

STUDY ABROAD ADVICE FOR

# POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS

*How to make it possible within your academic program*



## HOW DOES IT BENEFIT YOU?

By Studying abroad as a Political Science Major, you will:

- Advance knowledge across a variety of subfields in Political Science.
- Gain an appreciation for the impact of globalization on political issues.
- Increase analytical and critical thinking skills.
- Understand cultural differences and how they impact political awareness.
- Enhance research and communication skills.
- Build your resume by demonstrating civic engagement and a willingness to take on new challenges.

## WHERE CAN I GO?

While every program is open to every major at BW, we have selected out a few universities abroad which have a large number of Political Science courses for our students to be able to fulfill major requirements:

- University of the Sunshine Coast - Australia
- University College Dublin - Ireland
- University of Cape Coast- Ghana
- Christ University - India
- EWHA University - South Korea
- ISA - Spain

# A SAMPLING OF COURSES I CAN FULFILL ABROAD

## *UNIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST (AUSTRALIA)*

| <u>Course Abroad</u>                           | <u>Course at BW</u> |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Politics of the U.S.A - INT 245                | POL-201             |
| Forces of Change in Int'l Pol – INT 250        | POL-211I            |
| Int'l Politics: An Aust. Perspective – INT 100 | POL-211I            |
| Australian Politics – INT 140                  | POL-326I            |
| Rim and Islands - INT 255                      | POL-327I            |
| Politics & Security East Asia – INT 274        | POL-327I            |
| Politics & the Media - INT 270                 | POL-463             |

## *UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN (IRELAND)*

| <u>Course Abroad</u>                       | <u>Course at BW</u> |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Comparative Politics – POL20020            | POL-221I            |
| Policy-Making, implementation - SPOL 30010 | POL-303             |
| Law, Politics, and Human Rights – POL20060 | POL-363I            |

## *UNIVERSITY OF THE CAPE COAST (GHANA)*

| <u>Course Abroad</u>                       | <u>Course at BW</u> |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Culture, Democratization, & Dev – ASP 131K | POL-ELE             |
| Africa in World Affairs – AFS 424K         | POL-326             |
| Democratization & Development – AFS 421K   | POL-326             |
| Project Work/ Long Essay– AFS 499K         | POL-491             |

## *CHRIST UNIVERSITY (INDIA)*

| <u>Course Abroad</u>                      | <u>Course at BW</u> |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Critical Thinking in Politics - PSCI 1050 | POL-102             |
| Indian Government and Politics - POL 331  | POL-326             |

## *EWHA UNIVERSITY (SOUTH KOREA)*

| <u>Course Abroad</u>                       | <u>Course at BW</u> |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Introduction to Political Analysis – 36003 | POL-ELE             |
| Int. Relation in Cont. E. Asia – POL 332   | POL-314             |
| General Introduction to Korea – 37549      | POL-326             |
| Politics in Korea and East Asia – 35725    | POL-INT             |
| International Law and Legal – LAW 331      | POL-363             |
| International History East Asia– 35726     | POL-363             |
| Foundations International Law– 35672       | POL-363I            |
| Inter. Relations in East Asia – 35678      | POL-ELE             |
| Amer. Politics & Governmnt– 35064          | POL-ELE             |
| Civil Life and Law – POL 1                 | POL-ELE             |
| North Korean Politics – POL 2              | POL-INT             |

| Course Abroad                           | Course at BW |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Research Methods – SSC 3303             | POL-240      |
| Women in Society & Politics– SSC 3316   | POL-305      |
| History of US Foreign Policy – HIS 3320 | POL-311      |
| N. African Gov. & Politics – PSC 3310   | POL-329      |
| Africa in World Affairs – INS 3371      | POL-363I     |
| Middle East Politics– PSC 3312          | POL-ELE      |

*ISA (SPAIN)*

| Course Abroad                     | Course at BW |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| U.S. European Relations           | POL-314      |
| Political Transition & Democra    | POL-321      |
| Comparative Latin Politics System | POL-326      |
| Political Formation European      | POL-363      |
| International Relations           | POL-363      |
| International Negotiation         | POL-363I     |
| Political Construction Europea    | POL-363I     |

## CLASSES THAT ARE EASIEST TO FULFILL ABROAD ARE:

- University Core courses
- University Core Political Science courses
- Some Political Science electives
- There are a variety of courses students can take while abroad. Students typically take one or two courses within their major and three or four courses within the university core.

## FACULTY LED PROGRAMS

- Faculty-led programs allow students to study abroad during spring break or for 2 to 3 weeks in May after the semester has ended.
- During the semester, students take one course and travel as a cohort alongside BW Faculty.
- Students who are interested in any of the faculty-led programs can apply. They do not have to have a specific major.

## CLASSES THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO FULFILL ABROAD ARE:

- Some required Political Science courses
- Research Methods
  
- Spring 2027 Faculty-led programs include:
  - Leadership Program: Morocco
  - Computing/Engineering in Guatemala
  - Music and Theatre in Germany
  - Experiencing Ireland
  - Seminar in Japan
  - Music In Prague
- For more information, see our website: [www.bw.edu/explorations](http://www.bw.edu/explorations)

# TIMELINE

## FIRST YEAR

The best time to start planning for study abroad is your first year. Political Science majors should take some intro-level courses prior to going abroad after consultation with your academic advisor.

## SECOND YEAR

Some Political Science students study abroad their second year. You can then fulfill both general education requirements and fulfill some of the Political Science major requirements or electives.

## THIRD YEAR

Now you may be more focused on upper-division program courses and electives. Consult with your advisor to understand when you must take required courses. Your advisor and the office of Explorations/ Study Abroad will help find the courses offered abroad that will count toward their major, minor or total graduation requirements.

## FOURTH YEAR

You can still study abroad during your senior year. However, you must consult with your academic advisor to understand how it may affect your graduation. Some required courses and prerequisites may only be available at BW in alternating semesters. Advisors and the office of Explorations/Study Abroad will help find the courses offered abroad that will count toward their major, minor or total graduation requirements.

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