

Public Law and Government Major (PLWG)
Department of Political Science

Major in Public Law and Government (33 semester hours)

To fulfill the requirements for a major in public law and government, students must:

1. Complete at least 36 semester hours in the major specified below.
2. Complete, at EMU, at least three courses in the major, numbered 300 or above.
3. Attain at least a "C" average in the major.

A maximum of six semester hours of independent studies or internship/cooperative education courses, or a combination of both, may be applied to the 30 hours required for the major.

A. Required course - 3 credit hours

Complete PLSC 112 American Government or PLSC 113 American Government Honors (satisfies general education requirement III and serves as prerequisite for many courses)

B. Core Required Courses – 9 credit hours

Choose one course from each of the following areas of public law

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
PLSC 301 The American Legal System	PLSC 312 American Constitutional Law I	PLSC 341 International Law
PLSC 305 Law and Policy in a Constitutional Democracy	PLSC 313 American Constitutional Law II	PLSC 412 Comparative Legal Systems
PLSC 385 Judicial Process Behavior		

COMPLETED/PLANNED COURSES

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C. Public Law Restricted Electives – 12 credit hours

Students may not double count courses taken in Section A

PLSC 301 The American Legal System <u>or</u> PLSC 305 Law and Policy in a Constitutional Democracy***	PLSC 412 Comparative Legal Systems
PLSC 215 Civil Rights and Liberties in a Diverse U.S.	PLSC 456 Criminal Law
PLSC 312 American Constitutional Law I	HIST 465 U.S. Constitutional History
PLSC 313 American Constitutional Law II	ECON 407 Economic Analysis and Law
PLSC 314/315** Civil Mock Trial and Legal Process***	CRMN 460 Criminal Law II
PLSC 341 International Law	PLSC 480/486/487/488/489 Internship
PLSC 386 US Supreme Court Simulation	PLSC 497/498/499 Independent Study

*** Credit from only one of these two courses (either 314 or 315) counts towards the major

COMPLETED/PLANNED COURSES

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D. Elective courses (9 credit hours)

One course in each of the following three groups:

Group I – American Politics and Administration

PLSC 202 State and Local Government
PLSC 216 Municipal Government
PLSC 242 Black Women: Politics & Racism
PLSC 270 Public Administration
PLSC 330 Urban Politics
PLSC 332 Intergovernmental Relations and Federalism
PLSC 335 Labor in American Politics
PLSC 352 Politics of Government Budgeting

PLSC 357 Campaigns and Elections
PLSC 358 Political Parties and Interest Groups
PLSC 359 Public Opinion and Political Learning
PLSC 362 Black Women: Religion & Sexism
PLSC 364 The Legislative Process
PLSC 365 Women and Politics

PLSC 380 The American Presidency
PLSC 381 Public Policy Analysis

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SEMESTER

Group II – Comparative Politics and International Relations

PLSC 211 Intro. To Comparative Government	PLSC 361 Russian Politics in Transition
PLSC 212 Intro to International Politics	PLSC 367 Latin American Politics
PLSC 221 Vietnam	PLSC 371 Middle Eastern Politics
PLSC 222 War & Peace in the Nuclear Age	PLSC 372 Sub-Sahara African Politics
PLSC 308 Political Violence and Revolution	PLSC 374 Asian Political Systems
PLSC 311 Politics of the Developing World	PLSC 390 Poverty, Human Rights, and Health
PLSC 327 American Foreign Policy Process	PLSC 391 Field Study: Global Experience-Poverty, Human Rights and Health
PLSC 342 International Organizations	PLSC 462 Russian Foreign Relations
PLSC 343 Model United Nations	PLSC 467 Advanced International Relations
PLSC 354 Government and Politics of Canada	

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Group III – Political Theory

PLSC 210 Intro to Political Analysis	PLSC 410 Political Science in Fiction
PLSC 213 Intro to Political Thought	PLSC 418 20 th Century Political Theory
PLSC 310 Methods of Political Research	PLSC 420 Democracy and Power
PLSC 382 Politics and the 21 st Century	PLSC 422 American Political Theory

COMPLETED/PLANNED COURSE

SEMESTER

Wondering where to go for further advice?

For general Major/Minor/Gen Ed academic advising

See a faculty member in the Political Science department during their office hours or by appointment.

For Pre-Law advising see one of the advisers

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