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14. [Institute of Principled Leadership in Public Service](http://ipl.bradley.edu/) http://ipl.bradley.edu/

Academic Programs

Students can major or minor in political science at Bradley University. In addition, Bradley is one of the very few universities in the world offering majors a choice of degrees, either the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science. The former involves acquiring advanced language skills, whereas the latter requires advanced computational skills.

The following requirements are from the 2008-2009 Bradley University catalog. Assuming continuous enrollment, the academic requirements in the catalog for the year you entered Bradley apply to you, unless you choose to graduate under the requirements of a later catalog.

Requirements for the PLS Major

The political science requirements are:

- (1) A core of four courses to provide a grounding in the traditional sub-fields of the discipline:
 - PLS 105, American politics;
 - PLS 205, comparative politics;
 - PLS 207, political theory; and
 - PLS 208, international relations;
- (2) PLS 209, scope and methods of political science;
- (3) two upper-level (300-400) courses in each of two sub-fields to permit concentration and to acquire a depth of understanding; and
- (4) a senior seminar (PLS 491, 492, 493, or 494) designed to be a culminating experience.

Sub-field course work is distributed as follows:

American politics: PLS 105, 202, 301, 310, 311, 360, 419, 420, 421, 422, 440, 459, 460, 494

Comparative politics: PLS 205, 304, 305, 306, 491

International relations: PLS 208, 302, 317, 318, 319, 492

Political theory: PLS 207, 300, 307, 308, 407, 493

The Political Science Department maintains a policy of close supervision of its majors and urges them to consult regularly with their faculty advisor.

In planning their academic program, students intending to major in political science are encouraged to complete the core courses (PLS 105, 205, 207, 208) as early as practicable. Students should complete PLS 209 prior to enrolling in a senior seminar.

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

Two years or its equivalent of college-level foreign language. This means that a student must complete 202 or, if placed above the 202 level, complete one 300-level language course

Students considering foreign language instruction at another institution need to have the course(s) pre-approved by the Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages.

Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements

To receive the Bachelor of Science degree, students must successfully complete at least 6 hours of courses selected from physical and natural science, mathematics, computer science, statistics, or quantitative methods in addition to the hours used to fulfill the University general education requirements. The following courses may be used to fulfill the additional 6-hour requirement for the B.S. degree—all courses in astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, geological sciences, physics, mathematics (except MTH 100 and MTH 109), technical mathematics, and, in addition, these courses: BMA 372, ECO 319, FCS 303, PSY 415, PSY 536, QM 262, QM 263, and SCI 101

Requirements for the PLS Minor

The minor is designed to provide students with a flexible, coherent, and guided study in the discipline of political science as it relates to their specific academic major or personal interests and needs. The minor requires a minimum of 15 hours in political science, at least 9 hours of which must be at the junior-senior level. *The 9 hours of junior-senior level courses cannot also be used to satisfy the requirements of any other major or minor.*

All minors must take PLS 105, PLS 209, and a senior seminar (PLS 491, 492, 493, or 494). In addition, the student must take 6 hours of junior-senior level courses representing a coherent program of study and meeting the approval of a political science faculty advisor. It is the role of the student's faculty advisor to help work out a specific program coinciding with the student's academic major, interests, and needs.

Some suggested programs of study:

Pre-Law: 105, 209, 360, 419, 459, 460, 494.

Public Management: 105, 209, 419, 420, 421, 422, 494.

Communications and Politics: 105, 209, 301, 310, 360, 419, 494.

Behavioral Politics: 105, 209, 301, 310, 311, 360, 422, 494.

International and Comparative Politics: 105, 209, 302, 304, 305, 317, 318,
319, 491 or 492.

Urban Politics: 105, 209, 419, 420, 421, 422, 494.

Political Philosophy: 105, 209, 307, 308, 407, 493

Independent Study

PLS 583 and 584 are the course numbers reserved for independent study by majors. The purpose is to facilitate in-depth study of a topic of interest to the student that is not covered in any of the existing courses. If you are interested in an independent study, you must find a faculty member who is interested in the area and willing to direct your research. You may sign up for one, two, or three credit hours per semester, with a maximum total of three hours per course number.

Research Mentor

Interested students have increasing opportunities to collaborate with faculty on joint research projects. In addition to the professional recognition that comes from any publications, students receive academic credit via PLS 485. The difference between PLS 485 and PLS 583/584 is that in the former student joins the professor's research project, whereas in the latter it is the student's project with oversight by the faculty member.

Internships

Students interested in learning about the real world of politics and government should endeavor to complete an internship during their tenure at Bradley. The benefits are many, including an opportunity to explore career interests, résumé enhancement, networking and personal growth.

Additionally, the internship offers an opportunity to customize a program of study by acquiring "real world, in-depth" knowledge about a specific area of political science. The opportunities are varied, and every student is invited to consult with the Internship Coordinator about an internship during his or her undergraduate years.

