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I. GENERAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

The political science collection supports the teaching, learning, research, needs for political information, international exchanges and communications, and other related service activities of the entire university community. Its primary users are faculty, staff, and students of the Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences. Its essential focus is support for the undergraduate and graduate curricula for political science. The collection is supplemented through interlibrary loan services whenever special curriculum and research needs of political science faculty and students arise. Although the collection is not developed for the general public and community users, they may benefit from the collection for their information needs. The main focus of the collection are works classified in Library of Congress call numbers J (Political Science) and K (Law), however, curriculum and research needs of political science are substantially supported by works classified in philosophy, history, and other areas in social science.

Department of Political Science

Political science has been a part of the university since 1871 when Allen Richardson Benton, the first chancellor of the university and a scholar of law and ethics, concurrently chaired Moral Science. In 1899, the university campus witnessed the establishment of the Department of Political Economy and Sociology which was restructured to be the Department of Political Science and Sociology in 1906. Political science did not become an independent department until 1925.

After 140 years, political science has evolved and developed into a department that is committed to providing quality undergraduate and graduate education in B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degree programs. The department offers courses in five areas of concentration: American government, politics, and law; comparative politics; international relations; political theory; and public policy, to train students for a career in government, teaching, non-profit sector, or business. The department cooperates with University of Nebraska-Omaha in offering courses leading to Master of Public Administration degree, which is granted by UNO. The department participates with other disciplines in offering courses for the Certificate in Public Policy Analysis at both graduate and undergraduate levels. As a participating department, political science offers courses in such interdisciplinary programs as African American and African studies, Asian studies, European studies, human rights and human diversity, international studies, and Latino and Latin American studies.

There are 18 faculty members in the department, with 8 full professors, 4 associate professors and 6 assistant professors. Their research interests are diverse, ranging from American Congress, American foreign policy, American politics, American presidency, Black politics, biology and politics, Chinese politics, civil liberties, comparative environmental policy, comparative political institutions, comparative politics, constitutional law, corruption, criminal justice, election and voting behavior, ethnic conflict, European politics, human rights, international conflict, international law and organization, international political economy, international politics,
international relations, international security, judicial politics, legislative politics, to political behavior, political parties and interest groups, political psychology, political theory, public administration, public opinion, research methodology, science policy interface and urban politics.

Each academic year, the average undergraduate enrollment of political science major is about 300, and an average of 15 students enrolled in master’s program. Currently, there are 46 students working towards Ph.D. with 15 of them in residency on campus, and the rest are ABD (all but dissertation). In 2007-2008 academic year, the department awarded 70 bachelors, 7 maters, and one Ph.D.

B.A. in Political Science

The major in political science requires 30 credit hours in political science, including the introductory course, PS100 (Power and Politics in America); one of the political theory courses: PS108, 380, 385, 483, 484, or 485; the senior-level capstone course, PS400 (Democracy and Citizenship); six credit hours from three of the following areas: American government, politics and law, foreign and comparative government, international relations, political theory, public administration and public policy; and at least nine credit hours are at the 400 level.

M.A. in Political Science

The department offers graduate study in the following areas of specification: American government; comparative government and politics; historical and normative theory; international relations; methodology and empirical theory; public policy; and public administration (in cooperation with UNO).

M.A. Option I with Thesis

This option requires 30 credit hours of course work, plus 6 credit hours for thesis, including PS800 (Research Methods) and PS801 (Scope and Methods) recommended for the first year, and three required core seminars from the following areas: American government; comparative government and politics; historical and normative theory; international relations; and public policy. For those who do not take upper undergraduate level or graduate level political theory course must take the political theory core seminar. It also requires passing comprehensive examinations in two areas of specification.

M.A. Option II without Thesis

This option requires 36 credit hours of course work, including PS800 (Research Methods) and PS801 (Scope and Methods) recommended for the first year, and core seminars in American government and one other core seminar required to be completed in the first three semesters. It requires passing comprehensive examinations in two areas of specification, as well.

M.A. Option III without Thesis, but with Promise for Success in Working towards the Ph.D.

