WHY STUDY POLITICAL SCIENCE AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO?

Our award-winning faculty teach courses on American institutions and constitutional law, the comparative politics of Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, foreign policy and international relations, and political theory, past and present. The department seeks to provide students with an understanding of political processes at home and abroad; to prepare majors and minors for purposeful careers or for further graduate or professional study; and to challenge students to think critically about problems of justice in political life.

We are very proud of our academic programs that prepare Political Science students to "lead extraordinary lives" in the best traditions of Jesuit education. The department offers an undergraduate major and minor in Political Science, dual degree BA/MA and JD/MA programs, and the MA and PhD in Political Science.

A degree in Political Science is excellent preparation for careers in politics, law, government agencies at the city, state and federal levels, international organizations, non-profit groups, policy think-tanks, media organizations, consulting firms, education, social services, private business, and other professions. Our graduates also attend renowned professional schools and institutions of higher learning, both in the U.S. and abroad.

Our faculty teach undergraduate and graduate courses and engage in scholarly research. Several have practical experience in the legal profession, the military, local politics, and the Foreign Service. They are internationally engaged in countries throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, and have received prestigious grants to fund their research, including recent major grants from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and the State Department.

We offer many opportunities outside the classroom. Our internship program places students in host offices in Chicago. Students can also spend a semester interning at our center in Washington, DC as well as take part in our Model United Nations, Model European Union, Mock Trial, and Moot Court programs. We have three endowed lecture series (Covey, Hartigan and Leibman) that bring prominent scholars and political figures to Loyola to share their ideas and to meet with students.

In short, if you wish to study politics at one of the country's leading Jesuit universities in one of the greatest cities in the world, Loyola University Chicago is for you!

POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY

Full-Time Faculty

Chairperson: Peter J. Schraeder, PhD, University of South Carolina, Columbia
Olga A. Avdeyeva, PhD, Purdue University
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Amanda Bryan, PhD, University of Minnesota
Meghan Condon, PhD, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Susan Dimock, PhD, University of California, San Diego
David Doherty, PhD, University of Colorado
Brian Endless, PhD, Loyola University Chicago
Jennifer Forestal, PhD, Northwestern University
John P. Frendreis, PhD, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Alexandru Grigorescu, PhD, University of Pittsburgh
Eric Hansen, PhD, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Chris Hasselmann, PhD, Washington University, St. Louis
Claudio Katz, PhD, York University, Toronto
Tofigh Maboudi, PhD, American University
Vincent A. Mahler, PhD, Columbia University
Sarah Maxey, PhD, Cornell University
Robert Mayer, PhD, Princeton University
Molly Melin, PhD, University of California-Davis
John P. Pelissero, PhD, University of Oklahoma
Peter Sanchez, PhD, University of Texas-Austin
Annette Steinacker, PhD, University of Rochester
Affiliated Faculty (Political Science faculty affiliated with other programs at Loyola University Chicago)

Jennifer Boyle, PhD, Loyola University Chicago
   (Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Arrupe College)
Lavar Pope, PhD, University California, Santa Cruz
   (Arrupe College)
Megan Sholar, PhD, Loyola University Chicago (Honors Program)
Christopher Whidden, PhD, Northern Illinois University (Honors Program)

Adjunct Faculty

Michael Walsh, JD, Ohio State University

Professor Emeritus

John Danford, PhD, Yale University
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Susan Mezey, PhD & JD, Syracuse & DePaul
Raymond Tatalovich, PhD, University of Chicago
John A. Williams, PhD, University of Pennsylvania

ACADEMIC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Major in Political Science

To graduate with a major in Political Science students must complete 33 hours of course work (11 courses) in the department or through transfer or advanced placement credit. All majors are required to take PLSC 100, 101 and 102, plus at least one upper-division (200- or 300-level) course from each of the discipline's four subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory. The remaining four courses are elective and may be taken in any of the four subfields. Students must earn a grade of C- or better in a course for it to count toward the major.

Undergraduate Minor in Political Science

To graduate with a minor in Political Science students must complete 18 hours of course work (6 courses) in the department or through transfer or advanced placement credit. All minors are required to take PLSC 100, 101 and 102. The remaining three courses are elective and may be taken in any of the discipline's four subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory. Students must earn a grade of C- or better in a course for it to count toward the minor.

