

Dept. of Political Science and International Relations

The Department of Political Science and International Relations is offering the M.A. program since 1981 and the Ph.D. program since 1984. The Graduate Program reflects the methodological diversity of the discipline in order to offer various opportunities for graduate students to concentrate on their specific field of interest. The major fields are political thoughts and theories, political history, comparative politics, international relations, political economy, and Korean politics.

The Department of Political Science and International Relations aims to train students to become specialists, who will engage in domestic and international affairs by offering a variety of opportunities for students to understand and develop theories in order to analyze domestic and international politics in a science manner. Our graduates will play an important role in society as scholars who are specialists to cope with the influence of regional integration and globalization, and as elites to work for diverse organizations to promote human peace and welfare.

Political Thoughts and Theories Major

A study of political thoughts, political theories, issues and practices.

Comparative Politics Major

An analysis of various political problems through comparative research.

International Relations Major

An analysis of such international issues as war and peace, domestic and international economic relations, international politics and security, and international cooperation.

Political Management Major

A study of offering opportunities for acquiring practical knowledge and experience by connecting theories real political affairs.

National Security Strategy Major

Courses

Core Courses

· **Contemporary Political Theories (3)**

A comprehensive study of contemporary political theories along with their applications and problems.

· **Theories of International Relations (3)**

A study of diverse theories of international relations such as traditional theories of power politics, theories of international systems, theories of foreign policy making and

theories of international integration.

- **Theories of Comparative Politics (3)**

A study of major comparative theories and research methods for analyzing domestic politics.

- **Research Methods in Political Science (3)**

A study of methodological approaches to deal with the nature, scope, and limits of political science with emphasis on general research methods in political science.

- **Political Leadership (3)**

A study on relationships between political leadership and democratic societies in suggesting an alternative leadership for political innovation.

- **Parliamentary Politics (3)**

Focusing on understanding the process of parliamentary politics and practice, including legislative proposal, submission and deliberation, budget deliberation inspection of the administration, public hearings, and diverse committees.

- **Independent Study (3)**

Each student conducts intensive and independent research on a topic chosen in consultation with his or her advisor

- **Reading Classics in Political Science (3)**

In this class, students will read and discuss the classics and major writings in political science.

- **Political Thoughts & Theories Major**

- **The History of Political Thoughts (3)**

A study of the development of political thoughts.

- **Western Political Thoughts (3)**

An analysis of origins and implications of political thoughts in West.

- **Asian Political Thoughts (3)**

A study of traditional political thoughts in Asia with a particular emphasis on their changing process under the influence of Western political thoughts.

- **Korean Political Thoughts (3)**

A study of traditional political thoughts in Korea with a particular emphasis on their changing process under the influence of other political thoughts, including the Chinese.

- **Socialist Thoughts (3)**

A comprehensive introduction to the theoretical logic, ideological background and development of socialist thoughts, and the nature of contemporary communist thoughts.

- **Political Sociology (3)**

A study of the origin, emergence and the nature of political sociology.

- **Theories of Policy-Making (3)**

An introduction to the diverse theories of policy making and an analysis of factors

that affect the policy making.

- **Political Institutions (3)**

A study of political institutions that affect political behaviour.

- **Political Behaviors (3)**

A study of behavioral approaches to politics, focusing on their impact on political researches by criticizing traditional ones.

- **Political Economy (3)**

A study of interrelationships between political and economic variables.

- **Nationalism (3)**

A study of the origin, major theories and the aspects of nationalism with a focus on its development and prospect.

- **Contemporary Political Philosophy (3)**

An analysis of the origin and nature of major thoughts in contemporary political philosophy.

- **Comparative Politics Major**

- **Political Development (3)**

A study of diverse theories of political development and their applications to political process.

- **Political Process (3)**

A study of theories of political process with a focus on the relationship between social and political process.

- **Political Culture (3)**

A study of the concept of political culture and relationship between political institutions(structure) in the field of behavioral political science.

- **Government and Politics in Korea (3)**

A comparative study of political systems, political processes and political culture in Korea.

- **Government and Politics in Europe (3)**

A comparative study of political systems, political processes and political culture in Europe.

- **Government and Politics in America (3)**

A study of political traditions, political culture and political processes in American politics.

- **Government and Politics in Asia (3)**

A study of political traditions, political culture and political processes in Asian politics.

- **Government and Politics in Africa (3)**

A study of political traditions, political culture and political processes in African politics.

- **Government and Politics in North Korea (3)**

A study of North Korean politics, including political ideas for governance, South and North Korean unification policies and its relation with China and Russia.

- **Government and Politics in Newly Industrial Countries (3)**

A study of political ideas and current issues in Newly Industrial Countries.

- **Politics in the Information Society (3)**

A study of relationships between information and politics in focusing on electronic democracy, electronic administration, internet politics, the political management of information technology, and cyber international politics.

- **Practices of Political Analysis (3)**

A study of theorizing and analyzing real politics.

