

School of Public Affairs

Department of Government

B.A. in Political Science

Admission to the Program

New freshmen and transfer students are admitted through the university's Admissions Office. Students currently enrolled in the university who wish to transfer into the Department of Government or develop a double major or minor should have a grade point average of 2.50 or higher and the approval of the undergraduate academic advisor.

University Requirements

- A total of 120 credit hours
- 6 credit hours of college writing
- 3 credit hours of college mathematics or the equivalent by examination

General Education Requirements

- A total of ten courses, consisting of one foundation course and one second-level course in an approved sequence from each of the five curricular areas
- No more than 6 credit hours may be taken in the same discipline

Major Requirements

- 58 credit hours with grades of C or better

Course Requirements

Foundation (12 credit hours)

- GOVT-105 Individual Freedom vs. Authority 2:1 (3)
- GOVT-110 Politics in the United States 4:1 (3–4)
or
GOVT-120 Introduction to American Politics (3)
- GOVT-130 Comparative Politics 3:1 (3)
- One of the following international affairs courses:
SIS-105 World Politics 3:1 (3)
SIS-110 Beyond Sovereignty 3:1 (3)
SIS-381 Foreign Policies of the Great Powers (3)
SIS-382 The Analysis of United States Foreign Policy (3)

Research Methods (7 credit hours)

- STAT-202 Basic Statistics (4)
- One of the following:
ECON-322 Introduction to Econometrics (3)
GOVT-310 Introduction to Political Research (3)
SIS-206 Introduction to International Relations Research (3)
SOCY-320 Introduction to Social Research (3)

Major Related Social Science (12 credit hours)

- 12 credit hours above the introductory level from at least two of the following disciplines: economics, history, international studies, sociology, and specified courses in American studies, anthropology, communication, justice, philosophy, psychology, and women's and gender studies.

Concentration (27 credit hours)

- 27 credit hours in the Department of Government with 21 credit hours at the 200 or 300 level and 6 credit hours at the 400 or 500 level

or

27 credit hours in the Department of Government with 6 credit hours at the 400 or 500 level. Students take at least one course from each of five of the following six concentrations, the remaining 12 credit hours must be taken in one concentration; courses may not be double counted.

Additional courses may be used with prior approval of the department. Up to 9 credit hours may be taken from the following: internship or cooperative education, independent study, independent reading, honors thesis, international service (SIS) courses, Washington Semester, and American University study abroad programs, with a maximum of 6 credit hours from any one area. Up to three 1 credit hour courses may be used toward the completion of a concentration.

American Government

- GOVT-210 Political Power and American Public Policy 4:2 (3)
- GOVT-215 Civil Rights and Liberties 4:2 (3)
- GOVT-240 Metropolitan Politics (3)
- GOVT-315 Elections and Voting Behavior (3)
- GOVT-320 The Presidency (3)
- GOVT-321 Congress and Legislative Behavior (3)
- GOVT-322 American Political Parties (3)
- GOVT-323 Interest Group Politics (3)
- GOVT-325 Minority Politics in the United States (3)
- GOVT-352 Law and the Political System (3)
- GOVT-423 Advanced Studies in Public Policy (3):
Politics of Civil Rights
- GOVT-455 Equal Protection (3)
- GOVT-461 Politics in the Television Age (3)
- GOVT-482 Women and Politics (3)
- GOVT-483 Women, Politics, and Public Policy (3)
- GOVT-484 Women and Political Leadership (3)

GOVT-520 Advanced Studies in Campaign Management (1–4)
GOVT-523 The Art and Craft of Lobbying (1–4)
GOVT-525 Congress and the Executive (3)
GOVT-526 U.S. Intelligence Community (3)
GOVT-540 Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Lobbying (3)
GOVT-541 The Politics of Mass Communication (3)
PUAD-260 Administrative Politics (3)

