

Government and Political Philosophy



Belmont Abbey
COLLEGE

Includes

PO 201 The American Constitution
PO 211/PO 212 Classical Texts of Political Philosophy I & II
PO 301 American Political Parties
PO 302 American Public Policy
PO 303 Readings in Political Economy
PO 309/310 American Constitutional Law I & II
PO 311 Moot Court
PO 331 The American Congress
PO 341 American Foreign Policy

Program Summary

The general goal of the Department is to make a substantial contribution to the liberal education of its students. In particular, our students should expect to become familiar with the major figures of political philosophy and the structure and operation of the American polity. Students should also expect to be challenged to improve their ability to communicate clearly and powerfully in speech and writing. The Department believes that such skills are essential preparation for future professional success. Ultimately, the Government & Political Philosophy Department hopes to inspire students to form a life-long commitment to thoughtful learning.

Beyond the Classroom

The Government and Political Philosophy faculty are committed to modeling and encouraging the further development of honesty, integrity, and virtue in our students. Our hope is to provide an atmosphere of learning and study that will, in keeping with the highest values of a Catholic and Benedictine education, enable you people to engage in the world so as to become responsible citizens and promote the common good.

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Questions?

Ask your Admissions Counselor or a Faculty member of this department!



CURRICULUM CHECK SHEET

	GRADE	CREDIT
WRITING, 6 HRS		
RH 101 Rhetoric, Logic, Grammar, and Writing I		3
RH102 Rhetoric, Logic, Grammar, and Writing II		3

FIRST-YEAR SYMPOSIUM, 3 HRS		
<i>(for first time traditional students or transfers with fewer than 12 credit hours)</i>		
FS101 First Year Symposium		3

QUANTITATIVE REASONING, 3 HRS		
<i>(MA135, 151,152, or any 200-level math course, statistics, or calculus)</i>		

THEOLOGY, 6 HRS		
TH105 Introduction to Scripture		3
TH205 Introduction to Theology		3

PHILOSOPHY, 6 HRS		
* PO211 Classic Texts of Political Philosophy I		3
* PO212 Classic Texts of Political Philosophy II		3

HISTORY, 6 HRS		
HI101 Western Civilization I		3
HI102 Western Civilization II		3

LITERATURE, 6 HRS		
EN211 Literary Classics of the Western Tradition I		3
EN212 Literary Classics of the Western Tradition II		3

FINE ARTS, 3 HRS		
<i>(AR101,102,EN216,TA108,TA110,MU101,OR MU110)</i>		

NATURAL SCIENCES, 8 HRS		
BI101 General Biology		4
SC110 Physical World		4

SOCIAL SCIENCES, 6 HRS		
PO201 The U.S. Constitution		3
PC201/SO201/EC201/CJ201		3

120 SEMESTER HOURS AND A MINIMUM 2.00 GPA REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.

THE LAST 30 CREDITS OF YOUR DEGREE MUST BE OBTAINED

MAJOR: BA Gov't and Pol. Philosophy

MAJOR COURSES		
COURSE	GRADE	CREDIT
PO309 American Constitutional Law I		3
PO361 American Political Thought I		3
PO401 Classical Political Philosophy		3
PO450 Senior Seminar		3
CHOOSE CONCENTRATION		3
A- CONCENTRATION AMERICAN GOVT		21
PO310 Constitutional Law II		3
PO331 The American Congress		3
PO332 The American Presidency		3
PO362 American Political Thought II		1
B- CONCENTRATION POLITICAL GOVT		21
PO321		3
PO402 Medieval Political Philosophy		3
PO403 Early Modern Political Philosophy		3
3 PO Electives		3
PO ELECTIVE		3
PO ELECTIVE		3
PO ELECTIVE		3
SENIOR THESES		3

GENERAL ELECTIVES 10-15 HRS		

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		
WRITING INTENSIVE		
COMPUTER COMP/COMPUTER EXAM		

MINOR		
<i>(15 HRS. & 300 OR 400 LEVEL)</i>		

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY THAT ALL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION ARE MET.

* As an alternative to PO211 and 212, students may opt to take the Philosophy sequence per the *Academic Catalogue*.