Political Science Department Mission Statement
The mission of the undergraduate program in the Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati is to equip students with advanced understanding of politics within the United States and globally and to challenge established understandings in fundamental ways by developing critical thinking, written and oral communication, and methodological skills, and by examining normative and analytic theories with which to study public issues. The department's faculty and students engage in pursuit of knowledge at the nexus of theory and policy advancing UC’s overall institutional strengths in applied learning and discovery. The department's undergraduate programs foster the highest professional standards in pursuit of new discoveries needed for success in academic and non-academic careers and provide the foundation and motivation for advanced thinking, problem solving and engaged citizenship in our local and global communities.

This handbook contains information about the Department of Political Science and its programs, policies and requirements. A copy of this handbook is available on the political science department webpage. Nothing contained in this handbook supersedes or otherwise alters any College of Arts and Sciences requirement.

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I. Majors and certificates: Required curriculum
The department offers a major in Political Science, an interdisciplinary major in International Affairs, a minor in Political Science, and interdisciplinary certificates in Security Studies, Cybersecurity, and International Human Rights. The requirements for our majors and certificates, with complete lists of courses and recommendations for sequencing of courses, are published on the college website (see links below):

Political Science major (POL)
The Political Science major (POL) consists of 45 lower and upper division semester credits in American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory and introductory STAT classes. For program requirements, go to:
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/undergrad/major/smstr_program_detail_23.html

Check your degree progress audit (DPA) at https://dars.uc.edu/darswebstu3593/servlet/SignInServlet

International Affairs major (INTA)
The International Affairs major (INTA) combines 59-70 semester credits in political science, history, economics, geography, advanced foreign language study and introductory STAT classes. The range in credits required depends on course selections, including the choice of foreign language studied. (Note that 3000 level literature and humanities classes taught in a foreign language also meet Gen Ed requirements.) For program requirements, go to:
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/interdisciplinary-studies/international_affairs.html

Check your degree progress audit (DPA) at https://dars.uc.edu/darswebstu3593/servlet/SignInServlet

Political Science minor
The political science minor (21 credits) introduces students to the breadth of this field through introductory courses in American and comparative government, international relations and political theory, and then offers students the opportunity to choose upper level courses depending on individual interests. The curriculum is available on the political science department homepage:
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/undergrad/minor_cert/smstr_program_detail_328.html
Check your degree progress audit (DPA) at https://dars.uc.edu/darswebstu3593/servlet/SignInServlet
Please make sure to select semester audit and note that POL minor is not listed with the POL major.
All the minors are listed together at the end of the list, so you need to scroll past all the A&S majors to find the minors (15MINPOL).

**Security studies certificate (SSTD)**
Within the Security Studies certificate (21 credits), students can choose to focus on Homeland Security, International Security or both. For details visit the department webpage:
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/undergrad/minor_cert/Why_Study_Security_Studies.html

**Cybersecurity certificate (CYBR)**
The department offers an interdisciplinary Cybersecurity certificate (12-36 credits). Please note that the certificate requires 50% or more of the required coursework to be completed from the College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services. Further information about this certificate is available here:
www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/undergrad/minor_cert/cybersecurity.html
For program requirements, curriculum, career possibilities and other relevant info, go to:
http://cech.uc.edu/programs.html?cid=18CERT2-CYBR

**International human rights certificate (IHR)**
The certificate (21 credits) includes one core political science course in the Politics of Human Rights and a choice from twenty primary electives in four theme areas: (1) Philosophical, social, cultural and political perspectives on universal rights, (2) International laws and institutions, (3) Major threats, and (4) Rights of vulnerable groups. The IHR program outline is available at:
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/undergrad/minor_cert/why_study_id_15.html
For list of courses offered go to International IHR’s Curriculum Guide:
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/programs-degrees/minors.html?cid=15CERT2-IHR
Check DPA at: https://dars.uc.edu/darswebstu3593/servlet/SignInServlet Go to 15CERT2IHR
Please, contact the IHR’s director Professor Laura Jenkins (Laura.Jenkins@uc.edu) to request approval for a senior project with a human rights focus or appropriate internship, service learning or study abroad credits toward the certificate.

**3+3 BA/JD Program**
The department plans to introduce a 3+3 or BA/JD Program in partnership with UC College of Law intended allow students to complete an undergraduate degree in the Department Political Science and a JD/ Law Degree in the College of Law for six years. Students should plan ahead of time and discuss this option with their advisor if interested to pursue this program. Contact the Undergraduate Director or Prof. Andrew Lewis (Andrew.Lewis@uc.edu) for further details.

**BA/MA program in Political Science**
The BA/MA program allows undergraduate students who have elective hours in their senior year to begin taking graduate classes at that time. To that end, they need to submit their application to the BA/MA program at least two semesters prior to their expected graduation date. Upon successful admission to the BA/MA Program and after earning the BA degree, students will be formally admitted to the Graduate School and continue their graduate coursework. Students who are able to complete two to three graduate courses in their senior year should be able to complete their Master's degree in one additional year.
BIS Interdisciplinary Studies
Interdisciplinary studies is a unique degree program that offers students in UC McMicken College of Arts and Sciences (A&S) the opportunity to design their own programs of study in order to meet personal or career goals that cannot be achieved through established BS or BA degrees. 
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/interdisciplinary-studies.html

Other college certificates, minors or majors
Many POL or INTA majors choose other certificates, minors or double majors in fields including: various area studies (Asian, Arabic, European, Heritage, Latin American, or Middle Eastern http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/interdisciplinary-studies.html). Other options include Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies: http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/wgss/undergrad.html; or journalism: http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/journalism/undergrad.html.

Methods Training
All political science and international affairs majors are required to take STAT 1034 and 1035. These courses cover data analysis, the basic principles of data collection from samples and experiments, elementary probability, the application of the normal distribution to the study of random samples, statistical estimation, and an introduction to hypothesis testing. Students who have completed other similar methods courses or those who are unable to complete the sequence for medical reasons (e.g. documented disability), should discuss the completion of this requirement with the Undergraduate Program Director.

Soon after the completion of the STAT sequence, the students are required to complete POL 3000 Political Inquiry: Approaches and Methods. The course examines the diverse approaches used to study politics, focusing on the foundational principles of research design and data analysis in political science. Students learn to critically evaluate political and social research, and to conduct their own original analyses using computer software such as SPSS. POL 3000 is required of all majors in Political Science and International Affairs, and is limited only to those majors except with permission of the instructor.

Capstone
In their senior year majors must complete a capstone senior project that requires a research project, paper and presentation. Students need not wait until their last semester to register for a capstone, but should be nearing the end of their degree program, and should have completed POL 3000 Approaches and Methods in Political Science, in preparation for the capstone research project.

There are several ways to fulfill the capstone requirement. Note that students with a major GPA of 3.67 at graduation will qualify for high departmental honors if they either complete a senior thesis (POL 5000 and 5001) or complete a 7000-level POL seminar (with a B or higher).

POL majors have three capstone options:
1. They can complete one of the following 5100- or 6000-level classes as their Senior Project (note that 5100 and 6000 courses are two different codes for the same offering): POL 5111/6011, 5115/6015, 5136/6036, 5161/6061, 5154/6064, 5165/6065, 5168/6068, 5176/6076, 5177/6077, 5180/6080, 5183/6083, 5184/6084, 5186/6086, 5189/6089, 5193/6093, 5035C. Please note courses
whose first two digits begin with 51 are exactly the same as those whose first two digits begin with 60. The Political Science Department offers several 6000-level classes each semester taught by various Political Science faculty. Each 6000-level POL class counts only once toward the 24-credit hour Area of Emphasis coursework; the class can also satisfy a requirement in the respective subfield (e.g., American Politics, Comparative Politics, or International Relations) and the capstone requirement at the same time. Students can complete multiple 6000-level classes; only one will serve as a capstone. For further information on capstone offerings, students should visit the department’s schedule of classes: https://webapps2.uc.edu/scheduleofclasses/ (select Section/ McMicken College of Arts and Sciences/ POL-Political Science)

2. POL 7000-level graduate seminar for undergraduate credit (one semester) with permission of instructor OR

3. POL 5000 and 5001 Senior Thesis (two semesters)

**INTA majors** have even more capstone options:

1. They can complete one of the following 5100/ 6000-level classes as their Senior Project: POL 5161/ 6061, 5164/ 6064, 5165/ 6065, 5168/ 6068, 5176/ 6076, 5177/ 6077, 5180/ 6080, 5183/ 6083, 5184/ 6084, 5186/ 6086, 5189/ 6089, 5035C. Note that courses whose first two digits begin with 51 are exactly the same as those whose first two digits begin with 60. The Political Science Department offers several 5100/ 6000-level classes each semester taught by various Political Science faculty. Students are able to choose a research topic within the course’s theme. Any 5100/ 6000-level POL class counts only once toward the 24-credit hour INTA Capstone & Groupings Requirement; however, the class can also fulfill a Groupings requirement (e.g. International Politics and Political Theory, Comparative Studies) while satisfying the capstone requirement. Students can complete multiple 6000-level classes only one will serve as a capstone. For further information on capstone offerings, students should visit the department’s schedule of classes: https://webapps2.uc.edu/scheduleofclasses/ (select McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, POL-Political Science)

2. POL 7000-level graduate seminar with international focus for undergraduate credit (one semester) with permission of instructor OR

3. POL 5000-5001 Senior Thesis (two semesters) OR

4. INTA majors may complete the capstone requirement for majors in geography or Asian studies (GEOG: 5000-5007; AIST: 5091). No history or economics capstone is allowed.

