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POLITICAL SCIENCE

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The study of Political Science at Gettysburg College introduces students to a core set of state and other political structures, power, and choice - that define the discipline and provide with the skills and tools to explore these themes in a critical and analytical fashion. The Political Science major, which consists of ten courses, is structured to guide and stimulate study and related issues such as democracy, justice, and their institutions, civic and political participation. The following series of learning goals associated with the courses students take at each level of the major:

- **Courses at the 100 level:** Students will take three of the four introductory level courses: American Politics, Political Thought, International Relations, and Comparative Politics. These courses introduce students to the core set of themes that define Political Science including the manner in which to study the particular subfield. Students are exposed to some of the theories and scholarship that define the study of the state and other political structures, power, and choice. Students learn to ask the principal questions relevant to the study of these issues and, through exposure to the work of political scientists, to learn how political scientists seek answers to these questions.
- **Courses at the 200 level:** Students take three to four courses at this level, including

subfields in which they did coursework at the 100 level, and POL 215, the methods or 300 level elective course. Courses at this level explore key themes and related issues about the research process, in part through exposure to peer-reviewed scholarship, how to pose their own research questions as well as how best to go about answering them.

- Courses at the 300 level: Students take two courses at this level which must be in the subfields in which they did their coursework at the 200 level. They may also take a 300 level course in a subfield. These courses level engage the students in a critical examination of the core set of themes they explore in the subfields in which Political Science has sought to address these themes. Students taking courses at this level will engage in the practice of finding, reading and critically dissecting sophisticated material published in peer-reviewed journals and scholarly books, searching for databases, using primary resources, and writing research papers and analyses.
- Course at the 400 level: All students take a capstone course in the major during the final semester of their undergraduate studies. This course is subdivided into sub-fields and focuses on one or more of the core set of themes studied in the major. Students will explore these themes in depth by reading some of the major works in the field, and by participating in the process of peer-reviewing the research others have done on questions related to their own original research.

Effective Communication Conventions in Political Science

Goals:

The department holds as important the ability of students to:

- Become conversant in the fundamental issues and concepts of the discipline
- Obtain and organize the means for addressing these fundamental issues and familiarize themselves with the field
- Understand and critically evaluate the work of political scientists
- Analyze and interpret information relevant to answering the fundamental questions of the discipline
- Communicate results of their analyses both orally and in writing

These goals are met through a variety of courses required as part of the major in Political Science. In these courses, students will be exposed to and gain expertise in particular communication conventions.

100-level: Introduction to the terminology and basic concepts of political science (e.g., power and choice), distinction between social science theory and theory in lay terms. Students will learn about modes of social science inquiry, both normative and empirical, and the distinctions between them. In addition, students in introductory courses will learn appropriate methods for citation.

200-level: In the POL 215 course required of all majors, students will build on prior experience with extensive exposure to the elements of the research process culminating in the production of a research paper, literature review, research design, and data analysis. Students in this class will also engage with peer-reviewed scholarship and possibly data acquisition and writing original research on questions in the respective subfield.

In other courses at this level, students will be exposed to peer-reviewed scholarship and the concepts, theories and analyses introduced at the 100-level.

300-level: At this level students will be engaged in more in-depth analyses of scholarship in the field. Additionally, students at this level will regularly take part in acquiring, reading and critically evaluating research and, in many cases, producing research papers and other relevant writing for POL 215 and other courses.

400-level: The capstone course serves as the culmination of the communication conventions learned in the major. Students will be immersed in a specific area of scholarship, will read, analyze and finally produce research on a topic. In addition, the process of peer-review will be reinforced as students review both their own work and that of others as well as one another. The original research conducted by students will be presented orally and in writing.

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