

POLITICAL SCIENCE

LA ROCHE UNIVERSITY



A MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE helps to prepare students for careers in politics, government, global service, legal studies, graduate studies, journalism and diplomacy.



CURRICULUM

MAJOR COMPONENT/ REQUIREMENTS

9 Credits

Introduction to
American Government
History of Political Thought
Comparative Government



MAJOR ELECTIVES

30 credits selected from the
following subfields:

- American Politics – 12 credits
- Comparative Politics – 12 credits
- Public Policy – 3 credits
- Political Theory – 3 credits



AMERICAN POLITICS

Select at least 12 credits
from this sub-field

U.S. History: Emergence
of Mass Democracy
History and Culture
of American Indian
History of Black Americans

Continued

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CURRICULUM *(continued)*

The Civil War (U.S.)
 Constitutional Law
 History of European Diplomacy
 Modern U.S. Diplomatic History
 American Foreign Policy
 History of American Values, Beliefs
 The American Presidency
 Politics and Society
 Political Science Internship I
 Multicultural History of U.S.
 Race and Ethnicity
 Native American Politics
 Wealth, Power and Prestige
 Media and Democracy
 Rule of Law
 Understanding the U.S. Constitution

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

Select at least 12 credits, at least one course from each of four Comparative Politics categories:

- A - Nationals and Peoples
- B - World Regions
- C - Conflict and War
- D - Conceptual Analysis

A – Nation and Peoples

History & Politics of France
 History of Modern Germany
 Russia and the Soviet World
 Jewish History & Politics
 Islam in the World
 History of Ireland & Scotland

B – World Regions

History & Politics of Africa
 History & Politics in the Middle East
 Britain & Its Empire
 East Asian History
 Contemporary Central America
 History of Modern Europe

C – Conflict and War

Ethnic Conflict
 World War II
 Today's Global Wars
 Social Movements and Resistance
 Terrorism
 Experience of Modern War

D – Conceptual Analysis

Global Politics
 Comparative Democracies
 Politics of Weak States
 Peasant Politics
 Geography and World Affairs

PUBLIC POLICY

Select at least 3 credits from this subfield

Public Policy
 Comparative Public Policy
 Development in Southeast Asia
 International Political Economics
 Development: Political, Social and Economic Issues
 Global Social Problems

POLITICAL THEORY

Select at least 3 credits from this subfield

History of American Values and Beliefs
 The Idea of Freedom
 Democratic Socialism
 Marxist Political Thought

ACADEMIC CORE CURRICULUM

37 credits

FOUNDATIONS OF KNOWLEDGE

15 credits

Academic Reading and Writing

Academic Writing and Research
 Digital Literacy
 Foundations of Quantitative Reasoning **or**
 College Algebra
 Oral Communication

LA ROCHE EXPERIENCE

4 credits

LRX: Foundations
 Investigating Social Problems

BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE

12 credits

Natural and Physical World
 Human Expression
 Values and Ethics
 Social Sciences*
 Global Perspectives

DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE

3 credits

Interdisciplinary Inquiry

CORE ELECTIVES

3 credits

Any Breadth of Knowledge Area Course **or**
 Interdisciplinary Inquiry

**Fulfilled in major requirements*

GENERAL ELECTIVES

44 credits

