

<b>FAU</b> <b>FLORIDA</b> <b>ATLANTIC</b> <b>UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST</b> <b>Undergraduate Programs</b>		UUPC Approval <u>10-6-2025</u> UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	Department <sup>NA</sup> College <u>Wilkes Honors College</u>		
<b>Program Name</b> Political Science Concentration		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Program*</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Change Program*</b>	<b>Effective Date</b> (TERM & YEAR) Fall 2026
<p><b>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.</b></p> <p>Add CPO 2002 Honors Introduction to Comparative Politics as an alternative to CPO 3003 Honors Comparative Politics. The course number for CPO 3003 is currently being changed to CPO 2002.</p> <p>Add CPO 4303 Honors Latin American Politics and CPO 4305 Honors Religion and Politics in Latin America as additional alternatives to CPO 2002 Honors Introduction to Comparative Politics.</p> <p>Add POT 2002 Honors Introduction to Political Theory under the political theory requirement for the political science concentration. The new course number was just approved by the state.</p> <p>Add PUP 3032 Honors Public Policy Process to Political Science Electives under the General Electives group.</p> <p>Insert the following sentence: "Students may count up to two courses (six credits) offered by the Political Science Department in the College of Arts and Letters toward their Political Science Electives requirement. See the list of approved courses below."</p> <p>Add an extensive list of College of Arts and Letters courses under electives (see attached).</p>			
<p><small>*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.</small></p>			
<b>Faculty Contact/Email/Phone</b> Timothy Steigenga, tsteigen@fau.edu 561 799 8610		<b>Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation</b> Political Science	
<b>Approved by</b>		<b>Date</b>	
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## CONCENTRATION IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Students must earn a "C" or better in each course taken to fulfill a concentration requirement.

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Political science is a broad discipline concerned with how people with different interests and values reach collective decisions and form binding policies in order to maintain a stable and flourishing society. It studies the role of law and government and non-governmental institutions in distributing scarce resources. It takes up questions such as what makes a government legitimate? What causes revolutions and wars? How can government be arranged to realize the greatest happiness of its citizens, and what factors determine whether the ideal arrangement is achieved in practice? The Honors College concentration in political science provides the necessary groundwork for students wishing to do graduate work in political science and related disciplines, and is excellent preparation for law or business school or careers in journalism, public affairs, education, or government. Students also have the opportunity to take advantage of public speaking opportunities including participation in the Diplomacy program and moot court.

### Concentration in Political Science

Course #	Course Name	Credits
POS 2041	Honors Government of the U.S.	3
CPO 2002 or	Honors Introduction to Comparative Politics or	3
CPO 3003 or	Honors Comparative Politics or	
CPO 4303 or	Honors Latin American Politics or	
CPO 4305	Honors Religion and Politics in Latin America	
INR 2002	Honors Introduction to World Politics	3
	<i>Political Theory Course:</i>	3
POT 3021, or	History of Political Theory or	
POT 2002 or	Honors Introduction to Political Theory or	
POS 2692, or	Punishment or	
PHI 2642	Ethics of Social Diversity	
Political Science Electives		18

Course #	Course Name	Credits
IDS 4970	Honors Thesis (two semesters)	6
	Total Credits	36

**Political Science Electives:** At least four of these courses must be 3000-level or above, two of which are political science courses in the same sub-field. Up to three of the six courses may be "Electives in related disciplines" (see below). Students may count up to two courses (six credits) offered by the Political Science Department in the College of Arts and Letters toward their Political Science Electives requirement. See the list of approved courses below. Students are reminded they need 42 upper-level (3000 or 4000-level) credits to graduate.

### Political Science Electives

Course #	Course Name
	Courses Offered at the Honors College
	<i>American Politics</i>
POS 3691	Honors Law and American Society
POS 4603	Honors Constitutional Law I
POS 4604	Honors Constitutional Law II
PHI 2642	Honors Ethics of Social Diversity
POS 4206	Honors Political Psychology
POS 4414	Honors The U.S. Presidency
POS 4609	Honors The Judicial Process
POS 4685	Honors American Legal Development
	<i>Comparative Politics</i>
CPO 4305	Honors Religion and Politics in Latin America
CPO 4303	Honors Latin American Politics
POS 4957	Honors Political Science Study Abroad
	<i>International Relations</i>
INR 3102	Honors American Foreign Policy

Course #	Course Name
INR 3248	Honors Exporting Democracy: U.S. Policy Toward Latin America
INR 3502	Honors International Organization
INR 4503	Honors Advanced Diplomacy
	<i>Political Theory</i>
POT 3021	Honors History of Political Theory
POS 2692	Honors Punishment
POS 3626	Honors Privacy
PHI 2642	Honors Ethics of Social Diversity
PHI 3644	Honors Obligations
PHI 3653	Honors Ethics in Business, Govt, Society
PHP 3502	Honors Hegel's Political Philosophy
	<i>General Electives</i>
POS 4905	Honors Independent Study
POS 4915	Honors Directed Independent Study in Political Science
POS 4932	Honors Special Topics
POS 4693	Honors Women, the Workplace, and the Law
POT 3113	Honors Politics and Morality in Film
PUP 3032	Honors Public Policy Process

### Courses Offered by the College of Arts and Letters

Students may count up to two courses (six credits) from the list below

CPO 4957	Political Science Study Abroad
CPO 3761	Religions and World Politics
CPO 4033	Global Development and Inequality of Nations
CPO 4042	Comparative European Politics
CPO 4101	Politics of the European Union

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Name</b>
CPO 4403	Comparative Politics: Middle East
CPO 4502	Asia Pacific Rim Politics
CPO 4633	Comparative Politics: Russia and Eastern Europe
CPO 4710	Comparative Gender Politics
CPO 4724	Comparative Politics of Ethnic Conflict
CPO 4932	Special Topics in International Relations
INR 3403	International Law: Foundations and Institutions
INR 3413	International Law of Peace and Diplomacy
INR 3433	International Law of Armed Conflict
INR 3702	International Political Economy
INR 4006	War and Peace
INR 4081	The International System
INR 4932	Special Topics in Comparative Politics
POS 3703	RI: Research Methods in Political Science
POS 3330	Exploring Political Science
POS 4606	The U.S. Supreme Court
POS 4697	U.S. Environmental Law and Policy
POS 4931	Special Topics
POS 4941	Internship
POS 4204	Public Opinion and American Politics
POS 4235	Media in Politics
POS 4271	Advanced Campaigning
POS 4275	Campaigns/Elections
POS 3182	Florida Politics and Government
POS 3258	Political Film and Fiction
POS 4145	Urban Politics

Course #	Course Name
POT 2000	Global Political Theory
PUP 3323	Women and Politics
PUP 4710	Government and the Economy

## **HONORS THESIS**

Students concentrating in political science must write an honors thesis on a topic within political science.

A good deal of research conducted by political scientists is quantitative, and students concentrating in political science are strongly encouraged to take a Research Methods course. All students concentrating in political science are strongly encouraged to participate in an internship or study abroad program with a substantial political content.