Comparative Politics

GOVT-231 Third World Politics (3)
GOVT-232 Politics of Postindustrial Societies (3)
GOVT-235 Dynamics of Political Change 3:2 (3)
GOVT-396 Selected Topics :Nonrecurring (approved topics in comparative politics)
GOVT-523 The Art and Craft of Lobbying : European Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute (4)
GOVT-532 Political Institutions and Processes in Selected Regions (3) (topics)
GOVT-534 Grassroots Institutions in Comparative Context (3)
GOVT-550 Politics in Cuba (3)
GOVT-584 Gender and Politics in the Middle East (3)

Gender, Race, and Politics

GOVT-215 Civil Rights and Liberties 4:2 (3)
GOVT-231 Third World Politics (3)
GOVT-240 Metropolitan Politics (3)
GOVT-325 Minority Politics in the United States (3)
GOVT-423 Advanced Studies in Public Policy (3): Politics of Civil Rights
GOVT-455 Equal Protection (3)
GOVT-482 Women and Politics (3)
GOVT-483 Women, Politics, and Public Policy (3)
GOVT-484 Women and Political Leadership (3)
GOVT-485 Topics in Women and Politics (1–4)
GOVT-486 Feminist Political Theory (3)
GOVT-584 Gender and Politics in the Middle East (3)

Law and Politics

GOVT-215 Civil Rights and Liberties 4:2 (3)
GOVT-350 Constitutional Law I: Powers and Federalism (3)
GOVT-352 Law and the Political System (3)
GOVT-396 Selected Topics :Nonrecurring (approved topics in law and politics)
GOVT-423 Advanced Studies in Public Policy (3): Politics of Civil Rights

GOVT-455 Equal Protection (3)

Political Theory

GOVT-303 Ancient Political Thought (3)
GOVT-305 Modern Political Thought (3)
GOVT-306 American Political Thought (3)
GOVT-309 Contemporary Political Thought (3)
GOVT-396 Selected Topics :Nonrecurring (approved topics in political theory)
GOVT-486 Feminist Political Theory (3)

Policy

GOVT-210 Political Power and American Public Policy 4:2 (3)
GOVT-240 Metropolitan Politics (3)
GOVT-315 Elections and Voting Behavior (3)
GOVT-321 Congress and Legislative Behavior (3)
GOVT-323 Interest Group Politics (3)
GOVT-370 Formation and Implementation of Environmental Policy (3)
GOVT-396 Selected Topics :Nonrecurring (approved topics in policy)
GOVT-423 Advanced Studies in Public Policy (3) (topics)
GOVT-483 Women, Politics, and Public Policy (3)
GOVT-523 The Art and Craft of Lobbying: Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute (4)
European Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute (4)
GOVT-540 Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Lobbying (3)

University Honors Program

All University Honors students must complete at least 12 credit hours of advanced-level (300-level and above) Honors courses including a 3 to 6 credit hour Honors Senior Capstone Project. Students may graduate with University Honors in the major if they complete at least 12 advanced-level Honors courses including the Senior Capstone Project in the department. Each department has three levels of University Honors requirements: Level I Options (100-200-level Honors classes); Level II Options (300-level and above Honors classes); and Level III Options (Honors Senior Capstone). The department Honors coordinator advises students in the University Honors Program regarding departmental options. For more information, go to www.american.edu/academic.depts/honors/.

B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies: Communication, Legal Institutions, Economics, and Government (CLEG)

This interdisciplinary major is designed for students who want a breadth of background necessary to participate effectively in decision making for public affairs and the practical training necessary to deal with social problems as public issues.

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General Education Requirements

- A total of ten courses, consisting of one foundation course and one second-level course in an approved sequence from each of the five curricular areas
- No more than 6 credit hours may be taken in the same discipline

