

## **Metrics Report: POLITICAL SCIENCE**

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### **I. Program Overview**

#### **A. Departmental Profile**

Political Science is one of the largest majors in the college and the department consists of over 25 full-time faculty, 54 graduate students, and almost 600 undergraduate majors (including both political science and international studies). Non-majors often take introductory courses in political science to fulfill a number of general education requirements (GERs). The department has increased its graduate ranking in recent years, moving into the top 30 graduate programs in political science, according to US World and News Report.

The department is very strong in most subareas of political science (International Relations/Political Economy, American politics, Comparative Politics and Political Theory/Philosophy), but maintains less emphasis on political theory/philosophy. The department does not offer a major concentration in political theory/philosophy at the graduate level. However, political theory courses taught by Harvey Klehr, Judd Owen, and Robert Bartlett continue to be popular among undergraduates.

The international relations and political economy faculty (Reiter, Doner, Davis) are particularly well-known and well-published/cited in their respective subfields. The department has a number of other notable faculty, including Thomas Walker and Michael Giles (judicial politics), Merle Black (Southern Politics), Harvey Klehr (American communism and political theory), David Davis (ethnic conflict and human rights), and Alan Abramowitz (American electoral behavior).

The department also possesses many strengths in comparative politics, including comparative political economy (e.g., Mark Hallerberg, who has published widely in the subfield) and political institutions (e.g., Thomas Remington, Thomas Lancaster and Hubert Tworzecki). There is also strong regional expertise in the Middle East (Carrie Wickham), Western Europe (Thomas Lancaster and Cliff Carrubba), Eastern/Central Europe (Hubert Tworzecki), Latin America (Juan del Aguila) and Russia/CIS (Thomas Remington).

Public policy is an area of growing expertise in the department, with Michael Owens, Michael Rich and Michael Giles all having research and teaching interests in the subfield. The department is hoping to expand its offerings in the area in the future. There is growing interest as well in areas of urban politics and urban public policy (Michael Owens and new hire, Andra Gillespire, coming this Fall). Teaching coverage is somewhat limited by the department's involvement in the Office of University-Community Partnerships (OUCP) and the Kenneth Cole Fellows Program. These

programs offer unique opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience in community-building work and research.

As in many other departments at Emory, there are a number of associated faculty from other departments and centers that contribute to the department, including:

- Kenneth Stein, Professor of History
- Barry Levitt, Assistant Professor of Spanish and Portuguese
- Shelley McConnell, Carter Center
- Alexander Hicks, Professor of Sociology
- Joanne Brzinski, Associate Dean, Emory College
- Robert Brown, Assistant Dean, Emory College
- Tracy Yandle, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies

## **Curriculum**

Students can major in either political science or international studies. However, no minor is offered for international studies. Additionally, students may not major in both international studies and political science, due to the overlap in course requirements. A student also may not major in international studies and minor in political science.

## **Political Science Requirements**

All undergraduate majors must take Political Science 100 (American Politics) and at least one course from the four major subfields of political science:

- **Political Theory/Philosophy**
- **Comparative Politics**
- **American Politics**
- **International Relations**

Students must also take at least one 300 or 400 level seminar.

Numerous special topics and senior seminar courses are offered each semester and cover a wide range of topics from the nature of NGOs to the use of nuclear weapons. There are often waiting lists to gain a place in one of these seminars.

## **International Studies Requirements**

For the international studies major, students are required to take introductory courses in international politics/relations and comparative politics. In addition, they are required to establish a general area of concentration (Political Economy, Conflict and Security, or State and Society) and a geographic area of concentration (Africa/Middle East, Asia,

Europe, or Latin America and the Caribbean). Students are also required to take an advanced seminar with an international or comparative focus.

## **Other Aspects of the Department**

The department also boasts an active internship program, headed up by Dr. Larry Taulbee. The Department is also very active in the Kenneth Cole Fellows program along with the Office of University-Community Partnerships (OUCP), headed up by Michael Rich, associate professor of political science.

Of considerable importance are the **BA/MA** and **Honors programs**, the latter of which attracts a significant numbers of students each year. These programs introduce undergraduate students to higher-level research methodology and techniques. Honors projects require year-long enrollment in the Honors course, selection of a committee, and an eventual thesis defense. Students are also required to take one or more graduate political science courses to fulfill their degree. Students are introduced to the nature of research design as well as a number of quantitative and qualitative methods typical in social science analysis. Many students also perform research abroad in support of their thesis.

Additionally, many students are also active in Study Abroad programs and work closely with the Center for International Programs Abroad (CIPA).

Pi Sigma Alpha, the honors society, is also active and has a formal induction ceremony for new members each year.

## **Graduate Students and Program**

The graduate program, growing in reputation, is strong and well-esteemed.

The department does not offer the terminal M.A., but does allow for graduate students to apply for the MA once the dissertation proposal has been defended. Approximately 6-9 graduate students are accepted each year. The program requires two years of major course work. Students are required to take seminar courses in each of the major subfields, so as to encourage a broad-based knowledge in most aspects of the discipline. Students must pass three comprehensive exams, two in their major subfield and one in a minor concentration/area. Dissertation proposals must be defended in front of the entire faculty (usually towards the end of the fourth year or the beginning of the fifth year).

