Junior status or above. (Also satisfies the university African American Cluster course requirement.)

POLS-183. Race and Public Policy. This course combines perspectives from the fields of Black Politics and Public Policy and Administration in order to develop a theoretical perspective on the convergence of race and public policy and a set of policy relevant strategies on important problems and issue-areas of special relevance to the national black community. The course is team taught by instructors from the Black Politics and Public Policy fields. Prerequisites: POLS-007. and/or POLS-149 or by permission of instructors. **POLS-187. Urban Black Politics.** A Survey of the major forces at work in metropolitan areas that are radically changing urban and suburban politics, focusing on the politics of social change and modernization. Prerequisite: POLS-001, 007 and 011. **POLS-189. Black Political Theory.** A review of developing types of political strategy based on the analysis of various black political situations, utilizing gaming, system analysis, and other relevant techniques. Prerequisite: POLS-143. **POLS-194. Politics of Campaign Management.** Provides students an opportunity to gain experience in the practical aspects of electoral politics. Where convenient, direct involvement in political campaigns will be provided. Open to juniors, seniors, and graduate students. **POLS-196. Seminar in Black Politics.** Examines the various ways black political behavior is conceptualized and analyzed, and focuses on the interaction between the course and real political situations. Attention is given to the analysis of on-going problems with which the black community is chronically confronted. Prerequisite: POLS-001, 007.

Group F -- Comparative Politics and International Relations

POLS-003. Introduction to Comparative Politics. Provides a basic knowledge of the functions of government as a social institution by using a comparative approach. Prerequisite: POLS-128. (Satisfies a COAS division C requirement).

POLS-005. Introduction to African Politics. Examines selected traditional concepts of African society as they relate to contemporary political institutions, and considers political developments before and after the independence of African nations (Satisfies a COAS division C requirement). **POLS-110. Parliamentary Systems.** An examination of the development and present status of parliamentary forms of government, focusing on nations selected by the instructor. Prerequisites: POLS-003 and 128. **POLS-125. Politics of the Third World.** Examines major themes in the study of Third World politics and society, and considers central issues related to development and change. Prerequisite: POLS-003 and 128. **POLS-126. African Nationalism.** An examination of African nationalism as a political dynamic that contributed to the initial resistance of African peoples to colonialism, the forging of national independence, and subsequent nation-building activities. Prerequisite: POLS-001 and 005. **POLS-128. International Relations.** An introduction to the basic problems of international relations arising out of the power competition of states, and the methods used to settle international conflicts. Prerequisites: POLS-001. **POLS-159. Simulation of International Organizations.** Multi-university and college student group simulation of international organizations such as the Organization of African Unity (OAU), the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and United Nations (U.N.). Student groups represent countries and simulate issue development and the writing and presentation of resolutions in an environment with representatives of international organizations. **POLS-166. Russian Politics.** An examination of post-communist Russia and the international and domestic forces that gave rise to it. The course explores Russia's foreign and domestic policies and the CIS system. Prerequisites: POLS-003, 128. **POLS-169. Government and Politics of Southern Africa.** Examines political issues affecting the nations of southern Africa (Angola, Mozambique, Republic of South Africa, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Botswana, and Swaziland). Prerequisite: POLS-005. **POLS-170. Government and Politics of Central America and the Caribbean.** Examines contemporary politics and society in Central America and the Caribbean. Key issues facing the nation-states and peoples of the region are considered. Prerequisites: POLS-003 and 128. **POLS-171. Government and Politics of South American Countries.** Examines the political institutions and structures in Latin American states south of Panama. Prerequisites: POLS-003 and 128. **POLS-172. Government and Politics of Far the East.** Examines the constitutional structure and political development of China, Taiwan, Japan and Korea. Prerequisites: POLS-003. **POLS-173. Government and Politics of Middle East and North Africa.** Focuses on the governmental structure of Middle East and Northern African states, regional issues and developmental concerns. Prerequisites: POLS.001 **POLS-174. Government and Politics of South Asia.** Explores political developments, party formations, and political behavior in India, Pakistan, Ceylon, and Nepal. Prerequisites: POLS-001 and 128. **POLS-175. Government and Politics of Southeast Asia.** Examines the political situation in Malaysia, Burma, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and Indonesia. Prerequisite: POLS- 001 and 128. **POLS-176. Government in Politics in Tropical Africa.** Focuses on political and governmental developments and problems of nations in tropical Africa. Prerequisite: POLS-005. **POLS-178. American Foreign Policy.** A survey of the objectives and formulation of American foreign policy. Prerequisite: POLS-128. **POLS-179. Foreign Policies of the Major Powers.** A survey of the basic policies of the contemporary major powers (Great Britain, Russia, France, United States, Germany, Japan, and China). Prerequisite: POLS-128. **POLS-188. European Politics.** Focuses on the political, economic and social dynamics affecting the development of Europe and its relations with other nations. **POLS-195. Nationalism and Revolution.** Introduces students to the nature and role of nationalism and revolution in modern times. Theories of revolution and nationalism and their social and economic consequences re discussed. Prerequisite: POLS –001. **POLS-197. Comparative Political Parties.** Explores the role of political parties in political mobilization, issue development and articulation, representation and candidate recruitment and social control in different countries in varying stages of development. **POLS-198. The United Nations and Regional Organizations.** A study of the origin, structure, procedure, and