**Senior thesis**

One way that students can complete the POL or INTA major capstone requirement is by doing a two-semester senior thesis POL 5000-5001. Students who have a major GPA of 3.67 or higher (and will thus graduate with high honors in the department by doing a senior thesis) and/or students who want to go on to graduate school are especially encouraged to do a senior thesis. Students should consider topics that build on upper level classes they have taken and approach faculty members who are doing related research and teaching to discuss and design their research proposals. Each student writing a thesis will need a faculty supervisor and a faculty reader. INTA majors can invite one of these faculty members from a core INTA field other than Political Science. A senior thesis student and the faculty
supervisor and reader should clearly delineate in writing a proposal including expectations about the scope and schedule for the project. Faculty supervisors can decide whether they will grade each semester separately or use an IP (in progress) grade that will be changed to the final grade at the end of the second semester. Students should plan to have a draft of the entire thesis submitted to their advisor by week eight of the semester when they take POL 5001 or March 1 for those students who plan to graduate in the spring. Juniors contemplating a senior thesis should plan ahead in order to have a proposal developed and faculty ready to serve as supervisor and reader in time apply for the Taft Undergraduate Senior Research Fellowship (details below) in the spring of their junior year. Students must have a supervisor, a reader and a proposal approved by both prior to signing up for POL 5000.

College requirements
In addition to major requirements, students must complete college requirements. Please see: http://www.artsci.uc.edu/students/undergrad/advising/new_requirements.html

II. Important steps for majors: From declaring a major to getting a job

Declaring a major, minor or certificate
Declare or change to a political science or international affairs major, political science minor, SSTD IHR, CYBR Certificates by completing a declaration/ change of major or minor form on-line: http://www.artsci.uc.edu/students/undergrad/forms/declare_major.html

Students can declare a second major within A&S or a cross-college major here too. For cross-college students in particular, it is important to use the comments section at the bottom of the declaration page to note your "primary" college (e.g., DAAP, COB, CECH) and your "primary" major (e.g., planning, finance, criminal justice). Declaring a POL major or INTA major online will automatically enroll a student in the departmental Blackboard site, a valuable source of information from the department.

Transferring, transitioning to UC’s Main Campus or changing majors
Transfer or transition students should check in with their Political Science advisor and possibly with the undergraduate achievement coordinator and/or undergraduate director if classes that might count toward the POL or INTA major appear under electives on your degree audit.

If students have completed 6 credits of calculus sequence prior to becoming a UC political science or international affairs major, it is possible to accept this coursework toward your quantitative reasoning requirement. They should consult with their McMicken College advisor and the Political Science undergraduate program director for possible ways to accept other coursework toward quantitative reasoning or have course sequence (STAT 1034-1035) waived. If you are considering graduate study in political science, you are encouraged to take the statistics classes as electives, even if you have completed your math requirement with calculus.

Political science credits taken at UC Blue Ash (UCBA) and Clermont College normally satisfy some major requirements. If they do not appear under the major on your degree audit, see the undergraduate director.

Staying in touch through the departmental Blackboard site
The Department of Political Science has a Blackboard site online. Go to:
https://canopy.uc.edu/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp. Students automatically have access once they declare a political science or international affairs major (after a brief processing delay). This site is used to post important announcements, to publicize internships and grants, and to email occasional POL/INTA newsletters with important updates and opportunities for majors.

If you do not regularly use your UC email, update Blackboard with your preferred email address. To check your Blackboard email address: Click the “Personal Information” link on the left side of the "My UC" page. Click “Edit Personal Information.” Scroll down to the field labeled “Email Address.”

Advising
For advising about college requirements students should see a college advisor in the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences advising office, French Hall West, 2nd floor, Mail Location 0037. Call for an appointment (typically 30 minutes) at least one day in advance 513-556-5860 or go online to your Blackboard "My Advisor" tab and then choose Starfish: http://www.artsci.uc.edu/students/undergrad/advising.html

For advising on major requirements and opportunities after graduation, see a departmental advisor. The current list of these advisors and their office hours is available on the bulletin board at 1100 Crosley Tower and on the department’s website: http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/undergrad/advising.html. If students cannot make it to office hours, they can contact advisors for an alternative appointment time or seek advice via phone or email. Any student may request a different departmental advisor by contacting the Undergraduate Director. Please, note that faculty advisors are available to meet with students during Fall and Spring Semesters and will not hold regular office hours during Winter and Summer breaks as many of them may be on leave, research fellowships, conducting field research or travelling. In cases of emergency, students should contact the undergraduate program director or the undergraduate achievement coordinator and understand that they also may also be unavailable to respond immediately. Students can also track their own progress through their degree audit on the university website.

Each student’s advisor, although not professionally trained as a counselor, can help interpret major requirements, assist in course selection, provide graduate school information, and possibly answer some career related questions. For professional advice on career development, please visit UC Career Center (140 University Pavilion, http://www.uc.edu/career.html). Students are strongly encouraged to consult their departmental and college advisors at least once a year.

Checking your Degree Audit
The degree audit system (https://dars.uc.edu/darswebstu3593/servlet/SignInServlet) is a useful advising tool. It is not an official transcript. Additional details about progress in the major may be recorded during advising appointments and kept in a student’s file in the department office. In such cases the degree audit may not contain all these details or changes, but the department’s advisor or program director will consult student files when certifying that students have completed major requirements for graduation. Please use the degree audit to track progress toward major and degree completion.

Choosing courses: Course numbers and course load
See the curriculum guides for major as well as college requirements (see links above) before selecting courses each semester.
Students should complete the introductory (1000-level) course in the relevant political science subfield before taking upper level (2000-4000 level) courses in that subfield. (Students do not need to take all of the subfield intros before taking any upper level courses, but should complete them as soon as possible.)

**1000** introductory courses

**2000-6000** upper level courses
(Undergraduates must select three undergraduate credits when registering for 6000 level courses.)

**5100/ 6000** courses
6000 level classes are open to undergraduate and graduate students. Undergraduate students can use these classes to satisfy a capstone requirement or simply earn upper-level credit toward their major requirements. Each 6000-level class fulfills a capstone requirement and a sub-category requirement at the same time (e.g. American Politics, Comparative Politics and International Relations for POL students and International Politics and Comparative Studies for INTA students). When registering for these courses online, undergraduates must select three undergraduate credits; each class adds only 3 credits toward the 24-credit Area of Emphasis requirement. If they choose to take more than one 5100/ 6000-level class, students need to consult with their major advisor and the course’s instructor.

**7000** graduate seminars
Undergraduates may only take these graduate courses with permission of the instructor. (Instructor may need to sign an add slip, available in department office.) When registering for these seminars online, students will not be able to select undergraduate credits. Undergraduates will need to sign a form (available in the Political Science department office and in French Hall West, 2nd floor) stating that you are taking a graduate seminar for undergraduate credit. These forms (entitled “Use of graduate credit in partial fulfillment of the requirement for a Bachelor’s degree in the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences”) are to be turned in to French Hall West, 2nd floor, Mail Location 0037.