Major Requirements

- 57 credit hours with grades of C or better

Course Requirements

- COMM-200 Writing for Mass Communication (3)
- COMM-310 Public Speaking (3)
- ECON-100 Macroeconomics 4:1 (3)
- ECON-200 Microeconomics 4:2 (3)
- GOVT-110 Politics in the United States 4:1 (3–4)

or

- GOVT-120 Introduction to American Politics (3)
- GOVT-391 Internship (3–6)
- GOVT-489 CLEG Seminar (3)
- JLS-104 Introduction to Systems of Justice (3)
- One course from the following:
 - GOVT-105 Individual Freedom vs. Authority 2:1 (3)
 - GOVT-305 Modern Political Thought (3)
 - GOVT-306 American Political Thought (3)
- One course from the following:
 - GOVT-215 Civil Rights and Liberties 4:2 (3)
 - GOVT-352 Law and the Political System (3)
- 24 additional credit hours, including 12 credit hours at the 300 level or above, selected from a list of approved courses in communication (COMM-xxx), legal institutions (JLS-xxx), economics (ECON-xxx), and government (GOVT-xxx). The list of approved courses is available in the Department of Government office.

University Honors Program

All University Honors students must complete at least 12 credit hours of advanced-level (300-level and above) Honors courses including a 3 to 6 credit hour Honors Senior Capstone Project. Students may graduate with University Honors in the major if they complete at least 12 advanced-level Honors courses including the Senior Capstone Project in the department. Each department has three levels of University Honors requirements: Level I Options (100-200-level Honors classes); Level II Options (300-level and above Honors classes); and Level III Options (Honors Senior Capstone). The department Honors coordinator advises students in the University Honors Program regarding departmental options. For more information, go to

www.american.edu/academic.depts/honors/ .

Minor in Political Science

- 21 credit hours with grades of C or better and at least 12 credit hours unique to the minor

Course Requirements

- GOVT-110 Politics in the United States 4:1 (3–4) *or*
GOVT-120 Introduction to American Politics (3–4)
- One of the following political theory courses:
GOVT-105 Individual Freedom vs. Authority 2:1 (3)
GOVT-303 Ancient Political Thought (3)
GOVT-305 Modern Political Thought (3)
GOVT-306 American Political Thought (3)
- 15 credit hours in other Department of Government (GOVT-xxx) courses at the 200-level or above, including at least 9 credit hours at the 300 level and at least 3 credit hours at the 400 or 500 level
No more than one transfer, AU Abroad, or Washington Semester course may be applied to the minor; no internship credit can be counted toward the minor requirements.

Undergraduate Certificate in Advanced Leadership Studies

This four year undergraduate program nurtures a select number of talented students in the skills and knowledge required to be effective leaders in their professional careers.

Admission to the Program

Incoming freshman in the School of Public Affairs are invited to apply to the program.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 6 credit hours at the 300-level or above with grades of C or better.
Grades of C- or D in certificate program courses will not be accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements although these grades will be included in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average. Students must have at least a 2.0 grade point average in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period after they are admitted. International students must enroll in 12 credit hours each semester (except for summer). A maximum of 3 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

- GOVT-361 Laboratory in Leadership Development I (1) taken fall and spring of first year for a total of 2 credit hours
- GOVT-362 Laboratory in Leadership Development II (1) taken fall and spring of second year for a total of 2 credit hours
- GOVT-391 Internship: Leadership (3 or 6)
- GOVT-460 Political and Organizational Leadership (3)

- 2–5 credit hours from the following, or other courses as approved by the program director, including an independent study in a leadership-related topic or Community Service Learning Project:
COMM-310 Public Speaking (3)
GOVT-320 The Presidency (3)
GOVT-520 Advanced Studies in Campaign Management (4)
GOVT-523 The Art and Craft of Lobbying (4)
GOVT-525 Congress and the Executive (3)
JLS-308 Justice, Morality and the Law (3)
JLS-309 Justice and Public Policy (3)
JLS-504 Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice (3)
PUAD-260 Administrative Politics (3)
PUAD-343 Organizing Public Services (3)
SIS-308 Introduction to Peace and Conflict Resolution (3)
SIS-328 Approaches to Peacemaking (3)
SIS-341 Intercultural Communication (3)

Undergraduate Certificate in Women, Policy, and Political Leadership

Admission to the Program

Open to undergraduate degree and nondegree students.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 6 credit hours at the 300-level or above with grades of C or better.
Grades of C- or D in certificate program courses will not be accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements although these grades will be included in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average. Students must have at least a 2.0 grade point average in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period after they are admitted. International students must enroll in 12 credit hours each semester (except for summer). All programs must be completed within four years. A maximum of 3 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