- **NGO Politics (3)**

A study of how NGOs affect both domestic and international politics.

- **International Relations Major**

- **Foreign Policy (3)**

A study of the process of foreign policy making with a focus on factors which affect the formation of foreign policies.

- **Korean Foreign Policy (3)**

A study of policy goals and domestic and international factors which affect Korean foreign policy making.

- **International Relations in Europe (3)**

A study of characteristics and changes of international relations in Europe.

- **International Relations in America (3)**

A study of characteristics and changes of international relations in America.

- **International Relations in Asia (3)**

A study of characteristics and changes of international relations in Asia.

- **International Relations in Africa (3)**

A study of characteristics and changes of international relations in Africa.

- **International Relations in Northeast Asia (3)**

An analysis of Northeast Asian international order the balance of power among the United States, Russia, China and Japan and different ideas and interests in international relations.

- **International Organization (3)**

A study of the current issues of international politics in association with international organizations.

- **International Political Economy (3)**

A study of relationships between international and domestic politics and international economy.

- **International Cooperation (3)**

A study of how states cooperate for the coexistence of international society.

- **International Cultural Relations (3)**

A study of analyzing international relations not only from the political and military perspective but from the cultural one in order to examine the global society after the period of cold war.

- **Environment and International Politics (3)**

An analysis of how environmental problems as a global issue have been discussed and solved in the context of international politics.

- **International Politics and Korean Unification (3)**

A study of Korean unification in relation to international politics: a search for a peaceful Korean unification lies the balance of power among the major powers and in wake of changing international situations.

- **Political Management Major**

- **Politics Related Laws (3)**

A study of analyzing and interpreting politics-related laws, which deal with elections, political parties, and political funds.

- **Theories and Practice of Electoral Campaign Strategy and Management (3)**

A study on the basic rules and professional techniques that constitute successful electoral campaign strategies and its practice.

- **Opinion Formation and Survey (3)**

An improved understanding and practical application of general opinion researches and its rightful interpretation.

- **Theories and Practice of Local Politics (3)**

Understanding local politics in Korea and its problems.

- **Theories and Practice of Woman Politics (3)**

A study not only on the roles of women as citizen, voters, candidates, and leader, but on the feminine political paradigm as an alternative projective for well-functioning democracy.

- **Policies for Women (3)**

A study on policies for women in various sectors and countries by focusing on the BPA as a widely accepted principle.

- **Practice in Public Speech (3)**

A Detailed and structural study on how to set a topic, organize the lines, use rhetorics, and convey the idea of purpose for public speeches.

- **Practice of Political Leadership (3)**

A study on relationships between political leadership and democratic societies in suggesting an alternative leadership for political innovation.

- **Theories and Practice of Political Advertisement (3)**

A study on relationships between politics and media, makings, in understanding mass psychology for political advertisement and its actual application.

- **Practice of Legislative Process (3)**

Understanding of legislative processes and roles of law-making bodies in modern democratic countries.

- **Support Legislative Affair (3)**

A studying on the practice of supporting legislative affairs in Korea from the comparative perspective.

- **Internet Politics (3)**

A study on politics in the age of informatization by understanding effects of information and telecommunications technologies on political processes and social changes in the modern society.

- **Political Communications (3)**

A study on roles of mass communication in political processes in analyzing interrelationships between mass media and political group, including the government.

- **National Security Strategy Major**

- **National Security (3)**

This course discusses theories of national security with the focus on their applicability to the contemporary world politics.

- **International Politics (3)**

This course introduces students to the major theories of International Relations and discusses contemporary issues in world politics.

- **Military Cooperation and Diplomacy (3)**

This course reviews the history of military cooperation among the countries and discusses the related issues.

- **Northeast Asian International Relations (3)**

This course reviews the history of international relations in Northeast Asia with the aim of understanding the conditions for peace-building in the region.

- **ROK-US Relations (3)**

This course covers the history of the ROK-US relations since the Korean War with the focus on the military cooperation between them.

- **East Asian International Political History (3)**

This course covers the history of international relations among the East Asian countries with the aim of understanding contemporary political issues from the past experiences.

- **Defense Policies (3)**

This course reviews the Korean defense policy both theoretically and historically and explores the future direction of it.

- **Defense Project Management (3)**

This course deals with the theories and empirics of defense project management and their implications to Korean defense system.

- **Contemporary Military Theories (3)**

This course discusses the contemporary military theories on the deterrence and the battlefield management and evaluates their applicability to Korea.

• **Military Strategy (3)**

This course covers the relationship between national defense strategy and military strategy and applies major theoretical approaches to the Korean case.

• **Defense Planning (3)**

Defense planning proceeds from the threat detection to the strategy building. This course addresses the process of defense planning and compares major approaches to it.

• **Research Ethics & Thesis Study (3)**

This course introduces students to the methodology of political research and discusses students' research topics on the basis of it.

• **Defense Reform (3)**

This course explores the conditions for the successful defense reform by comparing various cases on the issue.

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