



Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

Political Science (3700)

Certificate: Applied Politics (370005C)

The Ray C. Bliss Institute and the Department of Political Science have combined to offer a Certificate Program in Applied Politics for undergraduate students. The Certificate Program in Applied Politics offers coursework in the history, organization and management of campaigns intended to influence the outcome of political decisions. Working from a set of core courses, students are allowed to concentrate in the area of applied politics of greatest interest—campaigns, communications, lobbying, political parties, etc. Believing that democracy is best served by having active and informed citizens, the certificate is designed for all students, no matter what their degree program, as long as they have a deep interest in practical politics.

Persons are eligible for admission to the Certificate Program in Applied Politics if they have been admitted to study as special, non-degree or full-time students in any department of the University. Students shall seek admission to this program by filing an application with the Bliss Institute. The student shall schedule courses with the assistance of an adviser at the earliest possible time.

Core Courses:		
3700:470	Campaign Management I	3
3700:471	Campaign Management II	3
3700:395	Intern: Government & Politics	2
Select at least 3 credits from the following:		
3700:402	Politics and the Media	3
3700:440	Survey Research Methods	3
3700:473	Voter Contact & Elections	3
3700:474	Political Opinion, Behavior & Electoral Politics	3
3700:475	American Interest Groups	3
3700:476	American Political Parties	3
Select 6 additional credits of electives from the following:		
3700:381	State Politics	3
3700:392	Selected Topics in Political Science	1-3
3700:397	Independent Study: Political Science	1-4
3700:402	Politics and the Media	3
3700:440	Survey Research Methods	3
3700:472	Campaign Finance	3
3700:473	Voter Contact & Elections	3
3700:474	Political Opinion, Behavior & Electoral Politics	3
3700:475	American Interest Groups	3

3700:476	American Political Parties	3
7600:475	Political Communication	3

Distribution Requirements

This curriculum guide is a recommended plan of study. Students with questions about requirements should contact an academic advisor.

Students must maintain at least a B average in their coursework for the certificate.

Political Science majors will, upon completion of the program, be awarded a B.A. or B.S. degree in Political Science with a Certificate in Applied Politics. Majors in other disciplines will have the Certificate noted on their permanent record.

The following credit hour requirement applies to this certificate: 18 credits.

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