

Political Science

I. Purpose:

To support teaching and research in the fields of: American government and politics, comparative government and politics, international relations, and political theory.

The primary interest in these fields naturally resides with the Political Science faculty itself; however, faculty and students elsewhere on campus have related interests. Political Science methodology is an area of strong interest to sociologists, psychologists, and economists, as well as to political scientists. Courses in research methodology are shared by these departments and they are served by the same library materials. Political scientists and historians have many overlapping interests, particularly in political events and international affairs.

The undergraduate classes offered at Prairie View A&M University, Political Science courses are designed to develop an understanding of the various ways societies organize themselves to manage conflict and encourage cooperation and to make and implement public policy.

The programs of the political science faculty are structured to provide instruction in political science for students wishing to gain an understanding of the political process in the contemporary world.

The collection seeks to represent a range spectrum of research interests, including: comparative politics, various aspects of American politics, US foreign policy, political theory, constitutional law, international relations, third world politics, African politics, European politics, and global issues.

Courses are organized in the following categories: research methodology (Introduction to Research in Political Science); US politics (Political Parties); US government (the Presidency, and Legislative Process); international relations (International Politics, US Foreign Policy, US-African Relations); Law (American constitutional law, The Constitution and Private Rights); comparative politics (Introduction to Third World Studies; Introduction to African Politics); political thought (Modern Political Theory); public policy and political economy (Introduction to Public Policy Analysis); urban politics (Urban Government and Politics).

II. General Collection Guidelines:

A. Languages: English will be the most commonly collected language. Works published originally in other languages will largely be purchased only in English translation.

B. Chronological Guidelines: Material is collected in all chronological periods. Generally, in cases where the primary distinction between History and Political Science is the date of the covered event, Political Science will acquire items on events occurring within the last twenty years. Although there is an emphasis on contemporary affairs, certain areas, such as comparative government and politics, international relations, and political theory, will require materials on earlier periods. Courses covering issues in political theory and thought, diplomacy, foreign policy, political ideas, the Constitution and the Presidency, all heavily deal with the history of their respective subjects. The curriculum, however, focuses on developing knowledge, skills, and abilities required by administrators and public policy makers, and thus, the collection primarily emphasizes current materials.

C. Geographical Guidelines: There is a strong emphasis on American government and politics from the national to the local level. Interest also exists for material on international issues and issues relating to other nations, especially those in Africa. We collect material that pertains specifically to the politics and government within and among African countries. We also collect material on US policy toward Africa.

D. Treatment of Subject: Juvenile materials, popular material, newspapers, and introductory textbooks will not be purchased. Biographies of political figures will be collected broadly.

E. Types of Materials: Monographs and serials form the basis of political science acquisitions (including treatises, memoirs, reference works, specialized bibliographic aids, academic journals, serial publications, and specialized monographs). Theses and dissertations from other institutions, microfilm and microfiche, are all acquired very selectively. Microforms should provide primary source material that is either unavailable or too expensive in "hard copy," such as periodical back files and manuscript material. Government documents on the state and national level are collected. Antiquarian and otherwise rare materials and manuscripts are considered on a case by case basis and only selectively acquired.

F. Date of Publication: The library emphasizes current monographs, with the primary purpose of supporting faculty and student research and coursework. Items more than ten years old are acquired selectively, usually as replacements for classic works, or at the specific request of a student or faculty member. Earlier important works not represented in the collection are purchased on request or need. Retrospective collecting is determined by program need, collection strength, availability of desired materials on the book market, and availability from other libraries.

G. Other General Considerations:

- IV. **Observations and Qualifications by Subject and LC Class:**
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Subject	LC Class	CDP [NCIP] Collection Level	Subject liaison	Courses Supported
Socialism, Communism, Anarchism, and Utopias	HX	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
Official Documents	J10-J98	B	Political Science (Grundy)	See, Government Documents Statement
Collections and General Works, Treatises	JA	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
Political Theory	JC101- JC 628	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 3123
Constitutional History and Administration	JF	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 4113; POSC 4123
Political Science -- General and Comparative: See Footnote 1	JF 8-2111	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 1123; POSC 2133
Electoral Systems	JF	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
Government, Administration	JF 1321-2112	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
United States -- Public Administration	JK 401-JK 1685; JK2443+	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC2123; POSC 3213
Public Administration and Political Institutions -- United States	JK 1-9501	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 1123; POSC 2133

United States – Executive Branch	JK 501-JK 901	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 1123
United States – Congress	JK 1001-JK1443	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 4143
African-American Voters	JK 1924-JK 1929	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 2213
United States – Election Systems	JK 1961-JK 2248	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 1123
United States – Political Parties	JK 2255-JK2391	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 2113
United States – State Governments	JK 2403-JK 9593	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 1123
Confederate States of America	JK 9661-9993	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
Latin America	JL	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 2523;
Great Britain	JN 102-1129	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
Western Europe	JN 2303-3149; JN 3203-4979; JN 5003-6399; JN 7001-9599	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
Eastern Europe (including Russia and the former U.S.S.R.)	JN 1602-2289; JN 6500-6769; JN 9600-9799	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
Australia and New Zealand	JN 4000-5899	B	Political Science (Grundy)	

South Asia	JQ 98-939	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 2523
East Asia	JQ 1499-1755	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 2523
The Middle East	JQ 1758-1852	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 2523
Africa	JQ 1900-3981	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 2523; POSC 3553; POSC 3563; POSC 4223; POSC 4173
Local Government: United States	JS 301-1583	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 4103
Local Government: Other Countries	JS 1701-1819; JS 3003-8429	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
Colonies and Colonization	JV 10-3399	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
Emigration and Immigration	JV 6008-9500	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 2503
Laws and regulations: See Footnote 2	JV 6421-6429	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
Public Law See Footnote 3	JX 21-1299; JX 2001-5771	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
Foreign Relations – United States See Footnote 4	JX 231-	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 3533
International Relations: See Footnote 5	JX 1305-1515; JX 1542-1598; JX 1705-1730; JX 1781-1894;	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 2503; POSC 3543

	JX 1901-1995			
Private International Law	JX 6009-6953	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
Laws of the United States	KF	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
United States – Constitutional Law	KF 4501+	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 4113; POSC 4123
Law – US States	KFA-KFW	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
Texas Law	KFT	B	Political Science (Grundy)	
International Law	KZ	B	Political Science (Grundy)	POSC 2503; POSC 3533; POSC 3543

Footnote 1:

Including political philosophy and culture Government and Politics; Constitutional History; and, Administration.

Footnote 2:

See U.S. Depository Documents Statement.

Footnote 3:

Material will be bought selectively on constitutional law, the history of jurisprudence, and international and comparative law. The only sets of statutes or codes, that are purchased for the library are the U.S. Reports, the U.S. Code Annotated, the Southwestern Reports – Texas Cases, Vernon's Annotated Texas Statutes and Codes, General and Special Laws of the State of Texas, all of which are housed in the reference collection at the Coleman Library.

Footnote 4:

foreign affairs and peace/conflict issues such as disarmament and international security. It also includes legal aspects (e.g., non-statutory materials on international law, treaties, etc.). Except: JX 1516-1541; 1731-1780.

Footnote 5:

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