

Political Science (PLS)

The program in political science is offered through the Division of Social Sciences. It is the study of human behavior as it relates to government and politics. Students studying political science are prepared to understand the governmental process and its relationship to the other major institutions in our society. At Pikeville College a combination major with history is offered.

History/Political Science Major

Basic program for a baccalaureate degree

- I. Core Requirements..... 52-56 hours
- II. Requirements for Combined Major 36 hours
 - History (21-24 hours)
 - HIS 221 World Civilization I..... 3
 - HIS 222 World Civilization II..... 3
 - HIS 225 United States History I 3
 - HIS 226 United States History II 3
 - HIS Electives 300-400 level..... 9-12
 - Political Science (12-15 hours)
 - PLS 223 United States Government and Politics 3
 - PLS Electives (6 hours must be at 300-400 level) 9-12
- III. General electives as needed to meet the minimum requirements of 128 semester hours.

Political Science Course Descriptions

PLS 223 United States Government and Politics.....(3)

A study of the government of the United States, its structure and functions.
Prerequisite: ENG 111 or ENG 114.

PLS 323 Comparative Government.....(3)

A study of foreign governments. *Prerequisite: PLS 223.*

PLS 325 Political Communication(3)

This course studies communication as it serves the political system, society, and Americans as individuals. Topics include communication in the governing process and in campaigns, and communication as a way of expressing and reinforcing political values. Specific goals: to understand the roles and functions of communication in American politics; to identify the variables and actors in political communication; and to investigate the roles of the mass media in American politics. *Prerequisites: ENG 112 or ENG 115 and COM 225 and PLS 223. Cross-listed as COM 325.*

PLS 423 International Relations.....(3)

A study of the state system, national power, the balance of power, nationalism, imperialism and colonialism, war as an instrument of national policy, economic instruments of national policy, diplomacy, collective security, international law and organization, and regional integration. *Prerequisite: PLS 223.*

PLS 448 The Development of the American Constitution(3)

A study of the development of the Constitution of the United States and its interpretation as a result of judicial interpretation, statutes, and amendments. *Prerequisites: HIS 225 and HIS 226 or PLS 223. Cross-listed as HIS 448.*

PLS 455 American Chief Executive(3)

A study of the American Chief Executive. The course will focus on the development of the Presidency as an institution and as an expression of the men who have held the office. *Prerequisites: HIS 225 and HIS 226 or PLS 223. Cross-listed as HIS 455.*

PLS 463 American Foreign Relations, 1776 to Present(3)

A study of events and policies which have dominated the history of American foreign relations from 1776 to the present. *Prerequisites: PLS 223 or HIS 225, and HIS 226. Cross-listed as HIS 463.*

PLS 490 Special Topics(3)

A study of a selected topic of special interest. The topic may be proposed by either the Instructor or students, and may be taken for credit any number of times, provided a different topic is studied each time. *Prerequisites: Twelve hours of political science and/or permission of the Instructor.*

PLS 495 Seminar in Political Science(3)

An intensive course in research methods and analysis of a selected topic of historical and political significance. *Prerequisites: PLS 223 and consent of Instructor. May be cross-listed as HIS 495.*

PLS 498 Pre-Law Internship (1-6)

PLS 499 Directed Individual Study in Political Science (1-6)

With the consent of the Division Chair, seniors may pursue an approved course of independent study in a field of political science. Required will be weekly reports to the instructor, a paper or papers, embodying the results of study, and an examination. *Prerequisites: PLS 223 and consent of Instructor, Division Chair, and Dean of the College.*