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DEGREE PROGRAMS

- BA in Political Science
Concentrations: American Politics, International Affairs, Legal Studies, Public Administration
- Master of Public Administration (MPA)
Concentrations: Civic and Nonprofit Leadership and Administration, Sustainable Community Development

UNDERGRADUATE MINORS

- Civic Education and Community Leadership*
 - Political Science
- * Interdisciplinary minor

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

THE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

The Department of Political Science offers five programs of study in political science: a political science major (no concentration), a political science major (American politics concentration), a political science major (international affairs concentration), a political science major (legal studies concentration) and a political science major (public administration concentration).

The political science major (no concentration) offers students an understanding of governmental structures and political processes in their own country and in other parts of the world. This program provides a foundation for graduate work in political science, public administration and international affairs, for the study of law, and for professional careers in teaching and in the public and private sectors.

The political science major (international affairs concentration) offers students an understanding of the structures and processes that govern political and economic relations among global actors. This program provides a foundation for graduate work in international politics, international business and economics, international law and organization, and for a professional career in these fields.

The political science major (legal studies concentration) offers students a background for professional careers in the field of

law. This program provides a foundation for law school and for paralegal studies.

The political science major (American politics concentration) offers students a broad understanding of American politics. The concentration is designed to provide strong undergraduate scientific education in preparation for entry into advanced degree programs and professional careers in public service, private institutions and political organizations in the United States.

The political science major (public administration concentration) prepares students for a career focus in the public and nonprofit sectors at the federal, state, and local levels. The concentration is designed for those students who wish to pursue a Master of Public Administration degree and/or a career in this field.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

The Department of Political Science offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CORE COURSES

All political science majors, regardless of their concentration, **must complete 21 credits** by taking the following core courses.

Credits

POLI 172 Introduction to American Government.....	3
POLI 250 Research Methods in Political Science.....	3
POLI 260 International Relations	3
POLI 274 Western Political Thought-Plato to the Present.....	3
POLI 275 Comparative Government.....	3
POLI 277 American Government: State and Local	3
POLI 475 Senior Seminar in Political Science (Writing Intensive in the Major Core Curriculum Requirement-CWRM).....	3

Note: Only three credits in each of the following may be applied to the major, regardless of concentration and minor: POLI 498 Internship in Political Science; POLI 499 Directed Study in Political Science; practicum in political science (including POLI 301 Model Senate Practicum and POLI 302 Moot Court and Mock Trial Practicum)

Total minimum credits in political science CORE: 21

Grade Requirement

No grade lower than a "C-" in a political science (POLI) course may be used to fulfill the requirements for the political science major or minor. Students receiving a "D" or "F" in a political science course may continue as political science majors or minor but must either retake and successfully complete the course (with a grade of "C-" or better) or must successfully complete another course that fulfills the same area for the major or minor.

Core Curriculum Requirements

A minimum of 120 earned hours is required for graduation. These earned hours include the core curriculum requirements as specified in the "Undergraduate Academic Programs" section of this catalog and at the Core Curriculum Web site, www.bridgew.edu/corecurriculum. For additional graduation requirements, see the "Undergraduate Academic Policies" section of this catalog.

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

No Concentration

A student choosing the political science major (no concentration) **must complete** the political science major CORE courses (21 credits) and 15 credits (five courses) at the POLI 300 or 400 level.