This option, which requires 36 credit hours of course work, may be chosen only with the approval of the Graduate Committee upon recommendation of the student’s advisor. It shall only be approved when there is sufficient evidence of excellent progress in the program combined with extraordinary research and writing skills demonstrating ability comparable to that required for a thesis. Its course requirement is the same as Option I, and requires passing comprehensive examinations in two areas of specification.
Ph.D. in Political Science
It requires a M.A. in Political Science or a related area; 90 credit hours with no more than 21 hours for dissertation research; passing comprehensive examinations in two areas of specification; passing PS901 in which the student will prepare and defend a dissertation prospectus; and passing PS802, Professional Development in Political Science. A student with a master’s degree from another institution may take the proficiency examination, or substitute it by taking any core seminar, PS800, and PS801. The department requires a Ph.D. candidate to teach during the period of residency.

II GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE
Library resources are collected at the research level. Preferred geographical areas are the United States, Great Britain, Western Europe, Russia, Eastern Europe, East Asia, Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. Due to the areas of concentration, comparative politics and international relations, materials from all nations are desired. Coverage is worldwide and no area is specifically omitted. Geographical coverage is considered hand-in-hand with chronological coverage.

III. CHRONOLOGICAL COVERAGE
Top priority is given to materials about the 20th and 21st centuries, with an emphasis on recent materials, for the area of public administration. For the American government area of concentration, priority is given to the 20th and 21st centuries, and recent materials, with secondary emphasis on materials covering the 18th and 19th centuries. The international relations area of concentration requires a focus on the 20th and 21st centuries, with secondary coverage of earlier centuries. Coverage for the foreign and comparative government area of concentration is primarily on the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, with selective coverage from prior periods. Coverage for political theory materials is not time dependent; coverage begins from Plato. It is important to collect works of historical analysis that support the relevant areas of faculty research. Additional emphasis on retrospective materials occurs when funding permits. Materials from any chronological era are collected at specific faculty request.

IV. IMPRINT DATE
Major emphasis is on current and recently published resources for all five areas of concentration. Primary source materials are collected at the research level for the areas of international relations and American government, particularly for official documents (L.C. class J). Selective retrospective purchasing for all five areas occurs as gaps in the collection are identified, as well as at specific faculty request.

V. FORMAT
Most materials are acquired in the form of monographs, reference sources, and periodicals. Most materials are in print format, while an increasing percentage of periodicals are in electronic format, and a small number of e-books are in the collection. Up-to-date reference works such as
dictionaries, encyclopedias, directories, and handbooks are acquired to support this department. Dissertations are selectively acquired. The acquisition of documents from the U.S. federal government, State of Nebraska, United Nations, European Union, and Organization of American States satisfactorily supports this department's programs. Quite a few of the documents, in particular, the U.S. federal documents, can be accessed electronically.

VI. LANGUAGE
English is the preferred language of publication for all library resources collected at the research level. Materials in French, Spanish, Italian, German, and Russian are collected at the research level, especially in the areas of comparative government, political theory, and international relations. Other non-English languages are acquired at faculty request. Translations are preferred to non-English publications.

VII. ELECTRONIC DATABASES
Over the years, the University Libraries has acquired a number of electronic databases, including full-text ones, in political science and related areas: Political Science: A Sage Full-text Collection, International Political Science Abstracts, Worldwide Political Science Abstracts,

VII. LIBRARY COLLECTIONS
For decades, the University Libraries has committed to acquiring and collecting a wide range of resources to support the political science academic programs. The materials in the library collection cover the areas of American politics, government, law, public administration, political behavior, political culture, political economy, political geography, political history, political institution, political philosophy, political psychology, political thought, international politics, international relations, diplomacy, human rights, research methodology, and area studies.

The guides of some of the above-mentioned areas can be found in other collection development policies, such as History, Philosophy, and Economics.

The University Libraries is one of the regional centers of the U.S. federal document depository, and has a fairly complete set of U.S. federal government documents from executive, legislative, and judicial branches, which provide an abundant and invaluable resource for the political science academic programs. The library collection also has United Nations, European Union, Organization of American States, and Nebraska State documents.

