

Department of Government and Law: Course Listing by Subfield Designation (Updated November 2025)

US Politics	International Politics	Comparative Politics	Political Theory	No Subfield
GOVT 101 Intro to US Politics	GOVT 102 Intro to International Politics	GOVT 103 Intro to Comparative Politics	GOVT 104 Intro to Political Theory	
GOVT 207 Race & Ethnicity in American Politics	GOVT 220 U.S. & Latin American Relations	GOVT 223 Politics of Africa	GOVT 241 Politics of Fashion	GOVT 275 Political Analysis
GOVT 211 State & Local Government and Politics	GOVT 230 International Politics of the Middle East & Persian Gulf	GOVT 225 Politics of Russia, Post-Soviet States, & Eastern Europe	GOVT 242 African American Political Thought	
GOVT 213 Law and Society	GOVT 231 Global Environmental Politics	GOVT 227 Latin American Politics	GOVT 244 Modern Political Theory	
GOVT 215 Campaigns & Elections	GOVT 232 International Political Economy	GOVT 228 Global Democracy	GOVT 245 Early American Political Thought	
GOVT 218 Politics of Public Policy	GOVT 238 East Asian International Relations	GOVT 230 International Pol of the Middle East & Persian Gulf	GOVT 246 Recent American Political Thought	
GOVT 245 Early American Political Thought	GOVT 270 Chinese Foreign Policy	GOVT 280 Media and Politics in Comparative Perspective	GOVT 248 Capitalism & its Critics	
GOVT 310 Politics, Policy, & Law in American Federalism	GOVT 332 Globalization & Security		GOVT 341 Contemporary Political Thought	GOVT 380 Internship
GOVT 311 Constitutional Law & Politics in the US	GOVT 334 American Security Policy		GOVT 342 Conservative Political Thought	GOVT 390/391 Independent Study
GOVT 313 First Amendment in the US	GOVT 336 International Conflict			
GOVT 314 Liberty in the US				
GOVT 315 Equality in the US				
GOVT 320 Presidency & Executive Politics				
GOVT 321 Congress & the Legislative Process				
GOVT 407 Law & Social Movements	GOVT 405 US Foreign Policy in a Changing World	GOVT 412 Politics of European Integration	GOVT 414 Political Thought through Literature	GOVT 495/496 Honors Thesis
GOVT 410 Personality & Supreme Court Decision Making	GOVT 412 Politics of European Integration	GOVT 415 Nationalism in World Politics	GOVT 416 Critical Theory: Power & Resistance	
GOVT 421 American Political Economy	GOVT 415 Nationalism in World Politics	GOVT 420 Issues in Contemporary Latin American Politics	GOVT 418 Race, Prisons, Citizenship	
GOVT 424 Immigration Politics in the U.S.	Govt 419 Global Governance	GOVT 422 Britain & Brexit	GOVT 423 The Radical Right	
GOVT 425 Global Perspectives on American Federalism				

Note: To fulfill the breadth requirement, students who take a course designated as satisfying two subfields (e.g., GOVT 245, 230, 412, 415) can count that course toward either of the identified subfields, but not toward both.

**Department of Government and Law: Major Requirements
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Requirements for the Major

Ten courses within the department, including:

- three of the four introductory courses (GOVT 101, 102, 103, 104);
- exposure to each of the four subfields (American Politics, International Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Theory);
- exposure beyond the introductory level to at least three of the four subfields; and
- two 400-level seminars, or one 400-level seminar and an honors thesis.

Notes:

- 1) Some courses are designated as providing exposure toward more than one subfield. To fulfill the breadth requirement, students who take a course designated as satisfying two subfields can count that course toward either of the identified subfields, but not toward both.
- 2) Because all upper-level political theory courses require Introduction to Political Theory as a prerequisite, majors should plan to take GOVT 104.

Course Listing by Subfield Designation (see reverse for course titles):

US Politics: 101, 207, 211, 213, 215, 218, 245, 310, 311, 313, 314, 315, 320, 321, 407, 410, 421, 424, 425

International Politics: 102, 220, 230, 231, 232, 238, 270, 332, 334, 336, 405, 412, 415, 419

Comparative Politics: 103, 223, 225, 226, 227, 228, 230, 280, 412, 415, 420, 422

Political Theory: 104, 241, 242, 244, 245, 246, 248, 341, 342, 414, 416, 418, 423

Other Courses: 275, 380, 390, 391, 495, 496

More information, including course descriptions, prerequisites, Common Course of Study attributes, is available at <https://govlaw.lafayette.edu/courses/>.