**Choosing courses: Course load**
A three credit hour undergraduate course normally meets three hours per week in class and requires six hours per week of outside preparation. A standard academic load is five courses totaling fifteen semester credit hours—a 45 hour per week commitment of class time and outside preparation. No student should attempt to carry more than 18 credit hours in a semester. No more than 18 credits of Political Science courses may be taken in the same semester. Students carrying a full academic load each term can complete the 120 semester hours required for the B.A. in 8 semesters, normally spread over a four-year period.

Students whose GPA in the major is below 2.5 or who are employed long hours during the regular school year are strongly discouraged from carrying a 15 or more hour academic load during the semester and would most likely need more than 8 semesters to complete the B.A. degree requirements. Students taking 4 courses, 12 credits per term, can finish in 10 semesters, which would require three summer semesters or a fifth year of enrollment. The recommended course load varies with the amount of each individual’s outside employment.

Nonacademic commitments (hrs/wk) Maximum recommended course load and credit hours
Students may not count more than eighteen credits in one semester toward the major unless they receive prior written authorization from the Director of Undergraduate Studies or the Undergraduate Achievement Coordinator.

Coursework in Semester Conversion
The University of Cincinnati switched to semesters on August 27, 2012. Students who have completed some coursework prior to this date under the quarter system will not experience any extended time to graduation, loss of academic progress or increased costs: www.uc.edu/conversion/pledge.html.

The new semester requirements for graduation apply for all students. All coursework completed under the quarter system automatically counts toward the semester requirements. POL and INTA classes completed under the quarter system count for 2 credits under the semester system and satisfy the respective core, area of emphasis, capstone or elective requirements. Most of the POL and INTA quarter courses have their semester correspondence (some semester classes have one, others have two quarter analogues depending on subject area and course content). In some cases, classes taught under the quarter system were retired after Fall 2012 while new classes were created under semesters.

Please note two major changes to POL and INTA required coursework. Under the quarter system POL 1010 (Introduction to American Government) was offered as a two-term sequence (POL 110-111). Similarly POL 3000 was also a two-course sequence (POL 253-254). Only students who have completed both 110 and 111 before August 27, 2012 will receive credit for POL 1010. The same principle applies to POL 3000 where students should complete POL 253 and POL 254. Those who have completed only 110 or 111, as well as 253 or 254 will earn academic credit toward their POL and/or INTA major requirements. Nonetheless, they will need to complete the new semester courses (POL 1010; 3000) to satisfy these major requirements. This requirement does not apply to INTA minors who may pick any 100- or 1000-level introductory POL classes to satisfy their core requirements. As long as they accrue 9 semester credits, the requirement will be satisfied. For those who have taken POL 490 as their capstone prior to semester conversion, the course will apply similarly to a 6000-level POL or INTA class.

Individualized Advising Plans (IAPs) and Graduation
The University of Cincinnati has generated Individualized Advising Plans for all students who were enrolled in the POL or INTA programs at UC before August 2012 and who indicated that they would be graduating after August 2012 to explain the changes associated with semester conversion, provide a roadmap to graduation and project accurate graduation date: http://www.uc.edu/registrar/advising/iap.html.

Students who have questions about semester conversion, major requirements and projected graduation date should contact their college or department advisor before finalizing their schedule. Please, contact your college advisor if you have questions related to general education and college requirements. Please, contact your major, minor or certificate advisors if you have questions related
to your major/ minor/ certificate requirements. Below is a list of college advisors:
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/students/undergrad/advising/advisors.html
This is the list of Political Science advisors working with POL and INTA majors, POL minors, and
students pursuing various certificates:
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/undergrad/advising.html

Registering for courses
To register for classes, please, visit the Onestop Center at:
https://webapps2.uc.edu/scheduleofclasses/

Once you have selected the term, college and discipline, be sure to scroll down to the 5000 and 6000-
level courses we now offer. Certain popular and required courses (especially POL 3000) fill quickly,
so if you need them to graduate in the near future, please be sure to register at your earliest
opportunity. Ideally you should take POL 3000 as soon as possible after your introductory POL
classes and required statistics sequence (STAT 1034-35). If you take POL 3000 in your sophomore
year, those skills will help you in all your remaining coursework.

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For details about early registration, as well as deadlines to register, add or grade replace coursework
and various fees, please visit 2015-2016 Semester-System Working Calendar at
http://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/registrar/docs/calendars/calendar_working_2015-16.pdf

Please note, undergraduate students must select 3 undergraduate credits when registering for 6000
level courses.

Evaluating courses
Each instructor will provide course evaluations at the end of the semester. The instructor will leave
the classroom and provide adequate time for students to fill out evaluations. These should be
collected and returned to the Political Science Department’s Main Office (1110 Crosley) by a student
volunteer in the class.

The evaluations are given to the instructor only after the grades for the semester have been
submitted. Evaluations are used by the Department Head to monitor the quality of courses in the
department and by individual instructors to assess and improve their own courses. Please fill these
out thoughtfully and completely. Students’ objective feedback is most welcome and greatly
appreciated.

Graduating
Seniors must APPLY FOR GRADUATION. If students miss these deadlines the college will not
allow them to graduate until the next semester! Further information about deadlines to apply for
graduation is available at:
https://webapps2.uc.edu/commencement/appdates.aspx

Undergraduate Online Degree Application
Use the Online Degree Application: [http://www.uc.edu/commencement/checklist/apply.html](http://www.uc.edu/commencement/checklist/apply.html)

The department encourages students to regularly discuss their progress toward their major with their departmental advisor and their progress toward their degree with their college advisor (see “advising” above). This is especially important when students approach the completion of their degree(s).

**Becoming an Alumnus of the political science department**

When you are an alumnus of the department (a graduate with a political science or international affairs major), please take just a moment to email the department head or one of your professors to update us on your life after graduation. If you have friends who are alumni, please encourage them to do the same.

Political Science and International Affairs alumni are considered the department’s ambassadors all over the world and we would like to stay in touch with them throughout their lives. Once you graduate, please keep us updated on professional developments (especially if your affiliation and contact information changes frequently) and let us know if you are aware of any opportunities for our current students. Current majors should also make sure to keep the department updated with their academic and professional interests and accomplishments. Just email or talk with your professors and the undergraduate director about what you are doing. Our goal is to match successful alumni and outstanding students by creating multiple networks that provide additional opportunities.

**Going to law school or into other legal fields**

Many of our majors go on to get a JD. Students interested in law school should contact an advisor from the Pre-Professional Advising Center Staff by sending an email to preproadv@uc.edu or calling 513-556-2166. Interested students should start the process of meeting with pre-professional advisors in their freshman year. The Center organizes Introductory every week of the semester (the dates are already on the website); then students can make a one-on-one appointment to discuss their specific goals with our advisors. Additionally, the Pre-Professional Advising Center organizes Law School Application Workshop and Personal Statement Writing Workshop. For a list of available pre-law advisors and other relevant information, visit the Center’s page below: [http://www.uc.edu/preproadvising/staff.html#nogo](http://www.uc.edu/preproadvising/staff.html#nogo)

See also the Pre-law resources and helpful links on the UC Pre-Professional Advising Center website, which also offers advice relating to other pre-professional programs: [http://www.uc.edu/preproadvising/pre-law.html](http://www.uc.edu/preproadvising/pre-law.html)

The Council on Legal Education Opportunity offers summer workshops and law school admissions support for minority students [http://www.cleoscholars.org](http://www.cleoscholars.org)

Pre-Law resources: [http://www.findlaw.com](http://www.findlaw.com)

ABA Pre-Law Advising: [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/pre_law.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/pre_law.html)


Majors with an interest in law have been involved with Mock Trial competitions, in which students play the roles of attorneys and witnesses in simulated courtroom disputes and are judged by
practicing attorneys. Visit: http://www.ucmocktrial.com/ and if you have any questions please contact cincinnatimocktrial@gmail.com

Phi Alpha Delta is a pre-law group that arranges for practice LSAT exams, speakers and trips. The Pre-professional advising center provides a wide range of support as students prepare to be a competitive applicant to professional school: http://www.uc.edu/preproadvising.html

Going to graduate school
Our majors have recently gone on to graduate programs (MA or PhD programs) in political science, international affairs, geography, planning, Asian studies, women’s studies, law and public policy. Students considering graduate school should discuss their research interests with their faculty advisor and other faculty members whose research interests parallel their own.

For many students it is wise to take some time off between undergraduate and graduate studies (see information below on Americorps, the Peace Corps, and Public Allies). Those who want to go directly on to graduate school should start planning in their junior year. Applications usually include transcripts, GRE scores, letters of recommendation from faculty members, and a personal statement or essay. These should be ready to submit by late fall/early winter of the year you wish to commence graduate studies (deadlines vary by program).