Total minimum credits: 36

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

American Politics Concentration

A student choosing the political science major (American politics concentration) **must complete** the CORE courses above and the concentration requirements below:

	Credits
Political Science CORE courses	21
A minimum of one course <i>must</i> be selected from the following	3
POLI 341 Constitutional Law and Politics: The Powers of Government	
POLI 372 Legislative Process and Procedure	
POLI 391 The American Presidency	
In addition, a minimum of one course <i>must</i> be selected from the following.....	3
POLI 375 American Political Parties and Interest Groups	
POLI 379 Voters, Elections and Campaigns	
POLI 380 Public Opinion and Mass Political Behavior	
In addition, students choosing the American politics concentration must select electives (other than those taken in the categories above) from the course menu below to meet the 15 credit requirement of the concentration	9
POLI 341 Constitutional Law and Politics: The Powers of Government	
POLI 342 Constitutional Law and Politics: The First Amendment	
POLI 343 Constitutional Law and Politics: Liberty and Equality	
POLI 344 Constitutional Law and Politics: Rights of the Accused	
POLI/COMM 364 Political Communication	
POLI 368 American Political Thought	
POLI 372 Legislative Process and Procedure	
POLI 375 American Political Parties and Interest Groups	
POLI 376 Urban Politics	
POLI 379 Voters, Elections and Campaigns	
POLI 380 Public Opinion and Mass Political Behavior	
POLI 389 Racial Politics in the United States	
POLI 391 The American Presidency	
POLI 476 Women and Politics	
POLI 479 Public Policy	
POLI 485 Honors Thesis in Political Science	
POLI 498 Internship in Political Science (three credits only)	
Total minimum credits: 36	

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

International Affairs Concentration

A student choosing the political science major (international affairs concentration) **must complete** the CORE courses above and the concentration requirements below:

	Credits
Political Science CORE courses	21
POLI 384 United States Foreign Policy	3
POLI 473 International Organization.....	3
Choose one course from the following.....	3
POLI 370 Canadian Foreign Policy: Actors and Issues	
POLI 377 Canadian-American Political Relations	
POLI 386 Canadian Politics	
Choose one course from the following.....	3
POLI 330 Asian Politics	
POLI 381 United States-Latin American Relations	
POLI 382 Latin American Government and Politics	
POLI 385 Government and Politics in the Middle East	
POLI 387 Government and Politics of Africa	
POLI 388 Government and Politics of Eastern Europe	
Choose one course from the following.....	3
POLI 361 International Political Economy	
POLI 365 International Politics of the Environment	
POLI 455 Totalitarian Political Systems: Dictators and the Reign of Terror	
POLI 485 Honors Thesis in Political Science	
POLI 488 Politics and Development in the Third World	
POLI 498 Internship in Political Science (three credits only)	
Total minimum credits: 36	

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

Legal Studies Concentration

A student choosing the political science major (legal studies concentration) **must complete** the CORE courses above and the concentration requirements below:

	Credits
Political Science CORE courses	21
All of the following:	
POLI 285 Law and the Judicial Process.....	3
POLI 341 Constitutional Law and Politics: The Powers of Government.....	3
POLI 372 Legislative Process and Procedure.....	3
One course selected from the following	3
POLI 342 Constitutional Law and Politics: The First Amendment	
POLI 343 Constitutional Law and Politics: Liberty and Equality	
POLI 344 Constitutional Law and Politics: Rights of the Accused	
POLI 495 Administrative Law and Regulation	
One course selected from the following	3
PHIL 222 Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 235 Human Rights and Human Liberties	

- POLI/ECON 340 Law and Economics
- POLI 400 Special Topics in Political Science*
- POLI 485 Honors Thesis in Political Science*
- POLI 498 Internship in Political Science (three credits only)*

* Credit earned will count toward the legal studies concentration only if a significant portion of the course content or internship is related to the law. A determination as to whether the course or internship meets this requirement will be made by the department chairperson. If the chairperson concludes that the course or internship is not sufficiently related to the law, then the course or internship will not satisfy this requirement of the legal studies concentration.

