

Political Science Course Plans

The Political Science Department at SUNY Oswego offers a flexible program of study that can be tailored to your personal interests and leave room to take courses outside the department. Below are some informal “course plans” with suggested classes to consider as you pursue a Political Science major or minor. If none of these plans suit your interests, department faculty can help you design a plan to better fit your needs.

LAW & JUSTICE

Possible Careers:

- Attorney, legislative analyst, community organizer, police

Suggested Courses:

- PHL 307: Philosophy, Public Policy and Public Affairs
- PHL 443: Philosophy of Law
- POL 215: Law and Courts
- POL 305: Power and Institutions
- POL 306: African American Political Thought
- POL 316: American Political Thought
- POL 345: Constitutional Law
- POL 355: Civil Liberties
- POL 356: Free Speech
- POL 385: Law and Society

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Possible Careers:

- Foreign service officer, teacher, journalist, refugee activist

Suggested Courses:

- POL 308: Global Challenges
- POL 309: International Law
- POL 319: International Organization
- POL 329: American Foreign Policy
- POL 378: Gender and Global Politics
- SOC 367: Globalization and Poverty

SUSTAINABILITY & DEVELOPMENT

Possible Careers:

- International-development agency leader, environmental activist, conservation advocate

Suggested Courses:

- ECO 390: Environmental Economics
- POL 347: Politics of Development
- POL 387: Global Environmental Politics
- POL 389: Security Studies
- POL 409: Comparative Energy Policy
- SOC 369: Environmental Sociology

POLITICAL ORGANIZING & CHANGE

Possible Careers:

- Campaign manager, political party worker, elected office, local government

Suggested Courses:

- COM 212: Interpersonal Communication
- POL 215: Law and Courts
- POL 305: Power and Institutions
- POL 330: Internet Politics
- POL 356: Freedom of Speech
- POL 386: Vote Oswego
- PRL 215: Survey of Public Relations
- SOC 260: Race, Ethnicity, Class, and Gender