Students contemplating graduate school should seriously consider doing a senior thesis or completing a 7000-level graduate seminar to fulfill the capstone requirement. These experiences will give students a sense of graduate level work and will give faculty members, who may be writing letters of recommendation, the best opportunity to evaluate student research potential.

When requesting a reference letter from a professor be sure to provide:
1. Any reference forms provided by the law or graduate school (fill out the portion to be completed by the student) and/or a list of addresses for those schools without special forms which require separate letters. If the school requires you to submit reference letters in sealed envelopes with your application, faculty will appreciate addressed envelopes to mail your reference(s) to you.

2. You can also apply through Law School Admission Council (LSAC): http://www.lsac.org/. Even if you choose to have your recommendation writers contacted directly by LSAC, you always need to discuss your applications with them and provide your recommendation writers with all needed information. Please note that faculty have the right to decline a request for recommendation and do not need to justify their decision.

2. A copy of your A&S degree audit (or transcript).
3. A copy of any required personal statement which you have written to accompany a law or graduate school application.
4. A copy of any personal resume used in employment or school applications giving work experience, education, etc.
5. LSAT or GRE score results if request and/ or known.
The American Political Science Association (APSA) provides some helpful information to students applying for graduate school in political science. Some of this advice is also useful for applicants to other types of graduate programs.

For a list of graduate and undergraduate student resources, see:
http://www.apsanet.org/RESOURCES/For-Students/Graduate-Student-Connection
Selected student internship opportunities are available here:
http://www.apsanet.org/RESOURCES/For-Students/Internship-Resources
For a list of institutions that grant PhDs in political science, see:
http://www.apsanet.org/RESOURCES/For-Students/Institutions-Granting-PhDs-in-Political-Science
For APSA’s programs to encourage underrepresented minorities to pursue PhDs in political science see: http://www.apsanet.org/PROGRAMS/Diversity-Inclusion

The most competitive awards to finance graduate education include Truman, Marshall and Rhodes Scholarships and Fulbright Grants, which often require institutional nomination. For more information, please see UC’s Office of Nationally Competitive Awards:

Although it is advisable to apply to graduate programs elsewhere in order to benefit from exposure to a wider variety of faculty, our own undergraduates sometimes go on to complete graduate work in our department. Our graduate program director and achievement coordinator would be happy to discuss this option with you. Our graduate programs include:

BA/MA in political science (or the 4+1 program)
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/undergrad/major/ba_ma.html

Certificate in public opinion and survey research
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/grad/posr_cert.html

MA in political science
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/grad/masters.html

Ph.D. in political science
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/grad/doctorate.html

MA/JD joint degree with the UC College of Law
http://www.law.uc.edu/prospective-students/academic-programs/jd/ma-political-science

Getting a job
Political science and international affairs majors have excelled in a variety of public and private sector careers, including state, local and federal government, law, party politics, secondary education, business, survey research, public relations and journalism.

The American Political Science Association lists dozens of careers for political science majors:
http://www.apsanet.org/CAREERS/Careers-In-Political-Science

UC’s Career Development Center (140 University Pavilion, PO Box 210104) offers career guidance and counseling, on-campus recruiting, career fairs, computerized self-assessment tools and other resources to help you choose and prepare for your career: http://www.uc.edu/career.html
Many graduates benefit from one or two years doing paid service at home or abroad with one of the following organizations:
Public Allies [http://www.publicallies.org/site/c.liKUL3PNLvF/b.5106423/k.BD7E/Home.htm](http://www.publicallies.org/site/c.liKUL3PNLvF/b.5106423/k.BD7E/Home.htm)

UC’s DAAP offers a planning degree in conjunction with Peace Corps service: [http://daap.uc.edu/academics/planning/m_community_planning/us-peace-corps-program/coverdell-fellows-program.html](http://daap.uc.edu/academics/planning/m_community_planning/us-peace-corps-program/coverdell-fellows-program.html)

Other resources that might be helpful are the following books *Careers and the Study of Political Science: A Guide for Undergraduates*, The American Political Science Association, 2001 and *Careers in International Affairs* (Carland and Faber, 2008). For latest up-to-date data about the profession visit APSA’s webpage: [http://www.apsanet.org/RESOURCES/Data-on-the-Profession](http://www.apsanet.org/RESOURCES/Data-on-the-Profession).

### III. Honors, awards, and grants

**Departmental Honors** go to graduates with greater than a 3.33 GPA in their major (POL or INTA).

**Departmental High Honors** are awarded to graduates with greater than a 3.67 GPA in their major (POL or INTA) who earn at least a “B” in an approved 7000-level **graduate seminar** or who complete a **senior thesis** (POL 5000-5001) one full term prior to graduation. High honors candidates may take the seminar as early as their junior year but need the instructor’s permission. Final GPA is computed at the end of the semester immediately preceding the semester in which the student expects to graduate—for April graduates at the end of Fall semester.

To take a 7000-level course, an undergraduate needs the permission of the instructor. (Instructor must sign an add slip, available in department office, 1110 Crosley Tower.) When registering for these seminars online, students will not be able to select undergraduate credits. Undergraduates will need to sign a form (available in the Political Science department office and in French Hall West, 2nd floor, Mail Location 0037) stating that you are taking a graduate seminar for undergraduate credit. These forms (entitled “Use of graduate credit in partial fulfillment of the requirement for a Bachelor’s degree in the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences”) are to be turned in to French Hall West, 2nd floor. Please, note that the four credit hours for this course cannot be applied to any graduate program if they are counting toward undergraduate credits, and the grade and quality points earned in this course will not be included in your undergraduate GPA.

**Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society**

Pi Sigma Alpha is the national political science honor society. The department inducts new members into the national Political Science Honor Society **Pi Sigma Alpha** each spring term. Students who have met the following requirements may qualify: (1) they have completed 60 credits or more toward their total university credits; (2) they maintain a university and a major (POL and INTA) GPA of 3.3 or higher; (3) they have completed at least 18 credits of POL courses. There is a one-time membership charge of $35. The department invites eligible junior and senior POL and INTA majors to join this honor society and be recognized at a spring initiation ceremony, which in recent years has been part of the Political Science Student Association’s annual awards ceremony in the spring. For more information about Pi Sigma Alpha and its history see its website:
Eugene P. Ruehlmann Scholarship
This scholarship named after Eugene P Ruehlmann, Mayor of Cincinnati who had tremendous impact on the City, supports a current Political Science major committed to excellence. The total award amount is $2,500; eligible to apply are declared political science majors in their second or third year who have demonstrated financial need. Although completion of all four introductory level courses in Political Science (1010, 1040, 1060, and 1080) and POL 3000 is not required, preference will be given to applicants who have completed or are currently taking as many of these courses as possible. For further information about the Ruehlmann fellowship, visit the scholarship’s website or contact the department’s coordinator Pamela Latham at Pamela.Latham@UC.edu:
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/ruehlmann/default.html

Charles Phelps Taft Undergraduate Summer Fellowship
POL and INTA majors, who have a GPA of 3.67 in the major and plan to fulfill the capstone requirement by writing a senior thesis (POL 5000 and 5001) to earn departmental high honors, are encouraged to consider applying for this fellowship. Taft Undergraduate Summer Fellowship provides up to $2,000 in support for undergraduate students conducting focused research projects, supervised by a faculty mentor. Grants are expected to culminate in some sort of professional presentation (e.g. at the Undergraduate Research Conference held every spring on UC’s campus). Taft will cover the cost of posters should students elect to use that format.

Applications must be completed by applicants on regularly scheduled Taft deadlines (March 7, 2016 for the 2015-16 academic year) as listed below:
http://sitecentral.uc.edu/taftcenter/CPTRCawards.aspx

The application process this includes electronic submission through the Taft Research Center website and intradepartmental review. The application should contain:

1. A detailed statement of purpose explaining importance of the project to their current research or degree work (750 words);
2. The role the project plays in applicant’s degree program, as well as anticipated impacts on their intellectual development
3. Detailed budget and justification and;
4. A transcript, vita or other records summarizing the applicant's scholastic career and a statement whether the student is eligible for funding from other sources;
5. Applicants are required to obtain travel authorization prior to travel. The Student Travel Authorization Form (STAF) can be found here:
   www.webcentral.uc.edu/taftawards/applyingtotaft/forms/docs/student_travauth_individual.doc

Students should plan ahead of time (e.g. no later than their junior year) if they are interested to apply for this fellowship. Applicants are required to apply for and report available funding from other sources (e.g. the Student Governance Association or other grants) to the Taft Student Awards Committee. Students should also discuss their possible application with a POL or INTA faculty and with the Undergraduate Director or the Achievement Coordinator. Please, note that eligibility is limited to the award cycle prior to the proposed research.