Total minimum credits: 36

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

Public Administration Concentration

A student choosing the political science major (public administration concentration) **must complete** the CORE courses above and the concentration requirements below:

Credits

Political Science CORE courses	21
POLI 279 Introduction to Public Administration	3
POLI 390 Public Finance	3
Three courses selected from the following	9
POLI 201 Citizenship and Community Leadership	
POLI 376 Urban Politics	
POLI 400 Special Topics in Political Science*	
POLI 479 Public Policy	
POLI 485 Honors Thesis in Political Science	
POLI 495 Administrative Law and Regulation	
POLI 479 Public Policy	
POLI 498 Internship in Political Science (three credits only)*	

* Credit earned will count toward the public administration concentration only if a significant portion of the course content or internship is related to public administration. A determination as to whether the course or internship meets this requirement will be made by the department chairperson. If the chairperson concludes that the course or internship is not sufficiently related to public administration, the course or internship will not satisfy the requirement of the public administration concentration.

Total minimum credits: 36

DOUBLE MAJOR WITH ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Students may choose a double major in political science and elementary education, early childhood education or special education for licensure purposes. Appropriate advising materials with suggested course sequences are available.

POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

A student may qualify as a political science minor by completing the following requirements:

Credits

POLI 172 Introduction to American Government	3
POLI 260 International Relations	3
POLI 274 Western Political Thought-Plato to the Present	3
POLI 275 Comparative Government	3
Three electives, at least one of which must be at the POLI 300 - 400 level.	9

Only three credits of internship or directed study may be applied toward the minor.

Grade Requirement

No grade lower than a "C-" in a political science (POLI) course may be used to fulfill the requirements for the political science major or minor. Students receiving a "D" or "F" in a political science course may continue as political science majors or minor but must either retake and successfully complete the course (with a grade of "C-" or better) or must successfully complete another course that fulfills the same area for the major or minor.

Total minimum credits: 21

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

An internship program in political science is available to all students, majors and nonmajors, who meet the program criteria. A wide range of assignments are available with federal, state and local governments and nonprofit organizations. Assignment to the internship program is based on application to and subsequent selection by the internship supervisor. Application procedures follow college policy (see section on "Internships" in the "Undergraduate Academic Experience" section of this catalog). To be eligible for an internship, a political science major or minor must have already completed POLI 172 and a 300-level political science course and must receive the consent of the internship supervisor. Non-political science majors and minors must have the approval of their major adviser and the political science internship supervisor and must have taken one political science course. Interns must have achieved at least a junior standing. Credits shall be limited to three unless more are approved by the Department of Political Science. However, only three credits may apply to the major or the minor. It is recommended that those students with an interest in the program confer with the internship supervisor as soon as possible in the semester before their proposed internship.

HONORS PROGRAM

The honors program in political science provides highly motivated political science majors with opportunities to enhance their academic program through intensive scholarly study and research designed to be of assistance in postgraduate employment or in the pursuit of an advanced degree in political science. Contact the Department of Political Science for further information concerning eligibility and application.

PI SIGMA ALPHA

The Department of Political Science has a chapter (the Pi Upsilon Chapter) of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. Each year, the political science faculty selects and invites political science majors who are juniors and seniors and who have demonstrated outstanding academic accomplishments to join. Each initiate receives an inscribed certificate of membership.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Political Science offers the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree. The MPA program provides professional education to prepare persons for leadership roles in public administration and public affairs at the federal, state and local levels with flexible career opportunities in both the public and nonprofit sectors.

Program Description

Course work

The MPA program accommodates the needs of both precareer students and in-career professionals by offering alternative program requirements that take into account the student's academic and professional background. Students with a bachelor's degree and no professional work experience are expected to complete a 45-credit-hour degree program (including six hours of professional internship), while in-career professionals are expected to complete a 39-credit-hour program. Up to six hours of appropriate graduate course work taken elsewhere may be transferred into the degree program.

