The following is a list of optional areas of focus in the GVPT major. The courses listed in each focus area are meant to help guide students in selecting courses that may be of interest to them. Course offerings will vary each semester.

Note: Students pursuing the Concentration in International Relations can select courses from the International Relations and Comparative Politics lists.

**International Relations**

- GVPT200- International Political Relations
- GVPT306- Global Environmental Politics
- GVPT360- International Negotiations
- GVPT406- International Organizations
- GVPT407- International Political Economy
- GVPT409C- Middle East Politics
- GVPT409D- International Security
- GVPT409F- Foreign Policy Decision Making
- GVPT409G- Global Corporations
- GVPT409I- Theories of Conflict
- GVPT409L- Transnational Relations & Non-State Actors
- GVPT409M- Nationalist Groups
- GVPT409N- Theories of International Relations
- GVPT409Q- Globalization and the Future of Politics
- GVPT409W- Southeast Asia & Contemporary Global Politics
- GVPT419B- Environmental Policy Analysis
- GVPT453- Recent East Asian Politics

**Comparative Politics**

- GVPT280- Comparative Politics and Governments
- GVPT282- Politics and the Developing World
- GVPT289J- Religion, Beliefs, and World Affairs
- GVPT368J- Geographies of Conflict and Development
- GVPT439A- Comparative Constitutional Law
- GVPT445- Marxism and Post-Marxism
- GVPT454- Seminar in the International Relations of China
- GVPT456- The Politics of Terrorism
- GVPT459B- Comparative Political Institutions
- GVPT459C- East European Politics
- GVPT459D- Politics of the Developing World
- GVPT459F- Comparative Political Economy
- GVPT459R- Revolutions
- GVPT459W- Civil Wars
- GVPT459X- Dictators and Dictatorships
- GVPT482- Government and Politics of Latin America
- GVPT484- Government and Politics of Africa
- GVPT487- Government and Politics of China

**Research Methodology & Formal Theory**

- GVPT100- Scope and Methods for Political Science Research
- GVPT221- Introduction to Formal Theories of Political Behavior and Politics
- GVPT227- The Craft of Political Science Research
- GVPT390- Game Theory
- GVPT392- Introduction to Geographic Information Systems for Social Science Research
- GVPT422- Quantitative Political Analysis
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Political Theory & Philosophy
GVPT388A- Film and the Study of Politics of Terror in the Family and the State
GVPT441- History of Political Theory: Ancient and Medieval
GVPT442- History of Political Theory: Medieval to Recent
GVPT443– Contemporary Political Theory
GVPT449C- Democratic Theory
GVPT449D- Social Criticism
GVPT449G– Democracy and Religion
GVPT449J- Political Theology
GVPT449K– Politics Through Popular Fiction and Short Stories
GVPT449K- Politics and Literature
GVPT449L– Ethics, Self and Identity: Issues in the Politics of Transgression, Violence and Human Dignity

American Politics
GVPT170– American Government
GVPT260- State and Local Government
GVPT289O- Racial and Ethnic Politics in the Obama Era
GVPT423- Elections and Electoral Behavior
GVPT429E- Problems in Political Behavior: Public Opinion and Partisanship
GVPT432- Civil Rights and the Constitution
GVPT433- The Judicial Process
GVPT440- Problems in State and Local Government
GVPT473- The U.S. Congress
GVPT474– Political Parties
GVPT475– The Presidency and the Executive Branch
GVPT479C- Public Opinion and Citizen Politics
GVPT479D- Minority Politics
GVPT479F- The Supreme Court
GVPT479G- Interest Groups and Social Movements
GVPT479H- Political Ambition
GVPT479K- Presidential Elections
GVPT479L- Representation and Public Policy
GVPT479R- Religion and US Politics
GVPT479Y- Political Psychology

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