Dual BA/MA Program in Political Science

Undergraduate majors may earn both a BA and an MA degree in Political Science in a shorter period of time than if pursuing each degree separately (the joint program typically takes a total of 5 ½ years to complete). Junior political science majors with an overall GPA and in all Political Science classes of at least 3.60 are eligible to apply. Students submit transcripts, three letters of recommendation and a statement of purpose, but do not take the GRE. Students admitted to the program may apply up to 9 hours of credit earned toward the BA to satisfy the 30 hours required for the MA degree. The 9 hours must include at least 6 hours of 400- or 500-level courses and up to 3 hours of 300-level courses. Undergraduate students are not permitted to take two graduate courses in one semester. For more information, contact Professor Peter Sanchez (psanche@luc.edu), Graduate Program Director for the Department of Political Science.
UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS

Introductory Courses

100 Political Theory (also satisfies the Tier 2 Philosophical Knowledge requirement of the Core Curriculum)
101 American Politics (also satisfies the Tier 2 Societal Knowledge requirement of the Core Curriculum)
102 International Relations in an Age of Globalization (also satisfies the Tier 1 Foundational Societal Knowledge requirement of the Core Curriculum)

Special Experiential Learning Courses

202 Mock Trial: Counts as either an elective or as the upper division American Politics requirement for the Political Science major. Also satisfies the Engaged Learning (Public Performance) requirement of the core curriculum.
203 Moot Court: Counts as either an elective or as the upper division American Politics requirement for the Political Science major. Also satisfies the Engaged Learning (Public Performance) requirement of the core curriculum.
367 Model United Nations: Counts as either an elective or the upper division International Relations requirement for the Political Science major.
370-01E Chicago Internship (3-6 credit hours)
370-02E Washington DC Internship Practicum (6 credit hours) (only at our Washington DC Center)
398 Washington DC Internship Seminar (3 credit hours) (only at our Washington DC Center)

American Politics and Policy

218 African American Politics
236 Political Communication (only at our Washington DC center)
237 Public Policy and Information Technology (only at our Washington DC center)
238 Political Advocacy (only at our Washington DC center)
251 Women in American Politics

Comparative Politics

232 Politics of the United Kingdom
300C Contemporary Political Issues in Comparative Politics
324 Civil-Military Relations
337 Terrorism
339 Political Ideologies
341 Comparative Politics
342 African Politics
343 Latin American Politics
345 South and Southeast Asian Politics
346 East Asian Politics
347 The European Union
348 Russian Politics
349 Eastern European Politics
352 Canadian Politics
355C Women and Politics: Cross-National Perspective
359 Revolutions
360 Western European Politics
362 Politics of Developing Societies
365 Italian Politics and Government
366 Dictatorship

300A Contemporary Political Issues in America
318 Politics and the Economy
320 Constitutional Law: Due Process
321 Constitutional Law: Powers of Government
322 Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties
326 American National Security
327 Political Psychology
329 Interest Group Politics
334 Urban Policies and Problems
376 Political Behavior and Public Opinion
379 The Legislative Process
380 Public Policy Analysis
381 The American Presidency
384 The Judicial Process
385 Introduction to Law
386 Campaigns and Elections
387 Politics and the Press
389 State Politics
390 Urban Politics
391 Chicago Politics
392 Environmental Politics
368 Middle East Politics
369 Religion and Politics
374 Democracy
375C Catholicism, Islam, and Democracy
394 Comparative Family Policy

International Relations
252 Capitalism and its Discontents
300D Contemporary Political Issues in International Relations
316 Politics of Genocide
317 Politics of International Health
325 American Foreign Policy
330 America and Modern War
331 Military and Society in the 21st Century
340 International Relations of Africa
350 Politics of International Economic Relations
351 Latin America in the International System
353 International Law
354 Global Environmental Politics
356 Intervention in World Politics
358 War, Peace, and Politics
358D Scientific Study of War
364 United Nations and International Organizations

Political Theory
300B Contemporary Political Issues in Political Theory
301 Political Justice
302 American Political Thought
303 Conservatism
304 Ancient Political Thought
306 Modern Political Thought
307 Democratic Theory
308 Contemporary Political Thought
309 Socialism
310B Catholic Political Thought
312 Feminist Theory
313 Resistance and Obligation
314 Liberalism
373 Politics in Literature

Methods Courses
315 Political Numbers (also satisfies the Quantitative Knowledge requirement of the Core Curriculum for Political Science majors)