Once the applicant has submitted their application, an email notifying the undergraduate program director is automatically generated by the electronic submissions system. The undergraduate program
director should then provide intradepartmental review and upload any supporting documents at that
time.

If awarded the fellowship, students must contact Joy Dunn (dunnpj@ucmail.uc.edu) from the Taft
Research Center in order to receive the distribution. Student’s notice should include the relevant
information (e.g. when the project will begin and end). For more information, visit the Taft Center
web site: http://webcentral.uc.edu/taftawards/programdetail.cfm?programid=27

Other UC grants and awards

**Taft Undergraduate Enrichment Award**
The Charles Phelps Taft research center offers competitive Taft Undergraduate Enrichment Awards
of up to $2,000 to enable students to undertake projects that will enhance their learning experience in
their major field. Eligible projects include but are not limited to research expenses, travel to a library,
archives, museum or conference, a language immersion program, or an organized field trip. This
award is also available to undergraduate students who want to attend study abroad programs led by
political science faculty. POL and INTA students are eligible to apply if they have completed at least
15 upper division credit hours in their major by the end of the current academic year. Seniors are
eligible if the project funded will be completed by the first day of classes of the last semester prior to
graduation.

Applications must be electronically through the Taft Research Center website. Each application must
contain:

1. Download and complete the cover sheet;
2. Project description (300-350 words) which includes a clear research component and
distinguishes student’s enrichment beyond any course credit that might be earned through the
project. It should also detail specific anticipated impacts on applicant’s intellectual
development;
3. Detailed budget and justification;
4. List of courses in your major, credit hours, and grades received;
5. Full Transcript or Grade Report;
6. Two letters of Recommendation from professors in Taft disciplines who can speak directly
to how the project will enrich the student's understanding of his or her major. Letters should
be sent to the undergraduate program director in the applicant’s department, who will then
upload the letters at the time of intradepartmental review;
7. Copy of Grant application from UC International, if the project involves international
travel and is associated with an academic credit bearing experience (i.e., getting a grade).

Those who receive support outside Taft must report such funding to the Taft Faculty Chair upon
receipt of award notification. For details about the application process, the reimbursement procedure
and the report required upon the completion of the project, see the Taft website:
http://webcentral.uc.edu/taftawards/programdetail.cfm?programid=19

**Taft Undergraduate Research Award**
This competitive program provides research support in the amount of $2,000 to outstanding
undergraduate scholars. It is designed to create incentives for advanced research opportunities at the
undergraduate level and to promote both an undergraduate intellectual community and scholarship in
the humanities, broadly conceived. Students are required to engage in their particular research
projects and present their research at the Taft Annual Research Symposium and the University
Undergraduate Research Conference, both held in the spring. Award recipients will also meet once a month, as a cohort, to discuss their projects, intellectual or other related issues, as the core of the Taft Undergraduate Club. Students are required to meet no less than once per month with their faculty mentor and at least twice during the year with the Taft Center Director (typically as part of their monthly meetings). If a faculty member from the students department is currently a Taft Center Fellow, students are also expected to meet with that individual once per term to discuss their projects. Participating faculty members will receive $500 in remuneration for their time spent mentoring students. Awardees are required to register for POL 5000 and 5001 (3 credit hours per semester), for two sequential semesters. The coursework fulfills the POL and INTA capstone requirement. Students in their junior year, majoring in POL, INTA or another Taft discipline are eligible to apply for this award but must be in contact with the undergraduate program director if their discipline is not POL or INTA. Applicants must have a minimum 3.5 overall grade point average to be considered for this program.

Applications will be evaluated for the quality or promise of the applicant's work; the significance of the contribution of the proposed project; the organization, and description of the proposed project; the state of the research; the likelihood that the applicant will complete the project, and others. The applicants should arrange for two letters of support—one from the faculty mentor and another one a faculty member in their department. For selection guidelines and terms of the grant, please visit the award webpage: [http://webcentral.uc.edu/taftawards/programdetail.cfm?programid=23](http://webcentral.uc.edu/taftawards/programdetail.cfm?programid=23)

UC International Student Grants

UC International offers student grants for education abroad projects. For the online application and more details, see: [http://www.uc.edu/international/study-abroad/preparing-to-go-abroad/scholarships.html](http://www.uc.edu/international/study-abroad/preparing-to-go-abroad/scholarships.html)

Other UC honors

Here is a quick guide to the other kinds of honors at UC.

The university gives “Latin Honors” at graduation [http://www.uc.edu/registrar/graduation/latin_honors.html](http://www.uc.edu/registrar/graduation/latin_honors.html)

These are based on your university GPA as follows:

University Grade Point Average between:
- 3.60 and 3.7499 Cum Laude
- 3.75 and 3.8999 Magna Cum Laude
- 3.90 and 4.0000 Summa Cum Laude

There is also a University Honors Program at the university, which admits outstanding freshmen as well as some current UC students. If you are interested in applying, see: [http://www.uc.edu/honors/prospective.html](http://www.uc.edu/honors/prospective.html)

**Phi Beta Kappa** is the nation’s oldest and most widely known academic honor society. The college chapter invites excellent students to join in their senior year. The department encourages students to accept this widely recognized honor.

National grants, scholarships or fellowships

Here are lists of nationally competitive scholarships and related links: [http://www.uc.edu/honors/scholarships.html](http://www.uc.edu/honors/scholarships.html)
College and university awards
Recent graduates from the Political Science Department have won (often on multiple occasions) nationally competitive awards like Ralph Bunche, Clinton and Paradise Fellowships and several of UC’s most prestigious college and university awards: Presidential Leadership Medal of Excellence, the Eleanor Hicks Award for outstanding female graduate, the McKibben medal for outstanding male graduate, C-Ring Award to the Outstanding Graduating Senior Woman at UC, Marian Spencer Diversity Ambassador Award, Spirit of Community Award for A&S, Tolley Fellowship, Seasongood Good Government Foundation Internship and others.

Students are encouraged to apply for various college scholarships through the college website: http://www.artsci.uc.edu/students/undergrad/scholarships.html

IV. Student organizations

Political Science Students Association (PSSA)
POL and INTA majors can join the Political Science Student Association, which has organized events ranging from political film screenings to a discussion with former death row inmates, electoral debate watches and even a local poetry slam artist/activist. In the past they have organized a spring reception and awards ceremony to recognize many students’ accomplishments and say goodbye to graduating seniors. Most recently, PSSA serves as connection between current Political Science and International Affairs majors and successful UC alumni who can provide information about professional opportunities and mentoring to current and future students. This organization provides a great opportunity for students to get to know each other and get involved. The faculty advisor for PSSA is Prof. Richard Harknett (Richard.Harknett@uc.edu).

Phi Alpha Delta is a pre-law group that arranges for practice LSAT exams, speakers and trips. The Pre-professional advising center can provide information. http://www.uc.edu/preproadvising.html

Student government and other student organizations
Many POL and INTA majors are involved in student government and other student organizations on campus. For a list of such organizations see https://webapps2.uc.edu/sald/orglisting.aspx

V. Experiential Learning

Internships
Eligibility: POL and INTA students who want to pursue internships should be in good standing with 2.75 GPA or higher. They must complete successfully at least 18 credits in their major prior to the academic term during which they start their internship or the semester during which they enroll in INT 3001 or INT 3090. Students should plan ahead and discuss this opportunity with their department advisor.

Availability: Internships are available locally, nationally and internationally. The Political Science Department maintains a database of internships. For additional information please, visit the Department’s page on Blackboard: https://canopy.uc.edu/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp
The Division of Professional Practice and Experiential Learning (ProPEL) organizes regularly interview days on campus with prospective providers and can direct interested students to internships in Political Science and International Affairs. For details contact Prof. Brodie Theis at Brodie.Theis@uc.edu or 513-556-0387.