- Two from the following:
GOVT-482 Women and Politics (3)
GOVT-483 Women, Politics, and Public Policy (3)
GOVT-484 Women and Political Leadership (3)
- One of the following:
GOVT-485 Topics in Women and Politics:
Women, the Law and Litigating for Social Change (4)
GOVT-520 Advanced Studies in Campaign Management (4)
GOVT-523 The Art and Craft of Lobbying (4)

- A minimum of two 1 credit courses from the following:
 - GOVT-485 Topics in Women and Politics:
 - Politics and Economics of Sexual Harassment
 - Politics and Policy of Women's Health
 - Politics and Policy of Reproductive Rights
 - Politics and Policy of Women and the Media
 - Politics of Title IX and Gender Equity
 - Politics of Violence against Women
 - Women and National Security Policy
 - Women World Leaders
 - Women and the 2004 Campaign
 - Women, the Law and the Legal Process
- 3 credit hours from the following or other courses as approved by the program director:
 - COMM-510 Women in Journalism (3)
 - ECON-574 Women and the Economy (3)
 - GOVT-486 Feminist Political Theory (3)
 - GOVT-584 Gender and Politics in the Middle East (3)
 - JLS-526 Domestic Violence (3)
 - JLS-535 Gender and the Law (3)
 - SIS-517 Gender, Human Rights, and Conflict (3)
 - SOCY-570 Sociology of Gender and Family (3)

Combined B.A. and M.A. in Political Science

This program enables qualified students to earn, in a continuous plan of study, both the B.A. in Political Science (or a related discipline) and the M.A. in Political Science.

Admission to the Program

Admission to the combined B.A./M.A. program requires junior standing, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.30, a completed application form, a written faculty recommendation, an essay on the student's interests and abilities in political science, and an interview with a Department of Government graduate advisor.

Acceptance and participation in the B.A./M.A. program does not automatically guarantee acceptance into the graduate program. Students must apply for admission to the graduate program no later than the last undergraduate semester. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required for admission to the M.A. program.

Course Requirements

- All requirements for the B.A. in Political Science or related discipline
 - Undergraduate students may apply up to 9 credit hours of approved graduate-level course work to satisfy the requirements for both degrees.
- All requirements for the M.A. in Political Science, including a minimum of 18 credit hours completed in residence in graduate status after the undergraduate degree has been awarded.

M.A. in Political Science

Admission to the Program

In addition to meeting the minimum university requirements for graduate study, applicants must earn a satisfactory score on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). All applicants are evaluated on the basis of scholastic achievement in their last 60 credit hours of undergraduate work, two letters of recommendation and an essay on career interest. Applicants who wish to be considered for departmental honor awards must apply for full-time status.

Degree Requirements

- 33 credit hours of approved graduate work
- Written comprehensive examination in American politics, applied politics, or comparative politics, depending on track

Tracks

Political Science or Applied Politics

Course Requirements

Political Science: American Politics

- GOVT-610 Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Political Science (3)
- GOVT-650 Political Analysis (3)
- 600 level course in comparative politics or political theory (3)
- 15 credit hours in American politics including:
GOVT-651 The Legislative Process (3) (or another course on Congress with permission of the student's advisor)
GOVT-652 The Presidency and the Executive Branch (3)
approved courses on public opinion, political behavior, elections, parties, or interest groups
- 9 credit hours selected from political science or other disciplines, which may include 3 credit hours of GOVT-691 Internship

Political Science: Comparative Politics

- GOVT-610 Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Political Science (3)
- GOVT-632 Classics of Comparative Politics (3)
- GOVT-650 Political Analysis (3)
- One political theory course (3)
- 600 level course in American politics (3)
- 9 credit hours from the following:
GOVT-633 Political Institutions in Comparative Perspective (3)
GOVT-634 Democratization: Past, Present, Future (3)
GOVT-635 Social and Political Movements, Ethnicity and Nationalism (3)
SPA comparative politics courses
- 9 credit hours selected from political science or other disciplines, which may include 3 credit hours of GOVT-691 Internship