In terms of political science resources, the library’s collection is supplemented locally by University of Nebraska-Lincoln Schmid Law Library, Nebraska Commission Library, and Nebraska State Legislative Library.

VII. CLASSIFICATION AND INTENSITY LISTING
Philosophy
B 65 Philosophy. Methodology. Relation to law and political science RESEARCH
B108-118 Ancient (600 B.C. – 430 A.D.) RESEARCH
B 350-398 Plato RESEARCH
B 400-491 Aristotle RESEARCH
B 504 Greco-Roman philosophy. Collected works RESEARCH
BJ 55 Ethics: Philosophy. Methodology. Relation to law and political science RESEARCH
History
D 1-863 History (general) RESEARCH
D 880-888 Developing countries RESEARCH
D 890-893 Eastern Hemisphere RESEARCH
D 900-2027 Europe RESEARCH
DA 700-722 History of Great Britain. British Empire. Wales RESEARCH
DA 750-862 History of Great Britain. British Empire. Scotland RESEARCH
DA 949.7-966 British Empire. Ireland. 19th to 21st centuries RESEARCH
DAW 1047-1051 History of Central Europe. 1500 - . RESEARCH
DB 65-99.2 Austria. Austro-Hungarian Empire. 1521- STUDY
DB 932.95-958.6 Hungary. 19th to 21st centuries RESEARCH
DB 2185-2241 Czechoslovak Republic 1918-1992 RESEARCH
DB 2242-2247 1993-. Independent Czech Republic RESEARCH
DB 2700-3150 Slovakia RESEARCH
DC 110-433 France. Modern, 1515- RESEARCH
DD 175-290 Germany, Modern, 1519- RESEARCH
DD 389-454 Prussia, Modern. 1640- RESEARCH
DE 1-15 Mediterranean Region. Greco-Roman world. STUDY
DF 10-14 Ancient Greece RESEARCH
DF 701-854 Modern Greece RESEARCH
DG 550.5-583.8 Italy. 19th to 21st centuries RESEARCH
DH 113-137 Netherlands (Low Countries). Military, naval, and political history. Foreign relations RESEARCH
DH 677-693 Belgium. 20th and 21st centuries RESEARCH
DH 901-918 Luxemburg RESEARCH
DJ 215-292 Netherlands (Holland). 19th to 21st centuries RESEARCH
DJK 1-5 Eastern Europe. General RESEARCH
DJK 43-45 Eastern Europe. Foreign and general relations RESEARCH
DJK 48-51 Eastern Europe. 19th to 21st centuries RESEARCH
DK 60-69.7 Russia, Soviet Union, Former Soviet Republics. Political history. Foreign and general relations. RESEARCH
DK 127-264.8 Russia. House of Romanov, 1689-1917 RESEARCH
DK 503.8-503.85 Former Soviet Republics. Estonia, 1991- RESEARCH
DK 504.8-504.85 Former Soviet Republics. Latvia, 1991- RESEARCH
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DK 507.8-507.822 Former Soviet Republics. Belarus, 1991- RESEARCH
DK 503.772-509.774 Former Soviet Republics. Moldova, 1991- RESEARCH
DK 510.775-510.766 Russia (Federation), 1991- RESEARCH
DK 578-687.3 Former Soviet Republics. Georgia, 1991- RESEARCH
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DK 697.6-697.8 Former Soviet Republics. Azerbaijan, 1991- RESEARCH
DK 908.867-908.869 Former Soviet Republics. Kazakhstan, 1991- RESEARCH
DK 918.875-918.877 Former Soviet Republics. Kyrgyzstan, 1991- RESEARCH
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DK 938.865-938.867 Former Soviet Republics. Turkmenistan, 1991- RESEARCH
DK 948.865-948.867 Former Soviet Republics. Uzbekistan, 1991- RESEARCH
DK 4382-4452 Poland. 20th and 21st centuries RESEARCH
DL 201-263 Denmark. 19th to 21st centuries RESEARCH
DL 375-380 Iceland. 1918 - STUDY
DL 503-537 Norway. 19th to 21st centuries RESEARCH
DL 807-879 Sweden. 19th to 21st centuries RESEARCH
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DP 201-272.4 Spain. 19th to 21st centuries RESEARCH
DP 645-682.8 Portugal. 19th to 21st centuries STUDY
DQ 124-210 Switzerland. 19th to 21st centuries RESEARCH
DR 84.9-93.47 Bulgaria. 19th to 21st centuries STUDY
DR 250-269.6 Rumania. 19th to 21st centuries STUDY
DR 556-605 Turkey. 19th to 21st centuries STUDY
DR 968-978.52 Albania. 20th and 21st centuries STUDY
DR 1254-1258 Yugoslavia. Political history. Foreign and general relations STUDY
DR 1273-1321 Yugoslavia. 19th to 21st centuries RESEARCH
DR 1452-1457.5 Yugoslavia. Slovenia, 1990- RESEARCH
DR 1600-1605.2 Yugoslavia. Croatia, 1990- RESEARCH
DR 1749-1756 Yugoslavia. Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1992- RESEARCH
DR 1901-1907 Yugoslavia. Montenegro, 1992- RESEARCH
DR 2048-2053 Yugoslavia. Serbia, 1992- RESEARCH
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Social Science

