POLITICAL SCIENCE: LAW & POWER, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Political Science, Law and Power Concentration

The Law and Power concentration teaches students about how power, law, and ideas about justice shape political life. Courses cover questions concerning the procedures for social and legal change, the status of citizens in social and political institutions in society, and the ways that ideology and identity categories shape the pursuit of equality and justice.

See the Political Science BALAS page (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/) for departmental distinction information.

Students may count a maximum of six (6) hours of credit of any combination of hours from PS 494 toward the advanced hours requirement. Not more than 6 hours of individual study courses in political science (PS 490) or 6 hours of internships (PS 491) or 6 hours of supervised research (PS 492) may be included in the major; a student with any mix of independent study hours and internship hours and supervised research hours may include a maximum of 9 hours of such credit in the major. (PS 496) is reserved for those seniors doing honors theses for distinction in political science and may not be counted in the 45-hour minimum required for the major.

General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.
Minimum required major and supporting course work: Normally equates to 70 hours. Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level in the major must be taken on this campus.
Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

Law and Power Concentration Requirements

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<th>Code</th>
<th>Title</th>
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<tr>
<td>PS 100</td>
<td>Intro to Political Science</td>
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<td>PS 270</td>
<td>Intro to Political Theory</td>
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<td>Select any additional 100- or 200-level Political Science courses</td>
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<td>Select 300- or 400-level Political Science courses, at least nine hours of which come from the Law and Power Concentration list (below), which must include at least one course from Law/Judicial Politics and one course from Political Theory. The other six hours may be any 300- or 400-level Political Science course.</td>
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<td>Select Political Science courses at any level, at least three hours of which comes from the Law and Power Concentration list maintained by the department. The other three hours may come from any Political Science course at any level.</td>
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<td>Students will select a second major, or a minor, or a set of courses of at least 12 hours of thematically-related coursework outside political science, developed in conjunction with an academic advisor.</td>
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<td><strong>Total Hours</strong></td>
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PS 370  Justice in the Law  3
PS 371  Classical Political Theory  3
PS 372  Modern Political Theory  3
PS 373  Democratic Theory  3
PS 374  Future Politics  3
PS 375  Feminist Political Theory  3
PS 376  American Political Theory  3
PS 377  Topics Contemp Pol Theory  3
PS 413  Sex, Power and Politics  3 or 4
PS 494  Junior Honors Seminar (as appropriate)  3

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**department website:** https://www.pol.illinois.edu

**department faculty:** Political Science Faculty (https://pol.illinois.edu/directory/faculty/)

**advising:** Political Science advising (https://pol.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/academic-advising/)

**overview of college admissions & requirements:** Liberal Arts & Sciences (http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/)

**college website:** https://las.illinois.edu/