Applied Politics

- GOVT-610 Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Political Science (3)
- GOVT-620 Applied Politics and American Public Policy (3)
- GOVT-650 Political Analysis (3)
- One of the following:
GOVT-520 Advanced Studies in Campaign Management (4)
GOVT-523 The Art and Craft of Lobbying (4)
GOVT-685 Topics in Women and Politics: Women, the Law and Litigating for Social Change (4)
- Two 1 credit courses from the following:
Campaign Management Institute (GOVT-520)
Campaign Field (1)
Strategy, Theme and Message (1)
Political Writing (1)
or other approved topics
Public Affairs Institute (GOVT-523)
Survey Research, Focus Groups, Media (1)
Lobbying and the Internet (1)
Grassroots Lobbying (1)
or other approved topics
Women and Politics Institute (GOVT-685)
Women in Congress (1)
Women's Health Policy (1)
Politics of Women and National Security (1)
or other approved topics
- 18 credit hours from the following:
GOVT-520 Advanced Studies in Campaign Management (4) (if not taken to fulfill requirement above)
GOVT-523 The Art and Craft of Lobbying (4) (if not taken to fulfill requirement above)
GOVT-525 Congress and the Executive (3)
GOVT-540 Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Lobbying (3)
GOVT-541 The Politics of Mass Communication (3)
GOVT-651 The Legislative Process (3)
GOVT-652 The Presidency and the Executive Branch (3)
GOVT-656 Voting Behavior, Elections and Campaigns (3)
GOVT-674 Constitutional Law and Politics (3)
GOVT-685 Topics in Women and Politics (1-4) (if not taken to fulfill requirement above)
GOVT-691 Internship (1-6)
PUAD-560 Intergovernmental Relations (3)
or other SPA comparative politics course

Ph.D. in Political Science

Admission to the Program

Applicants are considered and admitted for the fall semester only. February 1 is the deadline for application for admission. All applicants must submit scores from the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The normal minimum for consideration is a grade point average of 3.30 (on a 4.00 scale) in all previous academic work. Preference will be given to applicants for full-time study, although highly qualified students may be admitted for part-time study.

Major Fields

American Politics, Comparative Politics, Policy Analysis, Public Administration, and Justice, Law and Society

Degree Requirements

- 72 credit hours of approved graduate work is required for students entering the program with a bachelor's degree; a minimum of 48 credit hours is required of students who have completed an approved master's degree.

A minimum grade point average of 3.2 in all course work is required to remain in good standing and to earn the degree.

- Advancement to candidacy is accomplished by successfully completing a written qualifying examination at the end of the second semester of study.
- Students take written comprehensive examinations in American politics or comparative politics and one of the remaining major field areas. They master the subject matter of the third through formal course work. Selection of fields from the Department of Government and the School of International Service (SIS) and scheduling of all examinations requires the approval of the political science Ph.D. faculty advisor and the chair of the Department of Government. Selection of fields from outside the Department of Government and SIS requires the approval of the SPA director of doctoral programs. Following completion of the written examinations, all students take an oral examination to defend their dissertation proposal before a committee of faculty members.

The remaining major field areas include public administration, policy analysis, justice, law and society, methods, and any Ph.D. field offered at American University, subject to the approval of the political science Ph.D. faculty advisor. Methods is offered only as a third, non-comprehensive field. Two of the three major field areas must be offered by the School of Public Affairs. Under special circumstances, students may take a field outside American University, subject to the approval of the SPA director of doctoral programs.

- The Ph.D. is fundamentally a research degree. Understanding scientific inquiry and correctly using research techniques require extensive preparation. All students in the program take three courses designed to help doctoral students comprehend the nature of science and master tools of research (see Course Requirements, below).

Each student selects a specialization in which to complete an original research project under the direction of program faculty and write a dissertation. Students may choose research projects within one of the major areas or select a research specialization from one of the other graduate fields within the school.