Internships offer Political Science and International Affairs majors the opportunity to enhance their learning opportunities and explore particular areas of interest related to these majors in a “real world” setting, while receiving academic credit. Political Science Department seeks to encourage its students to become well informed and involved in the political and policy process. For this purpose, the department makes available to its students (via Blackboard, POL and INTA listservs, social media, etc) announcements of events that provide such opportunities for engagement (including campaigns and elections). The department does not endorse any political party, politician, or political position in doing so. Placements are available with agencies that are involved in a variety of areas, including law, government, and the electoral process, as well as diverse international, human rights, civic and public policy concerns. While there are no guarantees that successful internship will lead to a job offer, many have been able to land successful careers upon the completion of their internship(s).

How to Complete an Internship? There are two separate tracks:

**The first track** (strongly recommended by the Political Science Department and ProPEL) consists of a two-term sequence. In the first term students will sign up for PD 3000. In this class they will explore Academic Internships (3 credit hours, in-class instruction). The course will teach them how to find internships, prepare successfully for an interview and succeed in the job; it will count toward the 120 total college credits but will NOT count toward any of the major requirements. During PD 3000 students will be offered opportunities to interview for various internship positions or find internships on their own. In the second term (Spring Semester for those who have completed PD 3000 in the Fall or Summer and Fall for those who have completed PD 3000 in the Spring) students will sign up for POL Academic Internship (3 credits). The course is online for the duration of the internship and includes on-line reflection work, assessment, and support components. In order to earn 3 credits toward their major, POL and INTA students should sign up for the INT 3001 offering, a course whose modules are customized specifically for POL or INTA academic internships. Additionally, they complete a reflection paper (8-10 pages, 2,500-3,000 words) that surveys academic literature on the topic of their internship and explains the theoretical implications of their practical experience.

**The second track** is recommended for students who meet the following two requirements:

1. They have already arranged an internship program on their own and;
2. The project involves more than 120-150 hours of work on the site. In this case, the student will register for INT 3090 and will need to verify with Brodie Theis (Director of Academic Internships) and Prof. David Niven, the Undergraduate Achievement Coordinator the exact number of credits that the student should sign up for. Those who choose to complete this track can choose on their own if they want to complete PD 3000.

In order to earn up to 3 credit hours toward their major coursework, POL and INTA students should sign up for the INT 3090 or POL 4090 offerings (if scheduled), the course whose modules are customized for solely their majors. Additionally, they are required to complete a reflection paper (8-10 pages, 2,500-3,000 words) that surveys academic literature on the topic of their internship and explains the theoretical implications of their practical experience. Please, note that this track applies only to students who have not completed INT 3001 (if they have completed INT 3001, INT 3090
coursework will only count as free electives, but NOT toward the major).

As interns, students are expected to behave professionally and be aware of and observe norms of privacy and confidentiality in the internship workplace. Students who have taken advantage of the program have often found the experiential learning to be extremely helpful in making career decisions and in adding value to their resumes.

**Academic Credit** toward the POL and INTA majors can be earned only through INT 3001 or INT 3090 (3 credits only). These classes will count toward “Additional POL or INTA electives” coursework. Also, students who choose to complete International Human Rights Certificate (IHR) can apply 3 credits toward the “Core Requirement II: Internship/Capstone.” Students who complete Security Studies Certificate (SSTD) should check in with their advisor to confirm if the internship is relevant and can be accepted toward their SSTD coursework. Finally, students who complete POL minor CANNOT apply any internship credits toward their minor.

Division of Professional Practice has posted a collection of informational and promotional materials about the Academic Internship Program on its website: http://www.uc.edu/propractice/intern.html

Helpful links to internships also can be found on the American Political Science Association’s website at: http://www.apsanet.org/RESOURCES/For-Students/Internship-Resources and on UC’s Career Development Center website, which also allows you to sign up for an internship listserv: http://www.uc.edu/career/employers/internship.html

The UC Center for Community Engagement http://www.uc.edu/cce.html is developing local intern placements. Please, note that the department does not officially endorse any of these internship opportunities. Students can submit their Internship Credit applications online at: http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/undergrad/internships.html

For questions related to internship courses, please contact Prof. Brodie Theis, Faculty Advisor in the Academic Internship Program at Brodie.Theis@uc.edu or 513-556-5671. For questions related to the academic component of the internship, including the required reflection paper, please contact the Undergraduate Program Director or the Undergraduate Achievement Coordinator.

**Washington Center**
Many UC students participate in the **Washington Center program**, which includes coursework and an internship in Washington, D.C. The campus liaison with the Washington Center is the Division for Professional Practice and Experiential Learning (ProPEL). See their website for details: http://www.uc.edu/propractice/intern/washingtoncenter.html

Washington Center students typically receive 15 UC credits and up to 6 of these credits could count toward the POL or INTA majors. Although these credits remain as Honors credits under electives on student degree audits, the undergraduate director can make a note in your departmental file and manually count applicable credits toward your major when certifying you for graduation. Before you go to Washington, be sure to discuss with the Undergraduate Achievement Coordinator which course(s) you plan to take through the Washington Center, and upon your return to UC show your course syllabi and internship portfolio to the undergraduate director to ensure credit toward your major.
Model United Nations Team
UC’s Model UN Team participates in several national conferences and one international conference, learning about how the UN works by representing delegations from a variety of countries (recently, Venezuela, China, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Ecuador, Mali, Israel, Cambodia, Sierra Leone, Qatar, Djibouti, and FYR of Macedonia) and working together to grapple with real-world problems, including nuclear proliferation, torture, and terrorism.

There are many POL and INTA majors on the Model UN team, but it is open to students from other majors. Interested students should sit in on a meeting to see if they would like to join. Contact the Model UN team’s faculty advisor, Dr. Rebecca Sanders (Rebecca.Sanders@uc.edu), to sign up for the Model UN Blackboard site (shared with the Political Science Students Association) to learn about the teams meetings and activities. Team members who register for International Law and Organization (POL 2088) in the fall may count their delegate portfolio as the required term paper: http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/undergrad/model_un.html

See articles about the UC Model UN Team and the awards they won at American Model United Nations Conference in Chicago:
http://www.uc.edu/news/NR.asp?id=7549
http://www.uc.edu/News/NR.aspx?ID=9323

Mock Trial Team
Majors with an interest in law have been involved with Mock Trial competitions, in which students play the roles of attorneys and witnesses in a simulated courtroom dispute and are judged by practicing attorneys. For details visit: http://www.ucmocktrial.com/

Model APEC
POL or INTA students can get leadership experience through the APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation) Simulation, in which teams of our undergraduates lead local high school students from a wide range of area schools in an interactive simulation of an APEC meeting, held annually on the UC campus: http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/undergrad/model_apec.html

Model APEC is a student simulation of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. APEC’s 21 member countries range from Chile to Canada, Mexico to Malaysia, and Australia to China. The topics covered by APEC range from trade and investment to environmental and health concerns to global politics and the war on terrorism. Students interested in participating in this simulation should contact Professor Dennis O’Neill (Dennis.Oneill@uc.edu; modelapec@uc.edu) or Professor Dinshaw Mistry (Dinshaw.Mistry@uc.edu).

Study Abroad
We encourage students to study abroad and routinely count many of the credits our students earn abroad toward our majors. Be sure to discuss your study abroad program with your major advisor and/or the Undergraduate Director before you leave and upon your return to ensure that credits will be counted toward your major.

Political Science Study Abroad Program in Brussels and The Hague
Political Science department offers a faculty led-study abroad program in Brussels and The Hague, where the students will visit numerous international institutions, attend hearings at international courts, and interact with officials and policy makers. They can earn academic credit by signing up for
POL 2087, 2097 or 6080 (6080 could serve as capstone). For further details and future offerings, contact Dr. Ivanov at ivanovid@ucmail.uc.edu or visit the program’s webpages: http://homepages.uc.edu/~ivanovid/cooperation.htm or http://homepages.uc.edu/~ivanovid/institutions.htm

UC International Programs offers practical information to students interested in studying abroad to help choose a program and plan for it academically and financially. UC International Programs also offers grants for study abroad. See their website: http://www.uc.edu/international/programs.html

The University Honors Program website also has a list of competitive scholarships, including many to support study abroad: http://www.uc.edu/honors/scholarships.html

**Institute for Policy Research**

Students may find employment or valuable methodological experience at UC’s Institute for Policy Research (IPR) (http://www.ipr.uc.edu/) The IPR’s primary line of business is public policy research. The IPR currently employs 9 full-time professional staff members and 75-100 undergraduate and graduate students; additional consultants are employed as needed.