Courses Not Specified by Area
370 Political Science Internship: Fieldwork in Political Science (Chicago and Washington DC)
395 Political Science Honors Seminar (successful completion enables the student to graduate with Honors in Political Science; does not count toward the 33 hours required for a Political Science major)
396 Directed Readings
398 Washington, DC Internship Seminar (only at Washington, DC Center)

SPECIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Loyola Semester in Washington, DC Program (Fall and Spring Semesters, in Washington, DC)

Do you wish to spend an entire semester living, studying, and interning in Washington, DC with Loyola faculty at a Loyola DC Center? If your answer is “yes,” consider taking part in our Washington, DC Program, which is a joint collaboration between the Department of Political Science and the School of Communication. This program, which is offered during the fall and spring semesters, enables the motivated student to (1) gain valuable professional experience and earn course credit while serving four days a week as a student intern in a host office in Washington, DC; (2) enroll as a full-time student for 15 credit hours in classes taught by Loyola faculty; and (3) experience life for a semester in the unique setting that is our nation’s capital: Washington, DC. A total of 42 students participated in 2018-19. For additional information, visit our website at http://www.luc.edu/politicalscience/dc/ or email Professor Susan Dimock, our Resident Director in Washington DC, at sdimock@luc.edu

Political Science Honors Seminar PLSC 395 (Spring Semester)

Do you wish to graduate with “honors” in Political Science? If your answer is “yes,” you should apply for enrollment in the
Political Science Honors Seminar which is offered each spring and open to students in their junior or senior years. Admission into the Honors Seminar requires a 3.5 GPA in Political Science (and overall) as well as the completion of seven Political Science classes (21 credit hours) by the time of the course. The Honors Seminar does not count toward the 33 credit hours required for a Political Science major. Students interested in applying should contact Nora Rybarczyk at nengln@luc.edu

Chicago Internship PLSC 370 (Spring, Summer & Fall Semesters) Professor Alexandru Grigorescu

This program allows students to earn course credit while gaining valuable professional experience as an intern in the Chicago area. Internship possibilities include positions with U.S. Congresspersons and Senators, Illinois Legislators, political campaigns, international organizations, policy think-tanks, and city, state, and federal government agencies. Interns earn 3 or 6 credit hours by working in an internship position that is jointly agreed upon by the student and the internship coordinator. The intern also takes part in a special seminar that meets periodically during the semester and keeps a journal and writes a research paper related to the internship experience. Students need the permission of the internship coordinator to register and must submit an application form. A total of 82 students participated in 2018-19 (24 students for 6 credit hours, and 58 students for 3 credit hours). Contact Professor Grigorescu at agrigor@luc.edu

Model European Union (Spring Semester) Professor Olga Avdeyeva

This is a new initiative offered by the Department of Political Science. It is coordinated by Political Science Professor Olga Avdeyeva, who also serves as the director of the interdisciplinary European Studies Program. Offered every spring semester, students selected to participate in the Model European Union travel together to participate in a regional competition held in the Midwest. Due to the limited number of positions that are allotted to each university taking part in the competition, participation involves a selection process based on GPA, seniority, and prior coursework and activities in European Studies and international organizations, such as Loyola’s Model European Union Club. The application process begins in late September. This activity is partially funded through the Morris I. Leibman Endowment Fund. For further information about Model European Union, contact Professor Avdeyeva at oavdeyeva@luc.edu

Mock Trial PLSC 202 (Spring Semester) Michael Walsh, JD & Head Coach

Led by Political Scientist and Head Coach Michael Walsh, JD, Loyola Mock Trial involves traveling across the country and competing against other top colleges and universities. The Mock Trial team holds tryouts for new members during the second week of classes in the fall semester in order to prepare for the fall invitational tournament season that begins in mid-October. This activity is partially funded through the Morris I. Leibman Endowment Fund. For further information about Mock Trial, visit http://www.loyolamocktrial.com/ or contact Coach Walsh directly at mwalsh2@luc.edu

Moot Court PLSC 203 (Fall Semester) Michael Walsh, JD & Head Coach

Led by Political Scientist and Head Coach Michael Walsh, JD, Loyola Moot Court involves traveling across the country and competing against other top colleges and universities in regional and national competitions. The Moot Court team advertises for new members in the spring semester, to prepare for the writing competition and tournament season that take place in the fall semester. This activity is partially funded through the Morris I. Leibman Endowment Fund. For further information about Moot Court, visit http://www.loyolamocktrial.com, or contact Coach Walsh directly at mwalsh2@luc.edu