The range of organizations appropriate for internship credit through PLS 480 is quite broad, including virtually any government agency as well as a number of private agencies. The only real limits are the broad definition of Political Science as a discipline and the ingenuity of the student seeking the internship. If you are interested in creating an internship or applying for an existing position, contact Dr. Curtis for information about PLS 480. Existing internships include those created by Bradley University and those available through such programs as the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars.

Washington Semester

These programs, a cooperative venture between Bradley and American University, allow a student to study and live in Washington, DC for a semester. Programs are offered in twelve areas including American Politics, Foreign Policy, Economic Policy, Justice, and Journalism. Contact Dr. Hall for application materials.

Study Abroad

Majors are encouraged to spend one or two semesters abroad. Whether to aid in the study of a foreign language or to gain an understanding of the political system and culture of another nation, involvement in such a program is highly beneficial. For information contact Marian Phelps in the International Programs Office or see <http://www.bradley.edu/academics/abroad/index2.html>

Double Majors

Many PLS majors choose PLS and a second major. Popular majors include Economics, English, History, Philosophy, Spanish, and many from the Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts (e.g., Communications majors with concentrations in Journalism, Radio/TV, and Public Relations).

All dual majors need to observe the University's rule on separation of majors. "Multiple majors must include at least 18 s.h. of courses not used in satisfaction of requirements for any other major." The PLS major requires 30 hours of PLS courses. Of these no more than 12 can be used to satisfy the requirements of another major (e.g., ACJ).

Double majors across colleges require careful planning of your academic schedule. Since you must meet the requirements of two different colleges, it is best to start early in your Bradley career. See your academic advisor for planning assistance. In general, remember that the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences requires 90 "LAS Hours" for graduation. If your major in another college requires 30 hours, this leaves very few hours you can take in yet a third college.

Social Studies – Secondary Education

Political Science is part of the program that allows graduates to teach high school economics, United States history, world history, civics or political science, and sociology. In addition to University requirements, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences requirements, College of Education and Health Sciences requirements, and State of Illinois teacher certification requirements, students must complete 45 semester hours of social studies courses of which 9 hours will be in Political Science.

General Social Studies – Elementary Education

Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education majors at Bradley are no longer required to complete a LAS major such as Political Science. Responding to a change in state requirements, the Department of Teacher Education revised their program to include a series of concentrations, one of which is Social Studies. Students take lower level courses from four disciplines and then select on discipline, (e.g., political science) for advanced work.

Suggested Minors

After fulfilling both the general education requirements and the political science major requirements, you need numerous additional credit hours to reach the 124 credit hours required for graduation. What additional courses should you take?

First, many students take more than the required number of political science courses. The only formal limitation on the number of political science courses is that you can take only two of the 490 seminar series. The department does not encourage you to take only political science courses. Your education and career will be better served by taking most of these additional hours outside of political science.

Second, some students decide to use these additional hours to formally declare one or more minors. Again, the choice of minors is guided by personal interests, educational goals, and career preparation. Your academic advisor can make recommendations about the latter if you have identified your career goals.

To give you a starting point as you contemplate which additional courses or minors to take, here are some minors that the department has found to be useful to and/or popular with our majors.

- African-American Studies
- Asian Studies
- Business Administration
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English
- Foreign Languages
- Latin American Studies
- Leadership Minor
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Russian and East European Studies
- Sociology
- Western European Studies
- Women's Studies

Third, one strategy is not to declare any minors, or second majors, but simply select courses from a variety of different departments (e.g., a logic course from philosophy, a statistics course from math, a writing course from English, etc.) Which courses you select will be guided by personal interest, educational goals, and career preparation. See your academic advisor for suggestions about the latter. All majors, especially those with interests in international relations and comparative politics, are encouraged to take at least one course in economics.

Academic Advising

Academic Advisor

When you declare political science as a major you are assigned a member of the department as your academic advisor. This individual will be your academic advisor as long as you are a PLS major at Bradley University. If you are unsure who your advisor is, see the master list in 426 Bradley Hall or use Webster. If you wish to change advisors, see Dr. Aspin anytime during office hours.

Do not trust the student grapevine for information about satisfying academic requirements. Visit, call, or e-mail your academic advisor with any questions you might have. It is relatively painless and it may save you an extra semester at Bradley University. The university catalog clearly makes you, and you alone, responsible for meeting all requirements for graduation. Your academic advisor is one of your two main sources of information about your academic progress.

Online Degree Audits

[Online degree audits](#) are your second major source of information about your degree completion progress. Students are urged to use the online degree audit system regularly. A word of caution. The audit system is very good and seldom makes an error on Bradley courses. Occasionally, errors occur on transfer courses. Watch how the system treats any transfer credit. If you have any questions, see your academic advisor immediately.