The IPR is directed by Dr. Eric W. Rademacher and Dr. Kimberly Downing. Both serve as Affiliated Research Faculty in the Political Science Department. IPR’s research staff collaborates with faculty and staff representing diverse academic disciplines and with clientele at the national, state, regional, and community levels from the governmental and not-for-profit sectors. The IPR has established several well-known centers and programs, including: The Ohio Poll, a regular statewide RDD survey of Ohio adults which monitors public preferences on state and national policy issues, and has projected the winner in 34 out of 34 statewide races polled since 1994; The Online Analysis and Statistical Information System (OASIS), an innovative, Web-based tool that gives the general public and policy makers unparalleled access to public-release health and social science data; and Health Landscape, an interactive web atlas that enables health professionals, policy makers, academic researchers and planners to geographically combine, analyze and display information in ways that promote understanding and improvement of health and healthcare.

**Individual Work**

NOTE: No more than 3 credit hours of individual work or a total of 6 hours in all “special” course work (including individual work) should be applied toward major requirements. The department encourages students interested in pursuing individual research to consider doing a two-semester senior thesis (POL 5000 and 5001) rather than a one-semester individual work.

Upper division majors wishing to pursue a narrowly defined subject in more depth than is possible within a single course may ask a faculty member to supervise extensive independent reading for up to four credits in American Politics (4010), Political Theory (4040), Comparative Politics (4060), or International Relations (4080). The student must have completed basic course work in the area before proposing an individual work project. In order to obtain the necessary approval of both the supervising professor and the Director of Undergraduate Studies, the student must prepare a written proposal listing the materials to be read and providing a schedule of meetings with the faculty supervisor to discuss the course requirements (readings, assignments, papers, etc). To receive academic credit, the student must complete a written report. Research topics should be generated by the student, although they may undergo modification during the process of discussion with a faculty member. The completed proposal signed by the supervising professor along with supporting narrative should be turned in to the Director of Undergraduate Studies for review by the last day of class in the
semester before the work is to be taken.

The purpose of independent study is to provide scholarly opportunities for students who wish to pursue special academic interests that cannot be accommodated within the existing curriculum. Independent study is intended primarily for juniors and seniors who have already mastered basic materials in their specialized field of study within Political Science. It is an unusual opportunity for undergraduates to work one-on-one with a member of our faculty to design their own course with readings, research and written work tailored especially for them. Individual instructors provide such work on a voluntary basis, but not all students and interests can be accommodated. Individual Work is not a way of accommodating students who cannot fit a particular course into their schedule; it is not a way of taking a course that they have been closed out of; and most assuredly, it is not an easy way of getting three or more Political Science credits. Yet, it can be a most fulfilling academic experience for sincere students who feel they have the drive and interest to engage in serious academic pursuits outside of the ordinary framework of the classroom. Generally three hours of work per week are expected for each hour of academic credit earned through the individual work, so the typical workload would be 9 hours per week for a 3-credit independent study.

In exceptional cases, individual instructors may agree to supervise an independent study that includes an internship component, such as programs at the State Department or opportunities at other government agencies. In these cases, the independent study would also require a modified academic component (as described above). The Director of Undergraduate Studies will approve such an arrangement only in special circumstances and only with the strong support of the student’s supervising instructor.

VI. Faculty

Faculty Research and Teaching
The faculty members of the Department of Political Science have research and teaching expertise in American Politics, survey methodologies, international and homeland security studies, law and human rights, religion, gender, identity and politics, Asian and European studies, public and environmental policy, among other areas. Political Science faculty have won university-wide awards for teaching and student-faculty relations and have been Fulbright Scholars in Austria, India, the Netherlands, South Africa, South Korea, and Turkey.

Please see the departmental website to learn more about faculty publications and research. This is particularly important if you are considering a senior thesis, because you should work with a faculty member with expertise related to your proposed thesis topic.

Department Head
The current Department Head is Professor Richard Harknett. He has been appointed to the Headship by the Dean of the College. The Head oversees the entire operation of the Department and represents the Department to the Dean and other administrative officers of the University. The Head has primary responsibility for the allocation of Department funds, appoints the Directors of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies, schedules courses, presides over the Advisory Committee and establishes other committees as they are needed.

Undergraduate Director
The current Undergraduate Director is Dr. Ivan Dinev Ivanov he will be certifying the completion of
POL major & minor, INTA major, and Security Studies Certificate requirements. As Undergraduate Achievement Coordinator, Professor David Niven will work with Dr. Ivanov in student recruitment and retention and in identifying internships and other professional development opportunities. An Undergraduate Committee of faculty advisors and two student representatives meets as needed to consider proposals for curriculum revision and other issues of concern to faculty or students.

Graduate Director
The current Graduate Director is Professor Stephen Mockabee. He oversees the BA/MA, MA, and PhD programs. For the duration of the Fall Semester 2015 (August 24, 2015 - December 31, 2015), please contact Prof Laura Jenkins at Laura.Jenkins@uc.edu as she will serve as Acting Graduate Director.

VII. Department Policies

Academic Freedom
“The welfare and strength of the University and of society at large depend on the free search for truth and its free expression ... full freedom on inquiry, teaching, and research not only in the classroom and libraries but in other facets of campus life.” (Article Agreement between the University of Cincinnati and the AAUP).

Academic Integrity
Penalties for academic misconduct range from failure on the assignment to failure for the course, suspension or dismissal, at the discretion of the professor and subject to review by the Undergraduate Committee. Definitions of cheating, plagiarism, and sanctions are in the U.C. Student Code of Conduct at http://www.uc.edu/conduct/Code_of_Conduct.html. The plagiarism definition includes, but is not limited to: copying another student's work, copying materials from sources without proper citation, paraphrasing materials without proper citation and failing to cite all sources used/consulted: http://www.uc.edu/conduct/Academic_Integrity.html.

Advanced Placement and College Credit Plus Program
As administered by the university, AP Test scores of 4 and 5 typically earn credit in American Government and Politics 1010 and Comparative Government 1060. Students earning scores of 3 are not required to take those courses but do not receive academic credits.

Grade Change Time Limit
All final exams and term papers are to be kept in faculty offices for no more than one year. Any request for a review of a grade, therefore, must be completed within one year. After one year, appeals cannot be processed.

Transfer Credit and Residency Requirement
For all transfer students, the College of arts and Sciences advising center reviews and approves course substitutions based on official transcripts from other institutions and course equivalency agreements. Political science course work at two year branch campuses normally substitutes for up to 12 credits of 1000-level introductory requirements and upper level courses toward the overall requirement of 45 hours in political science. Transfer students from four year institutions may have additional upper level political science course substitutions. All majors, however, must complete at least four political science courses (12 hours) in the Department at Cincinnati.

After admission the college requires students to take all their major area courses within Arts and
Sciences. The Political Science Department requires that all courses for major credit after admission must be taken within the Political Science Department. Students may not make course substitutions either from another university or from another college at the University of Cincinnati, or from another Arts and Sciences’ department without the prior written approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies.
VIII. Appendix

Political Science Degree Requirements Checklist 2015-16 (POL)

Majors must complete a total of 45 semester hours in required and elective courses with a 2.0 GPA. Check your Degree Audit at https://dars.uc.edu/darswebstu3593/servlet/SignInServlet. For details about the major requirements, please see the POL curriculum guide: https://webapps.uc.edu/DegreePrograms/CurriculumGuideView.aspx?program=15BA-POL&CurriculumGuideID=18. Also check department handbook at: http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/undergrad.html

I. Required Courses

A: Introductory POL Courses (12 hours): POL 1010 (American Government), 1040 (Political Theory), 1060 (Comparative Politics), 1080 (International Relations).

B: Introductory STAT Courses (6 hours): Probability and Statistics (15 STAT1034 and 1035)

C. Political Inquiry Course (3 hours): POL 3000 (recommended sophomore year or soon after completion of 15 STAT1034 and 1035)

II. Areas of Emphasis - 24 semester hours, including at least one course from each of the four sub-fields below, as well as a capstone. Please note that the capstone requirement can be fulfilled in 3 different ways: (1) the student can take any 6000-level POL class; (2) the student can complete the senior thesis sequence (POL 5000 and 5001); (3) the student can take a 7000-level POL graduate seminar. The fulfillment of capstone requirement described in Section III below counts toward the total of 24 semester hours, as do any electives from Sections IV and V.