current status of the United Nations, and an analysis of the structure and functions of various regional organizations. Prerequisite: POLS-128.

Group G - Political Economy

POLS-008. Introduction to Political Economy. Explores the interrelationship between the political and economic process involving the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services. Offers a discussion of the basic theoretical approaches that explain this interrelationship both within and between societies divided into classes, ethnic and or religious groups. **POLS-165 Urban Political Economy.** This course uses tools of political economy to examine critical urban problems. It concentrates on understanding the political economy perspective as well as applying this analytic approach to the study of such problems as the fiscal crisis of the cities, urban structure and movements, and the crisis in some key areas such as housing, education, employment poverty, transportation, crime, etc. Prerequisites: POLS-001 and 008.

Group H - Departmental Honors Directed Readings Courses

Political Science majors who are members of the College of Arts and Sciences' Honors Program participate in departmental directed reading courses and write a senior thesis during their senior year. They must complete the following sequence of courses: **POLS-084, 085.** Directed Reading in Honors for Sophomores. (1 Credit hour each semester); **POLS-088,089.** Directed Reading in Honors for Juniors. (1 Credit hour each semester); and **POLS-092,093.** Senior Departmental Honors. (3 Credit hours each semester). Honor student may be assigned to individual professors or participate in small group honors reading sessions.

MODEL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Political Science majors, including those who concentrate in pre-law are required to complete eleven courses in Political Science (33 credit hours). After satisfying the twelve (12) credit hours of required core courses (POLS- 001, 002, and 010) and three (3) credits hours in political theory, Political Science majors are free to choose elective courses in accordance with their academic interests and career plans. In making decisions about which elective Political Science courses to take, students should consult with their assigned advisor, the Director of Undergraduate Studies, or the Department Chairman. Listed below are model academic programs from which Political Science majors and minors may select. Each of the models or clusters is advisory and designed to help students develop a balanced program of study to support their career and professional interests.

Program A (Pre-Law Concentration)

(004) Introduction to Political Theory; (011) State and Local Government;(142) American Judicial Process; (144) The American Presidency; (160) American Political Thought; (163) Constitutional Law I; (184) Constitutional Law II; (186) Administrative Law; and (191) Modern Political Theory.

Program B (Concentration in Public Administration/Policy)

(011) State and Local Government and Politics; (145) Principles of Public Administration; (146) Public Personnel

Administration; (147) Seminar in Public Administration; (149) Introduction to Public Policy Analysis; (163) Constitutional Law I (and/or 164); (186) Administrative Law; (150) Internship (and/or 151); (183) Race and Public Policy; and (144) The American Presidency. Students who select Program B should consider Economics as a minor.

Program C (Concentration in Political Theory)

(004) Introduction to Political Theory; (190) Classical and Medieval Thought; (191) Modern Political Theory; (192) Contemporary Approaches to Political Analysis; (008) Introduction to Political Economy; (189) Black Political Theory; (142) The American Judicial Process; (195) Nationalism and Revolution; and (160) American Political Thought. A student interested in concentrating in Black Political Theory should consider Philosophy as a minor with a program of courses planned in consultation with a faculty adviser. If the student he does not minor in Philosophy, at least two of the following courses in the Department of Philosophy should be taken as electives: PHIL-102 Value Theory; PHIL-180 Introduction to Political Philosophy; PHIL-160 Introduction to Plato; and PHIL-155 Philosophy of Law.