Early Registration for Classes

The department follows the general university policy on encumbering students. Encumbrance prevents you from registering for classes until cleared by the department. If you have **completed** less than 24 Bradley University credit hours, or have completed more than 90 total credit hours, you cannot register for classes until you have consulted with your academic advisor. Your advisor will fill out an unencumbrance form when you meet to discuss your schedule for the next semester.

Career Planning

Career advising is an integral part of academic advising. We urge you to begin discussing careers with your advisor early in your tenure at Bradley. Some career paths will be much easier if you take particular electives or improve particular skills during your Bradley career. For example, there are a number of things students interested in law school can do to improve their prospects for a successful legal career.

Students interested in graduate and professional schools should discuss the application process with their advisor (e.g., strategies for taking the GRE or LSAT exam) and review the materials on various graduate and law schools in Bradley Hall 426.

Degree Completion Tracking Form

In addition to the online degree completion audit, some students to use the following form to track their progress.

Political Science Degree Completion Checklist

University & College General Requirements

- 124 Total Semester Hours 90 LAS Hours
 30 Residence Hours
 24 of last 30 Hours in Residence
 40 Total Junior Senior Hours 30 LAS Junior Senior Hours

University General Education Requirements

- Communications 103 (SP) 3 hours
 Composition freshman level (C1) 3 hours
 Composition junior level (C2) 3 hours
 Mathematics (MA) 3 hours
 Western Civilization (WC) 3 hours
 Nonwestern Civilization (NW) 3 hours
 Fine Arts (FA) 3 hours
 Human Values Literary (HL) 3 hours
 Human Values Philosophical (HP) 3 hours
 _____ Social Forces and Institutions (SF) 6 hours
 Fundamentals of Science (FS) 3 hours
 Fundamentals of Science or Technology (FS/TS) 3 hours

PLS Requirements

- PLS 105
 PLS 205
 PLS 207
 PLS 208
 PLS 209
 _____ Two 300 and above courses in first sub field
 _____ Two 300 and above courses in second sub field
 Senior Seminar
 Departmental GPA (all 200 level and above must be over 2.01)

PLS Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Arts

- 101 102 201 202; OR 300 level

Bachelor of Science

- _____ Two courses from the natural and computational sciences [astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, geological sciences, physics, mathematics (except MTH 100 and MTH 109), technical mathematics], and/or these additional courses: BMA 372, ECO 319, FCS 303, PSY 415, PSY 536, QM 262, QM 263, and SCI 101.

FAQs

How do I add or drop a major or minor?

Adding or dropping a major or minor is accomplished with the Change of Major/Minor form, which is available from Dr. Aspin in Bradley 426E. To drop a major or minor you must secure the signatures of (1) your major academic advisor, and (2) the dean of the college of your major. To add a major or minor you need signatures of (1) your major advisor, (2) the dean of the college of your major, (3) advisor of the new major or minor, and (4) the dean of the college of the major or minor.

Last		First	MI	ID#	Tot. Sem Hrs. Earned	GPA
DELETE THIS MAJOR _____ College _____ Curriculum _____				ADD THIS MAJOR _____ College _____ Curriculum _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Major <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd Major		
Signatures 1 _____ Current Academic Advisor				3 _____ New Academic Advisor		
2 _____ Current Dean*				4 _____ New Dean		
DELETE THIS MINOR _____ College _____ Curriculum _____				ADD THIS MINOR _____ College _____ Curriculum _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Minor <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd Minor		
Signatures 1 _____ Current Minor Advisor				1 _____ Current Major Advisor*		
2 _____ Current Dean*				3 _____ New Minor Advisor*		
*Counseling materials should be sent to the new Dean immediately.				4 _____ New Dean		
1) Current Academic Advisor 2) Current Dean				3) New Academic Advisor 4) New Dean		
Changes must be initiated by the student and processed in this order White copy – Registrar Canary Copy – New Dean Pink Copy – New advisor Goldenrod – Present Dean						
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Can I major in both PLS and ACJ?

Yes. However, you must be careful to follow the university regulation on dual majors. Multiple majors must include at least 18 semester hours of courses not used in satisfaction of requirements for any other major. No more than 18 hours used to satisfy the requirements of the political science major can be used to satisfy requirements for the ACJ major, and vice versa. Also see the policy on research methods courses.

Can a PLS course satisfy both a General Education requirement & a major requirement?

Yes. Up to 6 hours of PLS courses can be used to satisfy General Education requirements. PLS 105, 205, 208, and 360 can be used to satisfy the Social Forces requirement. PLS 207, 307, and 308 can be used to satisfy the Human Values Philosophical requirement.

Can a 490 series seminar satisfy a sub-field requirement?

Yes. You may take up to two seminars (e.g., 491 & 492). One fulfills the seminar requirement and the other can be used as 3 of the 6 required hours in a sub-field.

Can I get both a Bachelor of Science Degree & a Bachelor of Arts Degree?

Yes, but it requires 154 semester credit hours instead of 124 semester credit hours.

How do I transfer a course to Bradley?