As in other GSAS departments, students are required to participate in the TATTO program (i.e., the GSAS seminars and serving as a teaching assistant and co-teacher in one's respective department). The average time of completion of the PhD is six years.

### **B. Coordination/Cooperation/Collaborative Relationships**

Political science is a wide-ranging field with a number of significant subfields, including American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory. There is great variation even within these subfields. For example, scholars in the subfield of International Relations may have interests in war, international organizations, trade (or more broadly, international political economy), ethnic conflict, and/or diplomacy. Political science also has many overlaps with a number of other disciplines, including sociology (e.g., nationalism and social class), economics (e.g., comparative/international political economy), and law (e.g., international law). As a result, there are many opportunities for collaboration across Woodruff and the Law Library. A growing area of collaboration is with the Rollins School of Public Health. Several courses have been cross-listed and the new PhD in health policy management has a political science track. Additionally, there is frequent collaboration between a number of area studies programs and the political science department (Latin America Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, African Studies, etc.).

## **II. Description of Material Collected**

Budget: Traditionally, Political Science has received \$25,000 for monograph (book) purchases per annum. Serials and electronic database subscriptions/purchases are provided in a separate fund.

### **A. Scope of Collection**

- a. **Subject Areas.** The traditional LC classification for political science titles is in the J-JZ range. However, there are also many relevant titles which fall outside this range. For example, many titles concerning political economy (globalization, international trade, economic decision-making, poverty, development, inequality) are in the H-HN range. As political science often intersects with the study of sociology (social class, inequality, globalization again), one may also encounter titles in the traditional sociology LC numbers of HN-HZ. Comparative politics provides even more of a challenge for classification. Although JK-JQ are the traditional areas for institutional and political analyses of countries outside the US, many more of the titles can be located in the traditional history classifications of D-F. Even US titles are affected by this classification scheme. For example, foreign policy titles are located in the E's, which is usually dedicated to US history. A number of titles are also located in the K range, which is dedicated to constitutionalism and law (in particular, such collections are in response to the judicial focus of several of the departmental faculty). All of this is to say is that purchases are made in many different subfields and areas and are not restricted to the traditional classification. A significant attempt is made at keeping ahead of course offerings each semester to ensure adequate representation of materials.
- b. **Chronology:** Current research is the primary interest, but collections are not limited by the time period covered.

- c. **Language:** The majority of materials collected are in English, although there are titles once in a while in French and German. We maintain some subscriptions to several foreign political science reviews and journals.
- d. **Date of Publications:** Emphasis is on current publications. Retrospective acquisitions are made when necessary to support a particular professor's research program.
- e. **Geographic Areas:** All areas of the world are covered.

## B. Formats and Publications Type

- a. **Monographs and Texts:** Most of the principal titles for political science (i.e., those from university presses, major academic publishers and the like) come via the Yankee LBP approval plan. So far, the approval plan has worked well. We often go through the approval slips to purchase updated editions of titles (limited to those that are substantially different in content than the original) or titles that often fall out of the approval price cap. A re-evaluation of the approval plan is currently being conducted.
- b. **Serials:** Emory has a good selection of journals in the discipline, including most major subfields. New requests are handled on a case by case basis. We have added a few new titles to the collection, including *Central European Political Science Review*, *Federal and Regional Studies*, *Local Government Studies*, and *Dubois Review*. A new electronic collection of Palgrave journals—*International Politics*, *Feminist Review*, *French Politics*, *Acta Politica*, and *European Union Politics*—has been requested and the license is in process. We have access to a number of these titles already through an aggregator. However, in some cases there is an embargo on the most recent issues. Additionally, with aggregators, there is always the question as to whether or not the journal will continue or be dropped by the aggregator. Due to financial and physical limitations of recent years, there has been significant move towards removing duplicate formats of serial items.
- c. **Electronic Publications and Databases:** Emory has a wide collection of relevant databases for political science, including *Worldwide Political Science Abstracts*, *International Political Science Abstracts*, *Social Science Abstracts*, *International Bibliography of the Social Sciences*, and *Web of Science*. Political science is also a heavy user of some of the area studies databases, such as *African Studies* and *Bibliography of Eastern Studies*. In recent years, we have added some reputable electronic sources such as the *Congressional Quarterly Electronic Library* and *National Journal*. There has also been a concerted effort to increasingly catalog electronic publications from various policy institutes and think tanks, ranging from the Cato Institute to the World Bank. Political Science has also been influential in the acquisition of the Congressional Serial Set from Readex.
- d. **Microforms:** In recent years most microforms have been purchased with government documents and/or US History and have focused on presidential and

- congressional papers and reports. We also continue to acquire the very useful CRS reports (for which we are considering an online search engine).
- e. **Multimedia:** Audiovisuals are usually a low priority in Political Science collections. Only a few faculty use these in their respective courses.
  - f. **Government and International Publications:** These documents are important for the collection, but oftentimes underused. Most acquisition of government materials is performed by our federal depository status, although more and more is being made electronically. Political science makes relevant contributions and suggestions to purchases outside the federal depository plan. We also have a large UN collection, in print, electronic, and microfiche formats.
  - g. **Exclusions:** No textbooks are purchased. However, exceptions are made in some cases. New editions of titles are not purchased unless significant new material is included.