Program D (Concentration in International Relations/Comparative Politics)

(128) International Relations; (003) Introduction to Comparative Politics; (008) Introductions to Political Economy; (125) Politics of Emerging Nations; (178) American Foreign Policy; (179) Foreign Policies of the Major Powers; and (181) The American Legislative Process. **Regional Courses.** Students should select regional courses compatible with their particular interest in the international or comparative politics area, e.g., Russia, Africa, Europe, Middle East, Far East, Latin America. Students interested in concentrating in the international/comparative area should consider History or Economics as a minor with a program of courses planned in consultation with a faculty adviser.

Program E (Concentration in Black Politics)

(007) Introduction to Black Politics; (011) State and Local Government; (140) American Political Parties; (143) Politics: Electoral & Non-Electoral; (142) The American Judicial Process; (157) Law and Politics of Poverty I; (165) Urban Political Economy; (189) Black Political Theory; (183) Race and Public Policy; (194) Politics of Campaign Management; (196) Seminar in Black Politics; and (006) Pan-Africanism. Students interested in concentrating in Black Politics should consider Afro-American Studies or History as a minor with a program of courses planned in consultation with their advisor.

Program F (Concentration in Quantitative Methodology)

The Department offers a sequence of courses beyond the Introduction to Research in Political Science course (002) that is designed to provide students research and quantitative methodology skills. These courses are: (004) Introduction to Political Theory; (162) Seminar in Survey Methodology; (185) Political Behavior; and (199) Behavioral Research Methods. Students interested in research and quantitative methodology should consider Economics, Sociology or Psychology as minors with courses selected in consultation with their faculty adviser.

Program G (Concentration in American Government and Politics)

(011) State and Local Government and Politics; (140) American Political Parties and/or (141) American Public Opinion; (142) The American Judicial Process; (007) Introduction to Black Politics; (160) American Political Thought; (145) Principles of Public Administration; (163) Constitutional Law I; (178) American Foreign Policy; (150) Internship

(and/or 151); and (185) Political Behavior.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Political Science major, with a concentration in International Relations and Comparative Politics (Group F), is ideal for students interested in graduate study or careers in international affairs. In addition to the diverse faculty and core curriculum, Political Science students have access to foreign study, internship, and exchange opportunities that enrich their studies. The also Department facilitates student access to the Ralph Bunche International Affairs Center where academic lectures, seminars, and conferences are held. An important dimension of the Department's curriculum in the area of international affairs is its **Simulation of International and regional organizations**. Working in collaboration with student delegations from other colleges and universities, Political Science students have an opportunity to participate in the simulation of the proceedings of various international organizations. Included are national models of the following organizations: the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity, and the League of Arab States. These multi-university activities are designed to increase student awareness and knowledge of global issues and the quest for peace. The first and second National Models of the Organization of African Unity were held at The Johns Hopkins and Georgetown Universities in 1980 and 1981, respectively. Subsequent simulations have been held at Howard University. Interested students should contact Dr. Michael Nwanze in Douglass Hall 144. Interested and eligible students should register for POLS-159 (Simulation of International Organizations).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND MINOR

The Political Science Department participates with other departments in the College of Arts and Sciences to offer a minor in Community Development. The Community Development minor is a broadly interdisciplinary curriculum that is designed around a set of interdisciplinary courses that ground theory in practice, emphasize teamwork, utilize the scholar-practitioner model, and forges partnerships with government, industry, and non-profit organizations to provide student hands-on experience. Students must complete two required interdisciplinary courses, two elective courses selected from a list of eligible courses, and a community development-based internship taken through a department-based internship course. The core course for the minor (Seminar in Community Development, POLS-138) and the Community Development Internship course (POLS-152-01) are offered in the Political Science Department.

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES SENIOR COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

A senior comprehensive examination is a graduation requirement of the College of Arts and Sciences. Students in the College of Arts and Sciences must pass a comprehensive examination administered by their respective departments as a requirement for graduation. The senior comprehensive examination is offered twice a year in November and April. Students must earn at least 60 percent to pass the examination. A student who does not pass may take the examination again at the next regularly scheduled offering. The exact date of the comprehensive examination is printed each semester in the University Directory of Classes. Students are tested about subject matter covered in the four required core Political Science courses (Introduction to Political Science, National Government of the United States, Introduction to Research in Political Science, and a course in Political Theory). The examination also draws questions from the six areas of concentration described above. The Department provides the following assistance to students

taking the examination: distribution of a reading list and copies of prior examinations, review sessions with field chairs, and review sessions with individual professors.

