POLITICAL SCIENCE

OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY™

KEY POINTS ABOUT THE MAJOR

- **Two different tracts: General Foundation or Pre-Law preparation**
- **Designed to study government, law, political processes and behavior.**
- **Studies policies produced by governments and their effects upon the individual, the community and the world.**
- **Critical understanding of the development of ideas and social institutions, especially the U.S. government and law**

"The faculty in Political Science are exceptional, fully committed both to their discipline and to the well-being of their students. They offer students challenging coursework as well as personal attention, and academic and career guidance."

- Anne Crimmings, Ph.D., Chair of the Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences

Sample Four-Year Plan

The sample course plan below is a sample plan for your major; it does not and should not replace meeting with your Academic Advisor to map the best course plan that suits your individual academic needs and placement upon initial registration. Classes listed may not necessarily be offered during a particular term.

First Year (Freshman)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
ENG 101 Thinking and Writing Across the Curriculum	3	ENG 102 Scholarly Adventures: Researched Writing	3
POL 100 Ideas, Ideals & Ideologies	3	POL 101 The Great Issues of Politics	3
Latin I**	3	Latin II**	3
POL 230 Law, Society and Polity	3	Freshman Core Seminar 179	3
Elective	3	Elective	3

Second Year (Sophomore)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Elective	6	Electives	6
Philosophy or Theology Requirement*	3	POL 231 History of Constitution	
POL 290 Politics & Government	3	*or* POL 379 Justice, Rights and Liberties	3
POL 279b Political Philosophy & Western Tradition	3	Philosophy or Theology Requirement*	3
		POL 279c American Political Thought, Nature and the Common Good	3

Third Year (Junior)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
POL 348c Interpreting Civilization		POL/HST 365 The U.S. Presidency	3
or POL 379a War and Peace	3	POL 360 International Politics	3
Math Requirement (MTH 121 or higher)	3	Natural Science Requirement	3
POL 366 Congress & Policy Making		POL 278a Environmental Policymaking	
or POL 368 Parties and Elections	3	*or* POL 348e History of US Foreign Policy	3
Elective	6	Elective	3

Fourth Year (Senior)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Philosophy or Theology Requirement*	3	POL/IDS 479 Senior Seminar	3
POL 498 Seminar: Theory and Ideology	3	Philosophy or Theology Requirement*	3
Arts and Ideas Requirement	3	Arts and Ideas Requirement	3
Elective	6	Electives	6

**At least one Philosophy and one Theology course must be at the 200 level or higher.*

***Substitution of a modern language for those who have studied a foreign language in high school may be made by the department.*

For More Information

Full descriptions for all ODU courses are available on ODU's website. Core curriculum and four-year course blueprint are based on the 2012-2013 edition of the ODU Course Catalog.

For more information, contact your Admission Counselor or Academic Advisor at 614.251.4500 or at admissions@ohiodominican.edu.

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COURSES WITHIN THE MAJOR

- **The Great Issues of Politics**
- **Politics and Government: Issues & Process**
- **The U.S. Presidency**
- **Reflections on the Common Good**
- **Political Theory and Ideology**

"Because I need professionals who are highly ethical as well as highly trained, I am always glad to hire ODU graduates. They come to us with a real practical understanding of the types of situations that they will face as probation officers. They are well prepared to work in the field because of their knowledge, understanding and compassion."

- Tony Tedeshi, Chief Probation Officer, Franklin County Municipal Court

Program Overview

This program is designed to study government, law, political processes and behavior, the policies produced by governments and their effects upon the individual, the community and the world.

The issues of war and peace, power and violence, law and order, justice and fairness, democracy and freedom, rights and citizenship, diversity and change are at the heart of the study of politics.

Why ODU?

- Excellent courses in the philosophical and historical underpinnings of Political Science
- Experienced faculty with expertise in various subfields of Political Science
- Strong record of placing students in law school, graduate school and government-related jobs

Internships & Research

Opportunities for students to do independent research and internships under faculty supervision.

Every year, ODU Political Science students complete internships in Washington, D.C., at federal government offices through our affiliation with the Washington Center. Our students also have a variety of internship opportunities in state and local government offices and agencies.

Career Possibilities

Graduates are prepared for law school and graduate study; careers in federal, state and local government; public policy and private interest groups; businesses and corporations; regional, transnational and international organizations; campaign management; journalism; and high school and college teaching.

Students go on to find rewarding vocations as teachers, lawyers, civil servants, public administrators, city planners, policy analysts, diplomats, business leaders and informed citizens.

On-Campus Opportunities

Political Science majors may participate in Student Government and other leadership opportunities through various student groups and activities. Additionally, ODU's Model United Nations program has won awards consistently at the state and national levels. Our Pre-Law program sponsors a speaker series addressing national and international current events and controversies regarding law and government.

For More Information About the Political Science Program

Contact Ronald Carstens, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, at carstenr@ohiodominican.edu to learn more about the Political Science Program. For information about other Social & Behavioral Science programs such as Communication Studies, Integrated Social Studies, Peace & Justice, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Social Work and Sociology, please contact your Academic Advisor or your Admission Counselor at admissions@ohiodominican.edu.