This is a simple two step process: (1) fill out the Transfer Work Approval Form PRIOR to taking the course, and (2) after completing the course have an official transcript sent directly to the Bradley University Registrar's Office. The TWAF can be down loaded from the Registrar's [printable forms page](http://www.bradley.edu/registrar/forms/). <http://www.bradley.edu/registrar/forms/> DO NOT take a course at another institution without completing the TWAF. When the university signs the form you are: (1) sure the course will transfer to Bradley; and, (2) sure what requirement it will satisfy at Bradley.

I am transferring a course from another institution that was a sophomore level course there but the same course is offered at the junior level at Bradley University. Do I get credit for junior-senior hours? Can I use it to satisfy the 300 and above sub-field requirement?

No. No. University policy is that, without exception, the level of credit for a course is determined by the originating institution.

Who do I see if I am interested in an internship?

Dr. Curtis is the department's internship director. Stop in anytime during his office hours.

Who do I see if I am interested in a Washington Semester Program?

Dr. Hall is the university's representative to the Washington Semester Programs. Watch for the notifications about application deadlines or visit Dr. Hall for information on all of the programs.

What are the career options for a political science major?

Political Science majors go on to law school, graduate school, MPA programs or into a variety of other career fields. Using Political Science as their foundation, some majors prepare for professional careers in law or business, others prepare to teach in colleges or in secondary schools, and yet others prepare for positions at the local, state or federal government level that are open to Political Science majors.

Talk with your academic advisor and be sure to ask for the American Political Science Association brochure "Political Science: An Ideal Liberal Arts Major" which has considerable career information. In addition, the Smith Career Center, located in Sisson Hall, has a wealth of resources available.

What is the release form for letters of recommendation?

Before a faculty member can write a letter of recommendation that reports your academic performance, you must sign a FERPA release form. The form can be found on the Registrar's [form page](http://www.bradley.edu/registrar/forms/FERPA%20Release.pdf). <http://www.bradley.edu/registrar/forms/FERPA%20Release.pdf>

Department Policies

Transfer Courses

The department is the final decision-maker on whether or not a PLS course transferred from another university is the equivalent of an existing Bradley course. If the transferred course is equivalent to a course required in the major (e.g., PLS 205, 208, etc.), that requirement is satisfied by the transfer course. If there is no Bradley equivalent, the course is treated as a PLS elective and can be counted toward the required 30 hours of PLS courses. If the elective (1) was taken at the junior level or above, and (2) is a genuine political science course, it may be used to satisfy 3 of the 6 junior-senior hours required in a sub-field. While you may transfer several courses in a sub-field to Bradley, you cannot satisfy the sub-field requirements with only transfer courses. At least 3 hours in each of your two sub-fields must be satisfied by Bradley University courses. The reason for this limitation is straightforward. By granting you a degree the department is certifying that you have attained specific levels of competence. To ensure that this is the case, the department wants you to complete at least 9 of the required 15 hours of advanced level work at Bradley University.

A special note on the Washington Semester Programs. The seminars in the Washington Semester program are not the equivalent of the seminars in the department's 490 series.

Cross Listed Courses

Some PLS courses are dual listed with other departments, for example PLS 307 is cross-listed as PHL 307. Majors enrolled under the PHL designation may apply the course to PLS requirements upon the approval of the department chair.

Using Non-PLS Courses at Bradley to Satisfy PLS Requirements

In only rare circumstances will the department consent to using a non-PLS course at Bradley University to satisfy a PLS requirement. All such substitutions require prior approval by the department chair.

Approval is usually granted when the department has encountered a scheduling problem. For example, when the department cannot offer its usual rotation of courses, usually because a faculty member is on leave, a graduating senior may not be able to satisfy a requirement. In this situation the department may approve use of an appropriate course from allied departments. For example, a 300 level Philosophy course may be used for the theory sub-field, or a 300 level International Studies course may count for the international relations sub-field.

Approval is usually not granted when student procrastination has caused the problem. For example, a major who simply puts off numerous advanced PLS courses until the final semester only to find courses are not offered or there are scheduling conflicts, will usually not be granted relief. The department has carefully structured its offerings so

that even busy students can easily complete the major within three years even when participating in off campus programs such as study abroad and the Washington Semester Programs.

Similar Courses Required of Double Majors

In rare situations very similar courses are required by both PLS and a student's other major; however, repeating course content usually does not promote student development. Thus, the PLS department *may* approve substituting another PLS course for a duplicated PLS course. All such substitutions require prior approval of the PLS chair. It must be stressed that the decisions on (1) whether or not a duplication exists and (2) whether or not a substitution is approved are *solely* the responsibility of the Political Science Department and NOT the decision of the student or the student's academic advisor in the other major. The department chair, acting on behalf of the PLS faculty, makes the decision on whether two courses are so similar that both should not be completed by the dual major. When PLS is the student's first major, the department policy is that the PLS course takes precedence over the course in the other major. When PLS is a student's second major, then a 300 level PLS course from the same sub-field *may* be substituted for the duplicated PLS course. The additional 300 level course is necessary so that the student meets the requirement of 30 total hours of PLS courses.