INTERNSHIP, EXCHANGE, AND STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

The Department makes available to its students a variety of internship, exchange and study abroad opportunities. An internship coordinator manages the Department's internship program. Students interested in an internship register, with the instructor's permission, for one of the following courses: POLS-150 (3 credits), POLS-151 (3 credits), or POLS-152 (3-6 credits). The objective of the internships is to provide students practical experiences in professional and community service settings. With internship assignments ranging from 15 to 20 hours per week, students are assigned to professional positions with community agencies, the White House, and other Federal and local government agencies. In addition to their job responsibilities, interns are required to participate in a seminar arranged by the Director, and prepare a research paper or other projects. Their site supervisors also evaluate them. For additional information concerning internships, students should consult the coordinator of the internship program. In some instances, students find their own positions and simply seek approval from the internship coordinator. Eligibility for academic credit-granting internships is restricted to Political Science majors with senior standing (at least 90 credits completed). Political Science majors are encouraged to take advantage of student exchange opportunities with affiliated universities and study abroad opportunities coordinated by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Ralph Bunche International Affairs Center.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AND DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

College Honors Program. The College of Arts and Sciences sponsors an Honors Program that is available to qualified Political Science students. The program provides academically talented students an additional opportunity to study, work, and exchange ideas within a stimulating intellectual atmosphere. Freshmen are selected for the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program on the basis of their high school records, SAT or ACT test scores, and letters of recommendation. Entering students who meet the eligibility requirements are invited in July of each year to join the Program. Students who earn a 3.50 or higher cumulative average after the freshman year are invited to join the Honors Program. Students are not admitted to the Honors Program after the sophomore year. A minimum cumulative 3.00 grade point average is required to maintain membership in the honors program. Honors study includes courses in general education and in specialized departmental areas. In the student's area of specialization, it allows for flexible opportunities for independent study through supervised reading in the sophomore and junior years and directed research in the senior year leading to a senior thesis. **Pi Sigma Alpha.** The Gamma Kappa Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha is the honor society in the Political Science Department. Students who meet the following criteria may apply for membership in Pi Sigma Alpha: (1) have a declared major or minor in Political Science; (2) have completed at least 9 credits in Political Science; have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher; and have a grade point average in Political Science of 3.2 or higher. The Phi Sigma Alpha conducts two inductions each year during the fall and spring semesters. **Departmental Honors.** Political Science students who are not in the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program may earn departmental honors. To qualify, students must have at least a 3.20 cumulative average and a 3.50 average in Political Science courses. **Phi Beta Kappa.** For more than two hundred years, election to Phi Beta Kappa has been an indication of superior academic achievement. Founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary, it is the nation's oldest and most prestigious honor society. Currently, there are chapters of Phi Beta Kappa in 234 institutions of higher learning. The Howard University chapter was established in 1953. The minimum cumulative grade point average required is 3.7 for juniors, and 3.5 for seniors, with all academic work having been completed at Howard University.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FINANCIAL AID

Each year, the Department gives four academic awards to undergraduate students. A departmental awards committee considers applicants and makes recommendations to the faculty.

The Ralph J. Bunche Award. The Ralph Bunche Award is presented annually to one Political Science major or minor graduate and undergraduate student who submits the best research paper focusing broadly on topics of concern to Dr. Ralph J. Bunche. The paper may be written independently or in connection with a course, but should focus on Black political participation and empowerment, or conflict resolution in international affairs.

The Emmett Dorsey Award. The Dorsey Award is presented annually to one Political Science undergraduate and graduate student for outstanding scholarship. Applicants must submit a current transcript, a 500 word biographical sketch, and three letters of recommendation. Applicants must be members of Pi Sigma Alpha.

The Norman Beckman Award. The Beckman Award is designed to inspire undergraduates to pursue careers in public administration and service. It is presented annually to a graduating senior who has the highest grade point average in courses from the Public Administration and Public Policy concentration.

The Vincent J. Browne Award. The Vincent J. Browne Award is presented to an entering freshman Political Science major with a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in public administration. To be eligible, applicants must have a 3.00 or higher high school grade point average, be eligible for need-based financial assistance, and be of sound character.

