



# CIVIC AND NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP OPTION

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

The Civic and Nonprofit Leadership Option is a great opportunity for Political Science majors to broaden their educational background and professional credentials for taking on the challenges, issues and problems of a rapidly changing world. Students who select this Option will take classes in Civic and Nonprofit Leadership, Human Resource Management in Government and Nonprofits and Budgeting in Government and Nonprofits, while tailoring their program to their academic and professional goals through one of two tracks: (a) U.S. Leadership and Advocacy and (b) Global Leadership and Advocacy.

## **INTRODUCTORY COURSES: 12 HRS**

PLS 1003 Introduction to Comparative Politics  
PLS 1153G American Government and Constitution\*  
PLS 2033 Research Methods in Political Science  
PLS 2103 Introduction to Political Theory

## **REQUIRED COURSES: 12 HRS**

PLS 4793 Civic and Nonprofit Leadership  
PLS 4873 Human Resource Management in Public and Nonprofit Organizations  
PLS 4893 Budgeting in Government and Nonprofit Organizations  
One 3000/4000 level course from the political theory/public law field (3 credits)

## **GIS REQUIREMENT:**

GEO 3810 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

## **CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT:**

PLS 4600 Political Science Capstone

## **APPLIED POLITICAL SCIENCE EXPERIENCE:**

Additionally, students complete 3 hours in an Applied Political Science Experience, which could entail study abroad, an internship, Moot Court, Model Illinois Government, Independent Study, or for qualified students, Departmental Honors.

## **SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED FOR THE CIVIC & NONPROFIT**

### **LEADERSHIP OPTION : 45**

NOTE: Students are encouraged to take electives, minors, or a double-major in fields that complement their interests, including other social sciences, foreign languages, humanities, and business. Existing prerequisites for all courses must be satisfied.

\*Honors sections offered

## **TRACK HOURS: 12 HRS**

Choose 12 hours from one track below:

### **U.S. LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY**

PLS 2703 Introduction to Public Policy (*required*)  
PLS 3603 State and Local Government  
PLS 3653 American Indian Politics  
PLS 3703 African American Politics  
PLS 3713 Political Parties and Elections  
PLS 3723 Political Behavior  
PLS 3733 Interest Groups and Lobbying  
PLS 3743 Congress  
PLS 3753 The American Presidency  
PLS 3863B Special Topics in Political Science PLS 3903 Women & Politics  
PLS 4763 Environmental Politics and Policy

### **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY TRACK**

PLS 2253G Introduction to International Relations\* (*required*)  
PLS 3100 Global Threats and Problems  
PLS 3203 American Foreign Policy  
PLS 3223 International Organizations  
PLS 3253 Human Rights and International Law  
PLS 3303 European Politics and Governments  
PLS 3333 Politics of Latin America and the Caribbean  
PLS 3343 Government and Politics of the Middle East  
PLS 3353 Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa  
PLS 3363 Government and Politics in Asia-Pacific Rim  
PLS 3373 International Political Economy  
PLS 3863A Special Topics in Political Science  
PLS 4823 International Policy Issues

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