For example, if an International Studies major declares PLS as a second major, the dual IS-PLS major will not be required to take PLS 208; rather, the student will be required to take an additional 300 level international relations course in PLS. However, if a PLS major subsequently declares a second major in IS, the student will be required to complete PLS 208 in satisfaction of the PLS major requirements, in addition to the requirements for the IS major.

Dual majors, especially ACJ-PLS, are again cautioned to heed the university rule on separation of majors. "Multiple majors must include at least 18 semester hours of courses not used in satisfaction of requirements for any other major."

ACJ-PLS Research Methods Requirement

A special rule applies to ACJ-PLS majors with regard to research methods. An ACJ major must complete either SOC 240 or PLS 209. The department requires all PLS majors complete PLS 209. There is only one exception. An ACJ major who has completed SOC 240 prior to adding PLS as the second major can use SOC 240 in place of PLS 209, but is still required to complete 30 hours of PLS courses.

Application of Department Policy and Appeals of Decisions

The department chair usually makes the administrative decisions applying department policy (e.g., what are genuine and thus transferable PLS courses from other institutions). A student majoring or minoring in political science can appeal a decision of the chair to the department faculty. A formal written petition stating the request and the reasons for the request must be presented to the chair, who will then submit it to the department Faculty for final determination.

Scholarships, Awards and Recognitions

Bach Scholarship

The Bach Scholarship was created to honor Hagar Bach, a long time member of the department who retired in 1982. The yearly scholarship is awarded to those students interested in pursuing a graduate program in international relations or comparative politics.

Outstanding Senior

Each spring the outstanding seniors in each department of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are honored at a college ceremony. In political science the graduating major---in either the August, December, or May graduations---with the highest GPA is selected for this honor.

Pi Sigma Alpha

Founded in 1920 at the University of Texas, Pi Sigma Alpha is the national honor society for undergraduate and graduate students of political science, with over 460 chapters established in colleges and universities in the United States. Membership in an honor society is a worthy distinction in itself, and as a measure of academic achievement can provide a tangible advantage in a competitive world. Juniors with 12 completed PLS hours and a GPA of over 3.0 in the PLS courses are eligible for admission. Contact Dr. Gobeyn for details.

Global Scholars

The Global Scholars Program provides a unique opportunity for students majoring in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to gain substantive exposure to a broad spectrum of global and cultural forces. The required coursework spans several academic disciplines, introducing students to relevant content framed in a global setting. As a broad cross-disciplinary concentration, this program seeks to stimulate students' intellectual involvement in global affairs and helps those students wishing to pursue future international opportunities. Students electing to enroll in this program will earn the designation of "Global Scholar" in recognition of their achievement. They may do so within any academic major in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The designation confers:

- Formal acknowledgement by the dean of the college
- Recognition at the college Honors Day Ceremony

Organizations

Pre-Law Club

The Pre-Law Club is one of the activities of the Pre-Law Center at Bradley University. The club conducts a wide variety of activities related to legal careers. Particularly useful to students are those related to admission to law school. If you are interested in joining the club, contact Maria Vertuno, Director of the Pre-Law Center.

Mock Trial Team

In Mock Trial students try a hypothetical case in competition against students from colleges and universities from across the nation. Students attempt to qualify for the American Mock Trial Association's National Tournament by competition in regional tournaments. Academic credit for participation is available via PLS 290 or PLS 390. For more information see Maria Vertuno, Director of the Pre-Law Center.

Institute for Principled Leadership and Public Service

The new institutes intends to develop: public policy symposiums on important national, state, and local issues; a visiting speakers program of national, state, and local public service leaders; and a new curriculum to provide credit and non-credit instruction on principled leadership in the public service arena. Bradley students will benefit from interaction with distinguished leaders and from student participation in implementing the Institute's programs.

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Faculty Snapshots

Chair, Larry T. Aspin, Ph.D.

Professor Aspin earned his Ph.D. from Purdue University specializing in international politics, comparative politics, political methodology and American politics. Since joining the department in 1982 he has taught a variety of courses. He currently teaches International Law (PLS [317](#)), International Organization (PLS [318](#)), Political Research Methods (PLS [209](#)), Senior Seminar (PLS [492](#)) on various international topics (e.g., Global Environmental Politics), and other topics in PLS 302, the international relations topics course (e.g., [Security in the 21st Century](#)). Dr. Aspin's record of scholarly publications spans three fields within political science: international politics, political methodology, and American politics. In addition to pursuing long-term research projects, Dr. Aspin has served the university in numerous capacities through the years (e.g., President of the University Senate).

Craig Curtis, Ph. D.