College of Arts and Sciences and University Financial Aid. Political Science majors may also obtain scholarships and financial aid from the College of Arts and Sciences and the University. For information about available financial assistance, students should consult the Howard University Undergraduate Bulletin or web-site and seek information from the Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment. Political Science majors are especially encouraged to maintain a very high grade point averages to be eligible for the Trustee Scholarship (full-tuition) that is offered by the College of Arts and Sciences.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Political Science Department is home to three undergraduate student organizations. **Pi Sigma Alpha.** The Gamma Kappa Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha is the honor society in the Political Science Department. Students who meet the following criteria may apply for membership in Pi Sigma Alpha: (1) have a declared major or minor in Political Science; (2) have completed at least 9 credits in Political Science; have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher; and have a grade point average in Political Science of 3.2 or higher. Phi Sigma Alpha conducts two inductions each year during the fall and spring semesters. It is an active organization in the Political Science Department, sponsoring academic lectures and seminars, and generally stimulating the intellectual vigor of the Department.

The Political Science Society. The Political Science Society is the official undergraduate student organization in the Political Science Department. All Political Science majors and minor are eligible for membership in the Society. It has representatives on all departmental committees except those dealing with personnel. This organization has a long and

outstanding history and reputation. Many College and University student leaders learn the art of leadership and service through their association with the Society.

The Charles H. Houston Pre-Law Society. The Charles H. Houston Pre-Law Society is an organization of students who are interested in law school and a legal career. Membership is open to all students, notwithstanding academic major. The Pre-Law Society works with the Department's pre-law advisor to assist students with issues related to preparation for law school and the admissions process. It sponsors law school recruitment sessions, LSAT preparatory classes, and seminars with lawyers. Interested students may obtain information about these organizations in Douglass Hall 144 or 112.

POLITICAL SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

<i>Political Science Courses</i>	<i>Political Science Courses</i>
001 Introduction to Political Science (Core Requirement. Also Satisfies COAS Division B requirement)	164 Constitutional Law II
002 Introduction to Research in Political Science (Core Requirement)	165 Urban Political Economy
003 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Satisfies COAS Division C Requirement)	166 Russian Politics
004 Introduction to Political Theory (Core Theory Course Option)	169 Government and Politics of Southern Africa
005 Introduction to African Politics (Also Satisfies COAS Division C Requirement)	170 Government and Politics of Central America/Caribbean
006 Pan Africanism (Also Satisfies COAS Afro-American Cluster Requirement)	171 Government and Politics of South American Countries
007 Introduction to Black Politics	172 Government and Politics of the Far East
008 Introduction to Political Economy	173 Government and Politics of the Middle East/North Africa
010 National Government of the United States	174 Government and Politics of South Asia
011 State and Local Government (Satisfies COAS Division C Requirement)	175 Government and Politics of southeast Asia
084 Honors Directed Readings, Sophomores (1 credit)	176 Government and Politics of Tropical Africa
085 Honors Directed Readings, Sophomores (1 credit)	178 American Foreign Policy
088 Honors Directed Readings, Juniors (1 credit)	179 Foreign Policies of Major Powers
089 Honors Directed Readings, Junior (1 credit)	180 Urban Government and Politics
092 Honors Directed Readings, Seniors (3 credits)	181 American Legislative Politics
093 Honors Directed Readings, Seniors (3 credits)	183 Race and Public Policy
125 Politics of the Third World	184 Problems in American Democracy
126 African Nationalism	185 Political Behavior
128 International Relations	186 Administrative Law
138 Seminar in Community Development	
140 American Political Parties	187 Urban Black Politics
141 American Public Opinion and Pressure Groups	188 European Politics
142 American Judicial Process	189 Black Political Theory
143 Black Politics: Electoral and Non-Electoral (Satisfies COAS Division C Requirement)	190 Classical and Medieval Thought
144 American Presidency	191 Modern Political Theory
145 Principles of Public Administration	192 Contemporary Approaches to Political Analysis
146 Public Personnel Administration	193 Special Topics in Political Theory
148 Government and Politics of the District of Columbia	194 Politics of Campaign Management
149 Introduction to Public Policy Analysis	195 Nationalism and Revolution
150 Internship I-Fall semester (instructor's permission)	196 Seminar in Black Politics
151 Internship II-Spring (instructor's permission)	197 Comparative Political Parties
152 Community Development Internship (Section 1)	198 The United Nations and Regional Organizations
152 Internship (Section 2, 6 credits-instructor's permission)	199 Behavioral Research Methods
160 American Political Thought	700 Political Theory-Writing (Fall)
162 Seminar in Research Methodology	701 Political Theory-Writing (Spring)
163 Constitutional Law I	

***** Students receive 3 credit hours for each Political Science course completed unless otherwise indicated.***

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