

GLOBAL POLITICS TRACK

This track is ideal for students interested in **an international career, whether in the United States (working on international or global issues, US Foreign Policy, or with people from or in other countries) or abroad.** It also will prepare you for graduate education specializing in International Relations, Comparative Politics, or related fields.

Possible careers include working in/at:

- a US government department or agency working on foreign policy or global issues, for example
 - in the United States at the Department of State, Department of Defense, US Agency for International Development (USAID), Department of Commerce, Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency
 - abroad as a Peace Corps volunteer, Foreign Service Officer (Department of State), or USAID Foreign Service Officer
- Congress, as staff working on international issues
- a nongovernmental organization (NGO) or foundation working on international issues or projects or programs in other countries (e.g., on issues of development, humanitarian issues, human rights, or the environment)
- an international business (a multinational corporation or any business with trade or clients or offices abroad)
- a newspaper, magazine, film, television, or other media, working on international or global issues
- a think tank, research organization, or consulting firm working on international or global issues
- education (as a teacher, professor, or working on international programs or with students from abroad)
- a foreign embassy or consulate in the United States
- an international organization (e.g., United Nations, World Bank, World Health Organization)

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Recommended courses for track:

(Completion of the courses below alone does not fulfill degree requirements.)

From the Core (required courses)(When possible, take before electives in the same series; otherwise, take concurrently):

PLSI 120. International Politics

PLSI 140. Approaches to Comparative Politics

Successful completion of six of the courses below (18 units) will fulfill your Political Science electives requirement. Not all courses will be available during your time at the university. You may also choose courses in different tracks.

Advanced Specialized Courses (Upper Division Electives) (choose any of the following):

International Relations

PLSI 121. American Foreign Affairs

PLSI 122. Politics of Foreign Aid

PLSI 125. Russian Foreign Policy

PLSI 126. International Law and Organization

PLSI 127. International Human Rights

PLSI 128T. Topics in International Relations (topic courses include Global Political Economy and Model United Nations)

Comparative Politics

PLSI 141. Russian Politics

PLSI 142T. Area Studies in Western Europe

PLSI 143T. Area Studies in Eastern Europe

PLSI 144T. Area Studies in Africa and Middle East

PLSI 145T. Area Studies in Asia

PLSI 146T. Area Studies in Latin America

PLSI 147. East Asian Politics

PLSI 148. Latin American Politics

PLSI 149T. Seminar in Comparative Government (topic courses include Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, Political Violence, etc.)

PLSI 183. Comparative Administration

In addition to the above courses, a **study abroad experience (for which you may earn PLSI 192 capstone credit) and foreign language courses** (or foreign language skills), as well as writing, communication, and analytical skills will be helpful for a career in this field. Some of the careers above may require further education in the form of a Master's or PhD degree.

For more ideas on careers in International Affairs, see

<https://apsia.org/careers/international-career-guide/>, <https://www.globaljobs.org>,
<http://www.intjobs.com>, <https://careers.state.gov/work/foreign-service/>.

For complete information on course and unit requirements to complete a bachelor's degree in Political Science, refer to the course catalog and the department's website at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/socialsciences/polisci/degrees/index.html>.

Pursuing any track is optional, and you may switch tracks if your interests or career goals change.

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