Dr. Craig Curtis came to Bradley in the Fall of 1991, after earning his Ph.D. from Washington State University. His substantive interests in political science include public administration, criminal justice and public law. He also has his law degree from McGeorge School of Law (University of the Pacific) in Sacramento, California. He teaches several courses in the department, including Introduction to American Government (PLS 105), Introduction to Public Administration (PLS 419), Public Management (PLS 420), The Politics of Regulation (PLS 421), as

well as his senior seminars. He also teaches Topics in Theory (PLS 300) on an occasional basis. More information about all of these courses can be obtained by accessing Dr. Curtis's home page.

In addition to his regular teaching responsibilities, Dr. Curtis supervises the internship program (PLS 480) in Political Science. There are lots of opportunities locally in Peoria as well as in your own home towns. See Dr. Curtis, or his Home Page, for more information.

Charles R. Dannehl, Ph.D.

Professor Dannehl joined the Department of Political Science in the Fall of 1993. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of California, Davis, specializing in the fields of international relations, comparative politics, and American government and politics. Professor Dannehl currently teaches the following courses for the Department: PLS [105](#), Introduction to American Government, PLS [208](#), Fundamentals of International Relations; PLS [300](#), a special topics course on political economy; PLS [305](#), a special topics course on comparative political film; PLS [319](#), International Political Economy; and PLS [492](#), Senior Seminar in International Relations. He also teaches [CIV 100](#) in the University's Western Civilization Program and serves on the faculty coordinating committees for the [Latin American Studies Program](#) and the [Russian and East European Studies Program](#). Professor Dannehl's current research interests include comparative resource allocation and the portrayal of political dictatorship in film.

Emily R. Gill, Ph.D.

Emily R. Gill, Professor of Political Science, came to Bradley University in 1972 from California State University, Long Beach. She received her B.A. in literature from Scripps College, Claremont, California, in 1966, and her M.A. and Ph.D. in government from Claremont Graduate School in 1968 and 1971 respectively. Between her M.A. and Ph.D. work, she spent a year in Sacramento in the California State Assembly's Legislative Internship Program, working first in a research office for the minority party and then as a staffer for the Assembly Education Committee.

At Bradley, she has taught courses in American national government, state and local government, urban politics, introduction to political thought, classical political philosophy, modern political philosophy, American political thought, seminar in advance political philosophy, and western civilization, both the one-semester course and the two-semester variant that fulfills freshman composition requirements. She has served on a variety of committees, a sampling of which would include the late Board for Research and Creativity; Women's Studies; Black Studies; American Studies; Academic Review Board; and Senate Committees such as Faculty Review, Tenure and Promotion, Grievance, Retirement, and University Resources. She has also served several terms in the University Senate.

Her research interests involve various aspects of liberal political theory, including democratic theory, pluralism and groups, citizenship, and feminist theory. She has published a number of articles in these areas, and has received three National Endowment from the Humanities grants to support her professional development, in 1975 (Tufts University), 1976-1977 (Vanderbilt University), and 1981 (Wellesley College). She has been active in a number of professional organizations, both holding offices and making scholarly contributions. For two years she was President of the American Section, International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy. She is the 1995 recipient of the Samuel Rothberg Award for Professional Excellence.

Mark Gobeyn, Ph.D.

Professor Mark Gobeyn received his Ph.D. from Washington State University, and he has been with the Department of Political Science at Bradley since 1990. He teaches the following comparative government courses: "Introduction to Comparative Politics" (PLS [205](#)); "Governments of West Europe" (PLS [304](#)); "Comparative Public Policy" (PLS [306](#)); and "Seminar in Comparative Politics" (PLS [491](#)). His primary research interests include state-labor relations, economic policy making institutions, and other issues of political economy in the western European democracies. His recent book and most recent academic journal articles focus specifically on the role of organized labor in the formation of economic policy in such countries as Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Austria. His current research projects include examinations of the institutions of economic policy formation in the European Union and the recent policy strategies of Western Europe's socialist parties.

William K. Hall, Ph.D.

Dr. William K. Hall came to Bradley in the Fall of 1969, after receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. He earned his B.A. in History and Political Science from Baker University in Baldwin, Kansas. He earned his M.A. from the University of Kansas in 1966.

After graduating from Baker in 1964, he ran for a seat in the Kansas House of Representatives. Surviving a three-way primary election battle and after defeating an incumbent legislator in the general election, he took his seat in the Kansas House, the third youngest Kansas legislator in history.

At Bradley, Dr. Hall teaches a variety of Political Science courses, including Introduction to American Government (PLS [105](#)), State and Local Government (PLS [202](#)), Topics in American Politics (PLS [301](#)), Political Behavior (PLS [310](#)), Political Parties (PLS [311](#)), and a senior Seminar in American Politics (PLS [494](#)). Professor Hall's current research interests include judicial retention elections, Peoria electoral politics, and voting behavior in judicial and local elections. He has been working (for a lengthy period of time) on a book on the U.S. Senate career of Harry S. Truman.

Paul Lermack, Ph.D.