The MPA Curriculum

Both precareer and in-career students must complete a 24-hour MPA core curriculum component of the degree program. These courses are:

	Credits
POLI 501 Introduction to Public Institutions and Administration.....	3
POLI 510 Introduction to Research in Public Administration	3
POLI 511 Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis.....	3
POLI 521 Public Finance	3
POLI 531 Public Personnel.....	3
POLI 532 Organizational Theory and Behavior for Public and Nonprofit Institutions.....	3
POLI 541 Legislative-Executive Relations	3
or	
POLI 542 Administrative Law and Regulation	
POLI 591 Capstone Seminar in Public Administration	3
All students are also required to complete 15 hours of electives of which three credits must be in POLI 506 Public Administration module. Precareer students must complete an additional six hours in POLI 598 Internship in Public Administration.....	
	15
Total minimum credits:	39

Concentrations

There are two areas in which an MPA candidate may concentrate; elective courses are available in each of the areas. As an alternative to earning a degree within a concentration area, students may pursue a generalist MPA track. For students seeking to earn a degree in a concentration, a minimum of three elective courses must be taken in the substantive area. The substantive concentration areas are as follows:

- Civic and Nonprofit Leadership and Administration
- Sustainable Community Development

An additional three hours must be taken in three one-credit professional development modules.

Admission Requirements

Detailed information about admissions is provided in the "School of Graduate Studies" section of the catalog.

- A bachelor's degree from a four-year accredited college or university; if the degree has not yet been awarded at the time of application, the successful applicant must be nearing completion of the bachelor's degree
- A minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75, an acceptable GRE score and an interview with the MPA program faculty. To receive a clear admit status, MPA applicants must have a composite score of 900 or greater on the quantitative and verbal parts of the GRE General Test. To receive a conditional acceptance, MPA applicants must have a composite score of 700-899 on the quantitative and verbal parts of the GRE General Test
- A résumé
- Three letters of recommendation should come from professors or practitioners familiar with the student's academic ability. Students failing to meet the standard graduate admissions criteria may also be considered on a conditional basis of acceptance
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate course work

Contact the School of Graduate Studies to receive a catalog and application material.

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

No Concentration

Core Courses

	Credits
POLI 501 Introduction to Public Institutions and Administration.....	3
POLI 510 Introduction to Research in Public Administration.....	3
POLI 511 Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis.....	3
POLI 521 Public Finance	3
POLI 531 Public Personnel.....	3
POLI 532 Organizational Theory and Behavior for Public and Nonprofit Institutions.....	3
POLI 541 Legislative-Executive Relations.....	3
or	
POLI 542 Administrative Law and Regulation	
POLI 591 Capstone Seminar in Public Administration	3

Electives 15

As part of the 15 credits required in electives, each student must take three one-credit professional development modules (POLI 506 Public Administration Module)

The remaining 12 credits in electives must be selected, with adviser approval, from the 500-level Political Science (POLI) course offerings.

Total minimum credit: 39

Internship

Students with a bachelor's degree and no professional work experience must complete a six-credit internship in addition to the requirements above..... 6

NOTE: Internship (598), directed study or research (503 and 502), and special topics (592) in political science credits may be applied to the four elective courses and other concentration requirements only if they are related to the student's concentration. This determination is made by the MPA coordinator.

Total minimum credits: 45

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Civic and Nonprofit Leadership and Administration Concentration

The purpose of the civic and nonprofit leadership and administration concentration is to develop leadership and administrative skills in strengthening organizational capacity, fostering civic and democratic life, and building social capital through understanding of the historical, political, economic, social and technological aspects of civic and nonprofit organizations.

Core Courses

Credits

POLI 501 Introduction to Public Institutions and Administration.....	3
POLI 510 Introduction to Research in Public Administration.....	3
POLI 511 Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis.....	3
POLI 521 Public Finance	3
POLI 531 Public Personnel	3
POLI 532 Organizational Theory and Behavior for Public and Nonprofit Institutions.....	3
POLI 541 Legislative-Executive Relations	3
or	
POLI 542 Administrative Law and Regulation	
POLI 591 Capstone Seminar in Public Administration	3

Electives 15

As part of the 15 credits required in electives, each student must take three one-credit professional development modules (POLI 506 Public Administration Module)

The remaining 12 credits in electives must be selected from the courses listed below:

POLI 502 Research
POLI 503 Directed Study
POLI 513 Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement in Public Administration
POLI 533 Administrative Ethics
POLI 534 Public Service Leadership
POLI 571 Introduction to Nonprofit Theory and Management

POLI 572 Strategies for Successful Nonprofits: Fundraising

POLI 592 Special Topics in Public Administration

POLI 598 Internship: Public Administration

Total minimum credits: 39

Internship

Students with a bachelor's degree and no professional work experience must complete a six-credit internship in addition to the requirements above..... 6

NOTE: Internship (598), directed study or research (503 and 502), and special topics (592) in political science credits may be applied to the four elective courses and other concentration requirements only if they are related to the student's concentration. This determination is made by the MPA coordinator.

Total minimum credits: 45

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Sustainable Community Development Concentration

The purpose of the sustainable community development concentration is to develop leadership and administrative skills in integrating sustainable economic development, environmental protection, and social well-being at local, regional, national and international levels of governance.

Core Courses

Credits

POLI 501 Introduction to Public Institutions and Administration.....	3
POLI 510 Introduction to Research in Public Administration.....	3
POLI 511 Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis.....	3
POLI 521 Public Finance	3
POLI 531 Public Personnel.....	3
POLI 532 Organizational Theory and Behavior for Public and Nonprofit Institutions.....	3
POLI 541 Legislative-Executive Relations	3
or	
POLI 542 Administrative Law and Regulation	
POLI 591 Capstone Seminar in Public Administration	3

Electives 15

As part of the 15 credits required in electives, each student must take three one-credit professional development modules (POLI 506 Public Administration Module)

The remaining 12 credits in electives must be selected from the courses listed below:

POLI 502 Research
POLI 503 Directed Study
POLI 513 Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement in Public Administration
POLI 533 Administrative Ethics
POLI 534 Public Service Leadership
POLI 551 Managing Economic and Community Development
POLI 552 Municipal Organization and Management
POLI 561 Sustainable Development and Globalization in Public Administration
POLI 592 Special Topics in Public Administration
POLI 598 Internship: Public Administration

Total minimum credits: 39

Internship

Students with a bachelor's degree and no professional work experience must complete a six-credit internship in addition to the requirements listed above(6)

NOTE: Internship (598), directed study or research (503 and 502), and special topics (592) in political science credits may be applied to the four elective courses and other concentration requirements only if they are related to the student's concentration. This determination is made by the MPA coordinator.

Total minimum credits: 45

Exit Requirement

The MPA program offers some degree of flexibility for exit from this program. All students are required to fulfill an exit requirement, which in most cases will require passing a written comprehensive examination. This one-day examination allows program faculty to test students' mastery of fundamental principles and issues covered in the core curriculum. Students must have completed at least 30 hours of the degree program to sit for the examination and will have two opportunities to pass the examination.

In appropriate circumstances, such as a student interested in pursuing further graduate work at the doctoral level, a master's thesis may be substituted for the comprehensive examination. Students approved for this option must complete the 39- to 45-credit program, depending on their program admission category. The master's thesis will carry an additional six hours of graduate credit. Credit for a public service internship is granted under this option if the student completes both an internship and a thesis plus 39 hours of course work for a total of 51 hours of credit. The thesis option is especially appropriate for students wishing to pursue a doctorate after completing the MPA, but is open to all students who meet the criteria established by the department. Departmental standards require the student to work closely with his/her adviser and to phase the work so that the project proposal is carefully designed and approved before the student advances to the next stage.

Distinctive Features of the Program

- Professional Development Modules
The program requires that students register for a minimum of three one-credit modules, offered each semester on topics of special relevance to public service. Normally these modules are taught on Saturdays during the semester.
- Internships
A six-credit internship experience (depending upon professional experience) at the local, state or federal level is required for all preprofessional students and will be available as an elective for those professionals who wish to enhance their background.