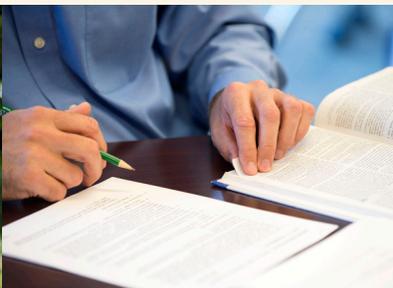


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## Politics Department

The UD Politics Department has the following objectives:

**First:** The purpose of the department is to promote a critical understanding of political phenomena, an understanding of the nature of political life and its relation to human life as a whole. Accordingly, courses are designed to present conflicting points of view on a great variety of important political questions.

**Second:** The department seeks to promote enlightened and public-spirited citizenship. This requires understanding of the principles and purposes of our regime, as well as personal involvement in, or commitment to, the larger political community. One of the distinctive features of the department is its emphasis on American statesmanship and the great controversies that have reflected and shaped the character of our people.

**Third:** Together with the other liberal arts, the department

seeks to promote civility. Civility requires, first, the capacity to appreciate what is to be said on diverse sides of an issue. Secondly, it requires a capacity to participate in serious dialogue, which in turn requires seriousness about the ends of learning and the ends of action. Finally, civility requires some degree of detachment from contemporary affairs, for total involvement in the present narrows and distorts our vision.

**Fourth:** The department seeks to preserve the great tradition of political wisdom, theoretical and practical, against modes of thought that assail or abandon it. This requires an understanding and critique of these various modes of thought.

**Fifth:** The department tries to prepare some students for active political life. This requires the study of politics from the perspective of the citizen.

**Sixth:** The department seeks to prepare students for graduate study in political science, or for training in the professional fields of law, public administration, diplomacy and related fields.

### Politics Four-Year Plan:

#### Freshman Year

English 1301	3	Theology 1310	3
History 1311	3	English 1302	3
Language 1301 (or 2311)	3	History 1312	3
Philosophy 1301	3	Language 1302 (or 2312)	3
Politics 1311	3	Economics 1311 or Math	3
<b>Fall Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Spring Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Junior Year

Politics 3312 or 3331	3	Politics 3332	3
Politics Electives	6	Politics 3334	3
Economics 1311 or Math	3	Politics Elective	3
Elective	3	Science	4
		Elective	3
<b>Fall Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Spring Semester Credits</b>	<b>16</b>

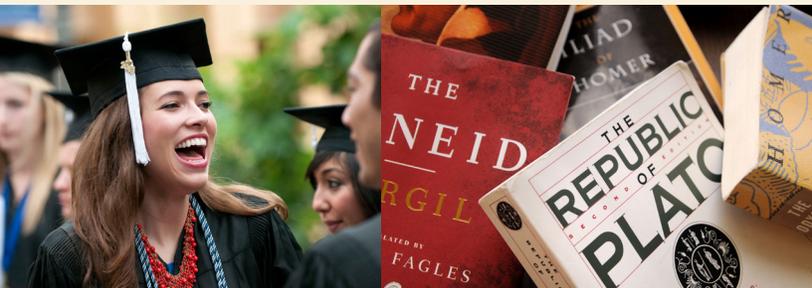
#### Sophomore Year (Actual schedule depends on when you go to Rome.)

English 2311 and 2321	6
History 2301 and 2302	6
Philosophy 2323	3
Theology 2311	3
Language or Electives	6
Politics 3312, 3331 or Politics Elective	3
Fine Arts	3
<b>Total Sophomore Year Credits</b>	<b>30</b>

#### Senior Year

Politics 4351	3	Science	3
Politics Elective	3	Politics Electives	6
Philosophy 3311	3	Electives	6
Electives	6		
<b>Fall Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Spring Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

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## Comprehensive Examination

Majors must pass a comprehensive examination. In preparation for the Senior Seminar (4351), majors should complete eight politics courses by the end of their junior year, if possible.

## Hatton W. Sumners Scholarship

Each school year, a handful of sophomore students majoring in politics will be chosen to receive a Hatton W. Sumners scholarship. The award amount will be \$10,000 per year to help defray the cost of tuition and will typically be awarded for two years. Sumners Scholars are expected to attend certain programs sponsored by the Foundation, including the Hatton W. Sumners Distinguished Lecture Series and the annual Sumners Scholars Public Policy Seminar, typically held on a weekend in November. Sumners Scholars also have special access to a variety of public policy, leadership and civic participation programs.

## Concentrations

There are two concentrations available through the Politics Department. The concentration in **Political Philosophy** and the concentration in **American Politics** are for students who are not politics majors but who want to acquire more than a passing acquaintance with the serious study of politics.

### Action Items for Politics Majors:

- **Join campus clubs and organizations** that support your interests, like the Alexander Hamilton Society and the American Enterprise Institute Executive Council. Explore what various organizations have to offer and what skills you can offer in return.
- Work with your academic adviser and the Office of Personal Career Development to explore **internships and research opportunities** that will complement your study of politics. Because UD politics majors develop particularly good research skills and a sharp eye for detail, many organizations are interested in recruiting them.
- **Explore electives beyond your politics coursework.** While the Core curriculum will teach you to present complex ideas clearly and persuasively, electives from other departments, such as business, art, or philosophy, could benefit your career as well.
- **Present your research** to the wider community. Work with your academic adviser to find opportunities to present at an academic conference or other appropriate venue.

## Applying your interests, skills, and values in a changing world

### Some examples of current and recent politics student internships include:

Staff Intern, U.S. Senator John Cornyn
Congressional Aide, U.S. Senator John Cornyn
Research Intern, George W. Bush Presidential Library (U.S. Archives)
Real Estate Intern, United Development Funding, United Mortgage Trust
Economic Development Intern, Greater Irving Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce

### Below are a few of the professional destinations of recent politics major graduates:

Office Manager, Fletcher Farley Shipman & Salinas LLP
Book Manager, John Shelton CPA PC
Reporter, Catholic News Agency and EWTN
Program Officer, Freedom Alliance
Research Fellowship Recipient, The Heritage Foundation
Development Intern, The Heritage Foundation
Financial Adviser, Prudential
Undisclosed, Federal Government
Supplier Research Coordinator, Cardinal Health
Director of Operations, Puthoff Holdings, LLC
Legal Assistant, Cedillo-Pereira and Associates, LLP

### Politics majors have gone on to pursue graduate degrees at some of the following institutions:

Notre Dame University
Notre Dame University School of Law
Marymount University
Baylor University