Professor Paul Lermack teaches the department's courses in law and courts, as well as some sections of the introductory course and a variety of other courses in American government and political theory. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota and is the author of *Juries and Jury Research...; Rights on Trial: The Supreme Court, Federalism and the Criminal Law, 1959-1969; How to Get Into The Right Law School*, and numerous articles and essays.

Course Descriptions

PLS 105 Introduction to American Government 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. SF)

The American political system: constitutional principles, political processes, and governmental policy making. [Offered: Every Semester]

PLS 202 State and Local Government 3 hrs.

Political processes through which rapidly growing problems of the state and local governments are identified, fought over, and resolved. [Offered: Every Semester]

PLS 205 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. SF)

Comparative analysis of selected political systems. [Offered: Every Semester]
Prerequisite: PLS 105 or consent of instructor.

PLS 207 Introduction to Political Thought 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. HP)

Recurrent concepts or issues in political thought and ways they have been treated by classic and contemporary writers. Obligation and the social contract, liberty, justice and equality, property, representation. [Offered: Spring]

PLS 208 Fundamentals of International Relations 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. SF)

Fundamental issues and problems that have contributed to structuring current patterns of international relations. [Offered: Fall]
Prerequisite: PLS 105 or consent of instructor.

PLS 209 Scope and Methods of Political Science 3 hrs.

Introduction to political inquiry; research methods necessary for in-depth research. [Offered: Every Semester]
Prerequisite: PLS 105.

PLS 290 Participation in Mock Trial 1 hr.

Research and performance laboratory for students who participate in the American Mock Trial Association competition. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 hours credit. Cross listed as COM 290. [Offered: Every Semester]
Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

PLS 300 Topics in Political Thought 3 hrs.

Topics of special interest which may vary each time course is offered. Topic stated in current Schedule of Classes. May be repeated under a different topic for a maximum 6 hours credit. [Offered: Intermittently]
Prerequisite: PLS 207.

PLS 301 Topics in American Politics 3 hrs.

Analysis of research, concepts, institutions, theories, and literature. Topics of special interest which may vary each time course is offered. Topic stated in current Schedule of Classes. May be repeated under a different topic for a maximum of 6 hours credit. [Offered: Alternate Years]
Prerequisite: PLS 105.

PLS 302 Topics in International Relations 3 hrs.

Topics of special interest which may vary each time course is offered. Topic stated in current Schedule of Classes. May be repeated under a different topic for a maximum of 6 hours credit. Prerequisite: 3 hours of political science. [Offered: Alternate Years]

PLS 304 Governments of West Europe 3 hrs.

Governmental structures, public policies, policy making processes, ideological foundations, and dynamics of political and economic change in the parliamentary democracies of West Europe; emphasis on Britain, France, Germany, the Netherlands, and Sweden.

Prerequisite: PLS 205.

[Offered: Fall]

PLS 305 Topics in Comparative Government 3 hrs.

Topics of special interest which may vary each time course is offered. Topic stated in current Schedule of Classes. May be repeated under a different topic for a maximum of 6 hours credit.

Prerequisite: PLS 205.

[Offered: Alternate Years]

PLS 306 Comparative Public Policy 3 hrs.

A comparative introduction to the social and economic policies of such advanced industrial democracies as Japan, Britain, France, Germany, Sweden, the Netherlands, and the US.

Prerequisite: PLS 205.

[Offered: Spring]

PLS 307 Classical Political Philosophy 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. HP)

Systematic political thought in Western philosophy during ancient and medieval times. Cross listed as PHL 307.

Prerequisite: junior standing.

[Offered: Alternate Years]

PLS 308 Modern Political Philosophy 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. HP)

From the beginning of the modern period through the 19th century. Cross-listed as PHL 308.

Prerequisite: junior standing.

[Offered: Alternate Years]

PLS 310 Political Behavior 3 hrs.

Formation of opinion, perception of political events, voting behavior, and political participation; significance for democratic government.

Prerequisite: PLS 105.

[Offered: Alternate Years]

PLS 311 Political Parties: Electorate and Politics 3 hrs.

Organization and activities of modern political parties, forces shaping partisan organization and activities, and development of public policy. Emphasis on party politics in contemporary America, with attention to American political history and comparative party systems.

Prerequisite: PLS 105.

[Offered: Alternate Years]

PLS 317 International Law 3 hrs.

Nature, sources, and development of international law as it has been invoked in diplomatic practices, international adjudications, and national courts.

Prerequisite: PLS 208 or consent of instructor. [Offered: Alternate Years]

PLS 318 International Organization 3 hrs.

The analysis of major international problems of a character requiring the concerted efforts of international organization in their solutions. [Offered: Alternate Years]

Prerequisite: PLS 208 or consent of instructor.

PLS 319 International Political Economy of the Industrialized World 3 hrs.

Overview of theories and issues in international political economy affecting relations among advanced industrialized countries. Development of the international political economy; institutions for its management; emerging issues and future prospects.