Model United Nations PLSC 367 (Spring Semester) Professors Brian Endless & Alexandru Grigorescu

Offered every spring semester, the Model United Nations (UN) course prepares students for their involvement as distinguished diplomats at the National Model UN conference in New York, the largest Model UN conference in the world that brings together 3,000-4,000 students from more than 25 countries. Due to the limited number of positions that are allotted to each university taking part in the New York conference, participation in the course involves a selection process based on GPA, seniority, and prior coursework and activities in international politics and international organizations, such as Loyola’s Model UN Club. The application process begins in late September and ends in late October. This activity is partially funded through the Morris I. Leibman Endowment Fund. For further information about Model United Nations, contact either Professor Endless at bendles@luc.edu, or Professor Grigorescu at agrigor@luc.edu

Political Science Theater Project (Fall or Spring Semester) Professor Claudio Katz

Thanks to the generous donations of Loyola alumni Amber Gravett and David Tuma, the Political Science department hosts an annual theater experience in which all Political Science majors and minors along with faculty receive complimentary tickets to attend a politically inspired play
on campus. The last three plays were “The Dramatic Dialogues of the Life of Galileo,” “Unveiled: A One-Woman Play,” and “Mr. Burns.” For further information, contact Professor Claudio Katz at ckatz@luc.edu

**Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honors Society) (Entire Academic Year) Professor Eric Hansen**

The Political Science department at Loyola University Chicago is home to the Zeta Mu Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national Political Science Honors Society that was originally founded in 1920. Our Zeta Mu Chapter is run by undergraduate student officers who are Political Science majors. Among a variety of activities, they help coordinate the spring Political Science Honors Ceremony, at which students are inducted in Pi Sigma Alpha. Students must achieve a level of academic excellence set by Pi Sigma Alpha National. A total of 39 students were inducted in spring 2019. For information, contact the Zeta Mu Chapter’s faculty moderator, Professor Eric Hansen at ehansen@luc.edu

**Endowed Lecture Series (Fall and Spring Semesters) Professor Peter J. Schraeder**

Undergraduate Political Science majors and minors are invited to participate in our three annual endowed lectures, which are presented by noteworthy scholars within the field. These lectures are as follows: (1) Fall Hartigan Lecture, funded by the Hartigan family, with the last (fall 2018) lecture entitled “Identity Crisis: American Elections & the Battle for the Meaning of America”; (2) January Leibman Lecture, funded by the Morris I. Leibman Endowment Fund, with the last (January 2019) lecture entitled “An Arab Exception? Tunisia’s Dignity Revolution after Eight Years (2011-19)”; and (3) Spring Covey Lecture, funded by the Covey Endowment Fund, with the last (spring 2019) lecture entitled “Global Terrorism and New Technologies.” For further information about these lectures, contact Professor Peter J. Schraeder at pschrae@luc.edu

**Spring Political Science Honors Ceremony (Spring Semester) Professor Peter J. Schraeder**

Every spring semester the department of Political Science holds an Honors Ceremony at which we recognize the academic accomplishments of our Political Science majors. Family and friends are invited to attend. Among the awards presented include (1) the Nick and Loretta Feller Endowed Scholarship, endowed by the Feller family, for the graduating senior in Political Science with the highest overall GPA; (2) the Woelfl, Hartnett and Sarkesian Awards for graduating seniors who have excelled in the discipline of Political Science; (3) “Honors in Political Science” for graduating seniors who successfully complete the senior honors seminar (see above); and (4) inductees into the Zeta Mu Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science National Honors Society. For more information about the Spring Political Science Honors Ceremony, contact Professor Peter J. Schraeder at pschrae@luc.edu

**Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs (January or Summer Terms) Nora Rybarczyk**

Political Science faculty periodically lead short-term overseas study programs lasting 2-3 weeks, either during the January term (J-term) or early summer session. Past programs include Colombia led by Professor Molly Melin, Cuba led by Professor Peter Sanchez, and Tunisia led by Professor Peter J. Schraeder. New programs include Central Europe led by Professor Olga Avdeyeva and Northern Ireland led by Professor Molly Melin. For further information, contact Nora Rybarczyk at nenglun@luc.edu

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Thank you for considering studying

Political Science at Loyola University Chicago!

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