

POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Political Science offers a comprehensive curriculum designed to provide a thorough understanding of politics while providing a foundation for careers in government, law, education, business, and other fields. In addition to courses on political ideas, behavior, and institutions at the local, state, national, and international levels, the department offers opportunities for students to participate in research projects, internship programs, scholarship competitions, study abroad, a political science honor society (<http://uwm.edu/political-science/undergraduate/pi-sigma-alpha/>), and a program in law studies.

The curriculum is divided into four areas of study:

American Politics

American politics involves the study of U.S. political institutions at the national level (e.g., Congress, Presidency, Judiciary), state and local government and politics, political parties, interest groups, policy making, elections and voting behavior, public opinion, public law and the judicial process, constitutional interpretation, and the field of public administration.

Comparative Politics

Comparative politics studies political systems of nations outside the United States, including those in Western and Eastern Europe, Latin America, Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Russia.

Faculty

Name	Rank	Degree	School	Graduate Faculty	Emeritus Faculty
Ivan Ascher	Associate Professor, Undergraduate Director	PhD	University of California-Berkeley	✓	
Robert J. Beck	Associate Professor	PhD	Georgetown University	✓	
Natasha Borges Sugiyama	Professor, Interim Director for Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies	PhD	University of Texas-Austin	✓	
Eric C. Browne	Professor Emeritus	PhD			✓
Kathleen Dolan	Distinguished Professor Emeritus	PhD	University of Maryland-College Park		✓
Marcus E. Ethridge	Professor Emeritus	PhD			✓
Kennan Ferguson	Professor	PhD	University of Hawaii	✓	
David C. Garnham	Professor Emeritus	PhD			✓
Uk Heo	Distinguished Professor	PhD	Texas A&M University	✓	
Thomas M. Holbrook	Distinguished Professor Emeritus	PhD	University of Iowa		✓
Shale A. Horowitz	Professor, Director of International Studies	PhD	University of California-Los Angeles	✓	

International Relations

International relations focuses on American foreign policy, international organizations (e.g., the United Nations), international economics, war and peace, and international law.

Political Theory

Political theorizing means questioning the assumptions underlying both politics and political science. Courses in political theory are designed to help students understand political experiences as they are interpreted by those who are engaged in politics and also by those who study it. Political theory therefore includes the history of political ideas, the writings of major theorists, and theories of history and the social sciences.

Programs

- Political Science, BA (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/political-science/political-science-ba/>)
- Political Science, MA (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/political-science/political-science-ma/>)
- Political Science, MA: International Affairs (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/political-science/political-science-international-affairs-ma/>)
- Political Science, MA: Political Data Analysis (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/political-science/political-science-data-analysis-ma/>)
- Political Science, Minor (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/political-science/political-science-minor/>)
- Political Science, PhD (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/political-science/political-science-phd/>)

Douglas Ihrke	Professor, Chair of the Department of Public and Nonprofit Administration, Executive Director of the Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management	PhD	Northern Illinois University	✓	
David Nachmias	Professor Emeritus	PhD			✓
Terry Nardin	Professor Emeritus	PhD			✓
Erin Olsen (Kaheny)	Associate Professor	PhD	University of South Carolina	✓	
Hong Min Park	Associate Professor, Chair	PhD	Washington University	✓	
Sara Pashak (Benesh)	Professor	PhD	Michigan State University	✓	
Stephen L. Percy	Professor Emeritus	PhD			✓
Donald Pienkos	Professor Emeritus	PhD			✓
Joel Rast	Professor, Director of Urban Studies, Director of Center of Economic Development	PhD	University of Oregon	✓	
Steven Redd	Professor Emeritus	PhD	Texas A&M University		✓
Ora John Reuter	Professor, Graduate Director	PhD	Emory University	✓	
John Wanat	Professor Emeritus	PhD			✓
Meredith W. Watts	Professor Emeritus	PhD			✓
Ronald E. Weber	Professor Emeritus	PhD			✓