Political Theory - 2040, 2045, 3041, 3042, 3043, 3046, 4040*

Comparative Politics – 2063, 2064, 2065, 2069, 2071, 2072, 2074, 2076, 2077, 2078, 3009, 3031, 3037, 3060, 3061, 3062, 3063, 3069, 3076, 4060*, 5161/ 6061, 5164/ 6064, 5165/ 6065, 5168/ 6068, 5176/ 6076, 5177/ 6077 (5100/ 6000-level classes could also serve as capstones)

International Relations – 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2097, 3032, 3033, 3037, 3080, 3081, 3082, 3083, 3084, 3085, 3086, 3087, 3089, 3090, 3091, 3093, 4041, 4080*, 5035C, 5180/ 6080, 5183/ 6083, 5184/ 6084, 5186/ 6086, 5189/ 6089, 5193/ 6093 (5000- and 6000-level classes could also serve as capstones)

III. Capstone Requirement

Any 5100/ 6000-level POL class; Senior Thesis 5000+5001* or 7000-level graduate seminar may also satisfy (see advisor). Fulfillment of capstone counts toward 24 hours under Section II above. A 6000-level POL class counts only once toward the 24-credit Areas of Emphasis requirement; the class can also satisfy a requirement in the respective sub-field (e.g., American Politics, Comparative Politics, or International Relations) and the capstone requirement at the same time. Students can complete multiple 6000-level classes; only one will serve as a capstone.

* Subject to department’s approval; please check in with Undergraduate Director or Achievement Coordinator for further details.
IV. Washington Center Internship (HNRS 3030): see program director when planning for Washington Center, as up to 6 semester credits can be applied toward major requirements.

V. Special Courses: Honors Special Topics (e.g. HNRS 3090); POL Individual Work (4010, 4040, 4060, 4080); POL 4004, Internship Practicum 4090; Honors Individual Study (HNRD 3098-99). No more than 3 credit hours each of Individual Work or Internship Practicum, nor a total of more than 9 hours in all “special” course work listed in this section, will normally be applied toward major requirements.

BA/MA program in Political Science allows students who have elective hours in their senior year to begin taking graduate classes. Students able to complete two to three graduate courses in their senior year should be able to complete their MA degree in one additional year.

http://www.artsci.uc.edu/collegedepts/polisci/undergrad/major/ba_ma.aspx

Political Science minor 21 semester credits required: 9 credits, three introductory courses under I(A) above, and 12 credits, four electives from II above.

Security studies certificate 21 semester credits focus on Homeland Security and/or International Security


International human rights certificate 21 semester credits from twenty primary electives in four areas:

http://www.artsci.uc.edu/collegemain/programs/program_detail.aspx?ID=15CERT2-IHR For list of courses offered go to Interdisciplinary programs at https://webapps2.uc.edu/ScheduleofClasses/. Check DPA at https://dars.uc.edu/darswebstu3593/servlet/SignInServlet. Go to 15CERT2IHR
International Affairs Degree Requirements Checklist 2015-16 (INTA)

Majors must complete 59-70 semester hours (some of which will also count toward McMicken’s various general education requirements) of required and elective coursework from political science, history, economics, geography, and others, including 10-12 hours of advanced foreign language courses beyond the A&S requirement, all with a 2.0 GPA or higher. For program description and list of INTA courses offered go to: http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/interdisciplinary-studies/international_affairs.html.

Check your Degree Audit at https://dars.uc.edu/darswebstu3593/servlet/SignInServlet. For details about the major requirements, please see the INTA curriculum guide: https://webapps.uc.edu/DegreePrograms/CurriculumGuideView.aspx?ProgramOutlineID=16&ProgramQuickFactsID=777&CurriculumGuideID=158. Also check department handbook at: http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/undergrad.html

I. Required Courses satisfying General Education and A&S College requirements:

A. Social Science (6 hours): POL 2086; ECON 1001-1002; GEOG 1004, 1021


C. Introductory STAT courses (6 hours): Probability and Statistics (STAT 1034-1035)

D. Introductory Courses in Political Science (9 hours): any 3 courses among POL1010 (American Government), 1040 (Political Theory); POL 1060 (Comparative Politics), POL 1080 (International Relations).

E. Political Inquiry Course (3 hours): POL 3000 (recommended sophomore year or soon after completion of STAT1034 and 1035)

II. Foreign Language Requirement for International Affairs

The department strongly encourages fluency in one language -- options 1 or 2, rather than option 3, introductory work in 2 languages. (Note that 3000-level literature and humanities classes taught in a foreign language could also meet Gen Ed requirements.)

Select one of the following two options.
1. 10 credits beyond the A&S requirement in Arabic, Chinese, German, or Japanese
2. 12 credits beyond the A&S requirement in French, Hebrew, or Spanish
3. Meet the A&S requirement in any two of the following languages, pending availability: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Modern Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, or Swedish.

III. INTA Capstone & Groupings Requirement: 24 semester hours including at least one class from each of the fields below. Each course counts only once, but some are listed under multiple headings. Fulfillment of the capstone requirement described in Section IV below counts toward the total of 24 semester hours, as do any electives from Sections V and VI.

A. International Politics and Political Theory:
   POL: 2040, 2045, 2080, 2085, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2097, 3032, 3041, 3043, 3062, 3080, 3082, 3083, 3084, 3086, 3089, 3090, 3091, 3093, 4040†, 4041, 4080*, 5035C, 5164/6064, 5177/6077, 5180/6080, 5183/6083, 5184/6084, 5186/6086, 5189/6089, 5193/6093 (5100/6000-level classes could also serve as capstones), GEOG: 3047, 4048

† Subject to department’s approval; please check in with Undergraduate Director or Achievement Coordinator for further details.
B. Foreign Policy, History, and Diplomacy:

**POL:** 2035, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2087, 3085, 5035C, **HIST:** 2015, 2024, 2031, 2032, 2034, 3001, 3002, 3004, 3022, 3023, 3050, 3051-3052, 3074, 3078, 3079, 3082, 3084, 3085, 3088, 3089, 4027, 4065, 4088, 4090

C. International Economics:

**POL:** 2031, 2081, 2086, 3081; **ECON:** 4040, 4082, **ANTH:** 2066, 3065, 4070, 4074, **AIST:** 3083, 3084; **GEOG:** 2061, 2062, 3033, 3041, 4061, 6041; **WGS:** 4041, 4042

D. Comparative Studies:


E. Additional INTA electives (optional, not required):

**POL:** 4004, 4090*, 5115/ 6015, 5136/ 6036; **AFST:** 2081, 3066, 4014, 4016; **AIST:** 2081, 2082, 3050; **ARAB:** 3010; **GRMN:** 1081, 1082; **JUDC:** 2046, 3025, 3026, 3027, 3030, 3082; **SOC:** 2076, 2087; **WGS:** 3037, 4040, 4043, 4046, and 4047

IV. Capstone: This requirement can be fulfilled in three different ways:

A. By taking any of the following classes: **POL:** 5135/ 6035, 5136/ 6036, 5161/ 6061, 5164/ 6064, 5165/ 6065, 5168/ 6068, 5176/ 6076, 5177/ 6077, 5180/ 6080, 5183/ 6083, 5184/ 6084, 5186/ 6086, 5189/ 6089, 5193/ 6093; **GEOG:** 5000 or 5007; **AIST:** 5091. No HIST or ECON capstone is allowed. 3 credits from any 6000-level POL class count once toward the 24-credit hour total; the class also fulfills an INTA Groupings requirement in the respective sub-category (e.g. International Politics, Comparative Studies) while satisfying the capstone requirement. Students can complete multiple 5100/ 6000-level classes; only one will serve as a capstone.

B. By completing Senior Thesis: POL 5000+5001*

C. By completing successfully a 7000-level POL graduate seminar with focus on international affairs (see advisor for details). Fulfillment of capstone counts toward 24 hours under Section III above.

V. Washington Center Internship (HNRS 3030): see program director when planning for Washington Center, as up to 6 semester credits can be applied toward major requirements.

VI. Special Courses: Honors Special Topics (e.g. HNRS 3090); POL Individual Work (4060, 4080); POL Internship Practicum 4090; Honors Individual Study (HNRD 3098, 3099). No more than 3 credit hours each of Individual Work or Internship Practicum, nor a total of more than 9 hours in all "special" course work listed in this section, will normally be applied toward major requirements.