Each student prepares a research proposal for the dissertation project. It is the responsibility of the student to secure the agreement of a School of Public Affairs full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty member to serve as the chair of the dissertation committee. One of the other two members of the committee may be from outside SPA. As part of this process, each student must publicly defend the research proposal before the dissertation committee and other interested faculty. The committee and the SPA director of doctoral programs (acting for the dean) must approve the defense and the research proposal. The topic covered by the proposal must be related to ongoing research or publications of the supervising faculty.

As work on the dissertation project progresses, students register for 6–12 credit hours of directed study. Substantive course work may be used as part of this requirement where it contributes directly to the research specialization and is specifically recommended by the dissertation committee chair.

Upon completion of the research and the written dissertation, the candidate submits the manuscript to the dissertation committee for review. If the committee members approve the manuscript, the candidate must complete an oral defense of the dissertation and the general field in which it lies before the committee and other interested faculty. The committee determines conclusively at this point whether the dissertation and examination are acceptable.

The dissertation must consist of high quality original research directly relevant to the student's doctoral program. A dissertation proposal may be rejected if the topic does not address a major research issue in political science or public administration, the research design is inadequate, the methodology is inappropriate, or because no full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty member in the School of Public Affairs is academically competent or available to supervise the project. If the candidate fails to maintain satisfactory progress toward completion of the dissertation, his or her candidacy may be terminated.

Course Requirements

- GOVT-710 Seminar in American Politics (3)
 - Additional advanced courses in American politics, proseminars and additional advanced courses in the two remaining major field areas, including comparative politics, justice, law and society, policy analysis, public administration, methods, and any Ph.D. field offered at American University, subject to the approval of the SPA director of doctoral programs. Proseminars are selected from:
 - GOVT-720 Seminar in Policy Analysis (3)
 - GOVT-730 Seminar in Comparative Politics (3)
 - JLS-710 Seminar in Justice, Law and Society (3)
 - PUAD-710 Seminar in Public Administration (3)
- Three courses in research design and methodology:
- GOVT-612 Conduct of Inquiry I (3)
 - GOVT-613 Conduct of Inquiry II (3)
 - GOVT-614 Research in Political and Administrative Behavior (3) *or*
 - GOVT-615 Qualitative Research Methods (3) *or*
 - GOVT-704 Approaches to Political Understanding (3)
 - GOVT-799 Doctoral Dissertation Seminar (6–12)

Graduate Certificate in Women, Policy, and Political Leadership

Admission to the Program

Open to students with a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 6 credit hours at the 600-level or above with grades of C or better. Grades of C- or D in certificate program courses are not accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements, although these grades will be included in the calculation of the GPA. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period and complete the certificate in four years. International students must enroll in 9 credit hours each semester (except for summer). A maximum of 3 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

- Two from the following:
 - GOVT-682 Women and Politics (3)
 - GOVT-683 Women, Politics, and Public Policy (3)
 - GOVT-684 Women and Political Leadership (3)
- One of the following:
 - GOVT-685 Topics in Women and Politics:
 - Women, the Law and Litigating for Social Change (4)
 - GOVT-520 Advanced Studies in Campaign Management (4)

GOVT-523 The Art and Craft of Lobbying (4)

- A minimum of two 1 credit courses from the following:

GOVT-685 Topics in Women and Politics:

- Politics and Economics of Sexual Harassment
- Politics and Policy of Women's Health
- Politics and Policy of Reproductive Rights
- Politics and Policy of Women and the Media
- Politics of Title IX and Gender Equity
- Politics of Violence against Women
- Women and National Security Policy
- Women World Leaders
- Women and the 2004 Campaign
- Women, the Law and the Legal Process

- 3 credit hours from the following or other courses as approved by the program director:

COMM-510 Women in Journalism (3)

ECON-574 Women and the Economy (3)

GOVT-686 Feminist Political Theory (3)

GOVT-584 Gender and Politics in the Middle East (3)

JLS-526 Domestic Violence (3)

JLS-535 Gender and the Law (3)

SIS-517 Gender, Human Rights, and Conflict (3)

SIS-648 Women and Development (3)

SOCY-570 Sociology of Gender and Family

SOCY-670 Gender, Family and Work