

Pathways through the Government Major

American Politics

Students wishing to focus on American politics will find considerable depth both within the Government Department and across the College. Following are several ideas for structuring your Gov. major if you are primarily interested in American politics.

Gov. 200, American Government, is the suggested preparation for all other courses in the American field. If you have taken AP American Government in high school, you may want to consult with a member of the department to determine whether you should take Gov. 200 prior to taking other American politics courses. Gov. 190, Empirical Methods in Political Science, is also highly recommended.

The pathways listed below are suggestions; you should consult with members of the department as you shape your major. This document lists courses in the Government Department as well as a number of courses across the curriculum that might supplement your major in a meaningful way. *Not every class listed is offered every year; if you are interested in a particular class, you should plan ahead to make sure when the course will be offered.* Several of the Gov. courses are listed under more than one heading. 300-level courses are seminars and have limited enrollments; some of the courses are colloquia that also have limited enrollment, so plan accordingly. Upper level classes in other departments may have pre-requisites that are not listed below; please check with those departments to determine what their requirements may be.

American Political Institutions and the Political Process

(The Picker Program Semester in Washington should be considered by all American politics students)

Gov. 200, American Government

Gov. 190, Empirical Methods in Political Science

Gov. 201, American Constitutional Interpretation

Gov. 206, The American Presidency

Gov. 209, Congress and the Legislative Process

Gov. 264, American Political Thought

Gov. 265: Reacting to the Past

Gov. 247: Problems in Democratic Thought

Gov. 244, Foreign Policy of the United States

Picker Program: Semester in Washington

Gov. 345: Topic: Intelligence

Gov. 362: Topic: From Revolution to Consolidation

Gov. 304: Topic: Communism and Anti-Communism

Gov. 304: Topic: Pathologies of Power

Gov. 341: Topic: U.S. Foreign Policy, Human Rights and Democracy

American Public Policy

Gov. 200: American Government

Gov. 190: Empirical Methods in Political Science

Gov. 207: The Politics of Public Policy

Gov. 204: Urban Politics

Gov. 208: Elections and the Political Order

Gov. 210: Public Opinion and Mass Media

Gov. 215: The Clinton Years

Gov. 217: The Politics of Wealth and Poverty

Gov. 205: Law, Family and State

Gov. 269: The Politics of Gender and Sexuality

Gov. 244: Foreign Policy of the United States

Gov. 312: Topic: Political Behavior

Gov. 306: Politics and the Environment

American Law and Politics

Gov. 201: American Constitutional Interpretation

Gov. 202: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

Gov. 205: Law, Family and State

Gov. 262: From Revolution to Consolidation

Gov. 267: American Political Thought

Gov. 265: Reacting to the Past

Gov. 214: Free Speech

Gov. 341: Topic: U.S. Foreign Policy, Human Rights and Democracy

Gov. 341: Topic: The Politics of Torture

American Ethnicities

Gov. 216: Minority Politics

Gov. 204: Urban Politics

Gov. 237: Politics of the U.S./Mexican Border

Gov. 307: Topic: Latino Politics

Gov. 341: Topic: The Politics of Torture

Related Courses in Other Departments: This section discusses courses that might complement courses in American politics, particularly in specified policy areas. This is not an exhaustive list, but will give you a sense of where you might look for other courses of interest.

American Culture:

Any course in American Studies

HIS 266: American Civil War

HIS 267: U.S. History Since 1898

HIS 280: Inquiries in U.S. Social History

HIS 278: The 60's

ENG 231: American Lit before 1865

ENG 233: American Lit from 1865-1914

ENG 237: Recent American Writing

ENG 384: Writing About American Society

REL 224: Jews & Judaism in American Culture

REL 266: Buddhism in the United States

REL 320: Jewish Women's History

MUS 205: Jazz

MUS 105: Roll Over Beethoven: A History of Rock

MUS. 106: American Sounds

ESS 200: In Search of the American Dream

SOC 212: Class and Society

SOC 220: Sociology of Culture

PRS 308: Cultural Literacy

ARH 264: Colonial American Art & Architecture

ARH 283: Architecture since 1945

ARH 299: Cities, Gardens and Utopia

American Philosophy & Law

PHI 222: Ethics and Society

PHI 230: American Philosophers

PHI 235: Morality, Politics and Law

PHI 241: Business Ethics

ECO 272: Law and Economics

PRS 307: Asian Americans and the Law

Public Policy

SOC 216: Social Movements

SOC 218: Urban Sociology

PPL 220: Public Policy Analysis

PRS 308: Urbanization

ECO 127: The Magic of the Market

ECO 123: Cheaper by the Dozen

ECO 153: Macroeconomics

ECO 150: Microeconomics

ECO 230: Urban Economics

ECO 221: Labor Economics

ANT 353: Urban Anthropology

(the following suggestions are for specific policy areas)

Gender and Public Policy

SOC 229: Sociology of Sex and Gender

SOC 219: Medical Sociology

IDP 208: Women's Medical Issues

SWG 205: Gay and Lesbian History

HIS 209: Feminism, Race and Resistance (also for Ethnicities focus)

HIS 278: Women in the United States

HIS 265: Race, Gender, Citizenship (also for Ethnicities focus)

ENG 279: American Women Poets (also for American culture)

ENG 278: Asian American Women Writers (also for American culture or Ethnicities)

PSY 266: The Psychology of Women and Gender

Ethnicities

HIS 270: Black Atlantic

AAS 335: Free Blacks in the U.S. before 1865

PSY 246: The Asian American Experience

PSY 247: The Psychology of the Black Experience

PSY 342: The Hispanic Experience

SOC 213: Ethnic Minorities in the U.S.

SOC 214: The Hispanic Caribbean Community in the U.S.

SOC 314: Latino/a Identity

PPL 250: Race and Public Policy in the U.S.

ENG 236: 20th Century African American Literature

AAS 111: Intro to Black Culture

AAS 117: History of the African American Peoples

AAS 202: Topic: Black Feminism (also for focus on gender)

AAS 202: Topic: Race, Place and Identity

ANT 352: Anthropology of Multiculturalism

ECS 343: Multicultural Education (also for education policy)

ECO 363: Inequality

Education Policy

ECS 200: Education in the City

ECS 232: The American Middle and High School

ECS 336: Topic: Youth Development

ECS 336: Topic: John Dewey

ECS 342: Growing Up American

ECO 351: Economics of Education

Environmental Policy

Any course in Environmental Science and Policy

ECO 284: Environmental Economics

BIO 103: Economic Botany

BIO 110: Life Sciences for the 20th Century

PPL 222: U.S. Environmental History

ECO 284: Environmental Economics