Prerequisites: ECO 222; PLS 208; or consent of instructor. [Offered: Alternate Years]

PLS 360 Judicial Politics 3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. SF)

Political behavior of American trial courts and variables connecting them to the larger political system. Examples from criminal procedure and civil justice cases. Emphasis on police and prosecutorial discretion; recruitment of judges; juries; and social function of judgments and punishments.

Prerequisite: PLS 105 or consent of instructor. [Offered: Fall]

PLS 380 Washington Center Seminar 3 hrs.

Provides credit for students participating in the seminar component of the Washington Center Program in Washington, D.C.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. [Offered: Summer]

PLS 390 Participation in Mock Trial 1 hr.

Research and performance laboratory for junior and senior students who participate in the American Mock Trial Association competition. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 hours credit. Cross-listed as COM 390.

Prerequisites: consent of the instructor; junior/senior standing. [Offered: Every Semester]

PLS 407 American Political Philosophy 3 hrs.

Systematic political thought in American philosophy from colonial times to the present. Cross-listed as PHL 407.

Prerequisite: PLS/PHL 307 or 308, or consent of instructor. [Offered: Intermittently]

PLS 419 Introduction to Public Administration 3 hrs.

Public administration in a democratic setting: history of American PA, organization theory, public personnel, budgeting, intergovernmental relations, decision making and policy analysis, the regulatory process, and ethics in government.

Prerequisite: PLS 105 or 202. [Offered: Fall]

PLS 420 Public Personnel Administration 3 hrs.

A study of the basic issues and techniques of public personnel administration; focus on the distinctive setting in which public managers function, theories of motivation in the work place, and the tasks commonly faced by human resource managers in the public sector.

Prerequisite: junior standing.

[Offered: Alternate Years]

PLS 421 The Politics of Regulation 3 hrs.

An examination of the modern administrative state through an in-depth study of the federal regulatory process; administrative law and procedure; the politics involved in the development and reform of the federal regulatory bureaucracy.

Prerequisites: PLS 105; junior standing.

[Offered: Alternate Years]

PLS 422 Urban Politics 3 hrs.

Study of selected problems in metropolitan areas: political forms, ethnic politics, education, housing, poverty, corrections; theories dealing with these problems.

Prerequisites: PLS 105; junior standing.

[Offered: Alternate Years]

PLS 440 Public Policy Analysis 3 hrs.

In-depth study of the policy making process, including agenda setting, policy formation, implementation, evaluation, and change.

Prerequisites: PLS 105, 209; or consent of instructor.

[Offered: Alternate Years]

PLS 459 Constitutional Law 3 hrs.

Position of the Supreme Court in American system of government as both symbol and instrument of power. Case method.

Prerequisite: PLS 105; junior standing.

[Offered: Fall]

PLS 460 Constitutional Law 3 hrs.

Supreme Court as one of the policy making agencies of the federal government. Relationship between citizen and government in civil, property, and political rights.

Prerequisite: PLS 105; junior standing.

[Offered: Spring]

PLS 480 Internship in Political Science 1-6 hrs.

Students work with selected political agencies, to study practical political problems from the perspective of the discipline. Course may be repeated for a maximum of six credit hours. Pass/Fail.

Prerequisite: consent of the instructor.

[Offered: Every Semester]

PLS 485 Research 1-6 hrs.

Individual research for qualified students. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours credit.

Prerequisites: 3.2 average in student's major; junior/senior standing; consent of instructor.

[Offered: Every Semester]

PLS 491 Seminar in Comparative Politics 3 hrs. [Offered: Alternate Years]

PLS 492 Seminar in International Relations 3 hrs. [Offered: Alternate Years]

PLS 493 Seminar in Political Theory 3 hrs. [Offered: Alternate Years]

PLS 494 Seminar in American Politics 3 hrs. [Offered: At Least Once a Year]

Each of the 490 courses consists of specialized study in the particular area offered. Prerequisites: senior standing; major or minor in political science. No political science major may take more than two courses in the 490 sequence.

PLS 583, 584 Reading in Political Science 1-3 hrs. each semester
Individual in-depth work on a subject approved and supervised by a PLS faculty member. For highly qualified students. Prerequisites: senior standing; political science major; consent of instructor. [Offered: 583 in Fall & 584 in Spring]

Tentative PLS Course Offerings

Course	Fall 2009	Spring 2010	Fall 2010	Spring 2011
105	X	X	X	X
202	X	X	X	X
205	X	X	X	X
207		X		X
208	X		X	
209	X	X	X	X
290	X	X	X	X
300		X		
301				X
302			X	
304	X		X	
305				X
306		X		X
307			X	
308	X			
310			X	
311	X			
317				X
318	X			
319		X		
360	X		X	
390	X	X	X	X
407				
419	X		X	
420		X		X
421		X		
422	X			
440				X
459	X		X	
460		X		X
485	X	X	X	X
491			X	
492		X		X
493			X	
494	X	X		X