H 1-29 Social science. Periodicals, yearbooks, societies, congresses. RESEARCH

H51-62 Social science. History, biography, theory, communication of information, study and teaching, research. RESEARCH

H 96-97.7 Public policy. Policy sciences RESEARCH

HA 29-32 Statistics. Theory and method of social science statistics. RESEARCH

HB 74.P65 Political economy RESEARCH

HD 3850 State industries. Public works. Government ownership. General works (English) RESEARCH

HX Socialism. Communism. Utopias. Anarchism RESEARCH

Except:
Periodicals. Serials. Other languages (HX9) at Study Level

Dictionaries. Encyclopedias. Terminology at Study Level (HX17-18)

Ancient and Medieval Socialism at Study Level (HX26-31)

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Political Science

J 9.5-9.7 General legislative and executive papers. Americas and West Indies RESEARCH

J 80-81 United States documents. Periodicals. Collections RESEARCH

J 82 United States presidents’ messages RESEARCH

J 83-84 United States administrative papers. Documents of several departments RESEARCH

J 86-87 State executive papers (listed by state) RESEARCH

J 100-259 Canada, West Indies, Latin American countries’ documents RESEARCH

J 290-460.4 European countries’ documents RESEARCH

J 500-703 Asian countries’ documents RESEARCH

J 704-881 African countries’ documents RESEARCH

J 905-941 Australia and New Zealand documents RESEARCH

J 951-981 Pacific island countries’ documents STUDY

JA Political science (General) RESEARCH

JC Political theory. The state. Theories of the state RESEARCH

JF Political institutions. Comparative government. Public administration (General) RESEARCH

JJ 1000-1019 Political institutions and public administration (North America) RESEARCH

JK Political institutions and public administration (United States) RESEARCH

JL Political institutions and public administration (Canada, Latin America, etc.) RESEARCH

JN Political institutions and public administration (Europe) RESEARCH

JQ 21-1852 Political institutions and public administration (Asia) RESEARCH

JQ 1870-3981 Political institutions and public administration (Africa) STUDY
JQ 4000-5899 Political institutions and public administration (Australia and New Zealand) RESEARCH

JQ 5995-6651 Political institutions and public administration (Pacific Ocean islands) STUDY

JS 39-271 Local government. Municipal government (General) RESEARCH

JS 300-1583 Local government. Municipal government (United States) RESEARCH

JS 1701-2778 Local government. Municipal government (Canada, West Indies, and Latin America) RESEARCH

JS 3000-6949.875 Local government. Municipal government (Europe) STUDY

Except:

Great Britain, France, Russia at Research Level

JS 6950-7520 Local government. Municipal government (Asia) STUDY

JS 7525-7819.9 Local government. Municipal government (Africa) STUDY

JS 7820-7827.9 Local government. Municipal government (Atlantic Ocean islands) STUDY

JS 7899-7906.9 Local government. Municipal government (Indian Ocean islands) STUDY

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