

I. Objectives

- A. The School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs offers two graduate degrees and two graduate certificate programs:
 - 1. Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science
 - 2. Master of Arts in Political Science
 - 3. Graduate Certificate Program in Global Justice and Security Studies
 - 4. Graduate Certificate Program in Bioethics
- B. Discipline: The Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program is designed to increase student understanding of the nature of politics, the role of philosophy and ethics in policy making and public affairs, the operation of the political system and its institutions, and the development and reform of public policy. Courses and research are grounded in theoretical foundations upon which students can learn to address real-world problems. Emphasis is placed on understanding, designing, and conducting research from multiple perspectives to help students become educated policymakers, researchers, and scholars. Substantive emphases include American politics and institutions, global politics, public policy and administration, political psychology/behavior, ethics, and political theory. Courses are taught and research is conducted from an interdisciplinary perspective by a diversely educated graduate faculty. School faculty have a wide range of research and teaching interests, and the School is nationally and internationally recognized for scholarship with a focus on problem-driven research that confronts both traditional and emerging challenges in the U.S. and throughout the world.
- C. Mission of the Program: The mission of the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program is to advance the development of political science research and theory, increase understanding of its philosophical underpinnings, and train graduate students to conduct and understand theoretically based research. The major aim of all our graduate degree programs is to provide students with a broad and thorough training in the theories and methods of political science and/or philosophy so that they can be successful professionals in a variety of applied, educational, and scholarly settings. Upon completion of their graduate program, graduate students in Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs will be able to read and evaluate data and social science research, analyze and develop policy, conduct independent research related to public affairs, handle normative issues, and communicate original research findings and analyses of secondary research cogently for consideration by multiple audiences.

II. Membership

- A. Graduate Faculty within the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Program may be WSU Tenure Track, WSU Career Track, or WSU adjoint/adjunct faculty, subject to the limitations and definitions within this document. Graduate Faculty designated as initial Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Program Graduate Faculty (listed in Section IX of this document) will be approved when new bylaws are approved by the Faculty Senate. Graduate Faculty subsequently added to the program via the process outlined in section II.B below are approved by the Graduate School.
 - 1. WSU Pullman and Vancouver Campus Participation
 - a. The M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Political Science, the graduate certificate in Global Justice and Security Studies, and the graduate certificate in Bioethics are offered through the Pullman Campus of Washington State University as formally approved and authorized by the appropriate accrediting body for Washington State University (e.g., NWCCU). The faculty at other campuses and extension sites support this program but have not been officially approved and authorized to directly advertise and offer the degree as individual campuses.

- b. The Master of Public Affairs degree is offered through the Vancouver Campus of Washington State University as formally approved and authorized by the appropriate accrediting body for Washington State University (e.g., NWCCU). The faculty at other campuses and extension sites support this program but have not been officially approved and authorized to directly advertise and offer the degree as individual campuses.
2. Graduate Faculty Participation
 - a. Location: Graduate Faculty participation in Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs is independent and separate from academic department, school, college, campus, or extension site affiliations.
 - b. Disciplinary Expertise: All Graduate Faculty in the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Program must have roles that align with current Washington Administrative Code Regulations (WAC 250-61-100). Graduate faculty within Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs are expected to have a Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral-level degree in a field related to political science or philosophy. In addition, they must have demonstrated disciplinary expertise in mentoring and teaching of graduate students in this field, and relevant professional accomplishments.
 - c. Active Research: Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty must be actively involved in research related to political science or philosophy as evidenced by peer-reviewed publications (or similar professional accomplishment) as well as graduate student mentoring within the past five (5) years.
 3. Faculty Roles (see II.B for the approval process)
 - a. Tenure Track Faculty in the School: All Tenure Track Faculty (pre-tenured and tenured) from the School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs are automatically approved Graduate Faculty in Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs, entitled to act as chair, co-chair, and member of graduate student advisory committees, teach graduate courses, serve as Director of Graduate Studies, and serve on the Graduate Studies Committee. They are voting eligible.
 - b. Tenure Track Faculty outside the School: Tenure Track Faculty outside of the School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs who are approved Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Program Graduate Faculty are entitled to act as co-chair or member of graduate student advisory committees and teach graduate courses. They may not serve as Director of Graduate Studies nor on the Graduate Studies Committee. They cannot chair student advisory committees, and when serving as co-chair, they must co-chair with a Tenure Track Faculty member who is also a member of the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty. They are not voting eligible.
 - c. Career Track Faculty in the School: Career Track Faculty include non-Tenure Track research, scholar, and clinical faculty. Career Track from the School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty who are approved Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Program Graduate Faculty are entitled to act as co-chair or member of graduate student advisory committees, teach graduate courses, serve as Director of Graduate Studies, and serve the Graduate Studies Committee. They cannot chair student advisory committees and when serving as co-chair, they must co-chair with a Tenure Track Faculty member who is also a member of the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty. They are voting eligible.

- d. Adjoint and Adjunct Faculty: Professionals external to WSU may be granted Graduate Faculty participation within Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs if they are first officially approved as adjoint or adjunct faculty for WSU. Adjoint faculty who are approved as Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty are entitled to as a member of graduate student advisory committees and teach graduate courses. They may not serve as Director of Graduate Studies nor on the Graduate Studies Committee. They cannot chair or co-chair student advisory committees. They are not voting eligible. Adjunct faculty who are approved as Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty are entitled to act as a member of graduate student advisory committees and teach graduate courses. They may not serve as Director of Graduate Studies nor on the Graduate Studies Committee. They cannot chair or co-chair student advisory committees. They are not voting eligible.
- e. Emeritus Faculty: Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty who enter Emeritus status may complete their current terms as chairs of graduate student advisory committees but may not sit as chair on new student advisory committees. Approved Emeritus Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty are entitled to act as co-chair or member of graduate student advisory committees. They may not serve as Director of Graduate Studies nor the Graduate Studies Committee. They cannot chair student advisory committees and when serving as co-chair, they must co-chair with a Tenure Track Faculty member who is also a member of the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty. They are not voting eligible.
- f. Individuals who are not Graduate Faculty in the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Program: Individuals not officially participating as Graduate Faculty within the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Program may serve on graduate student advisory committees as outlined here. Faculty who are members of the Graduate Faculty in another WSU graduate program, whose committee appointment is approved by the Program Director of the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Program, may serve on a graduate student's advisory committee. They have no additional rights and responsibilities in this program, unless they are approved as Graduate Faculty in the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Program. Individuals not officially participating as Graduate Faculty in any Graduate Program at WSU (for example, a faculty member from another university or research entity) may be approved to serve as a member for an individual student's advisory committee on a case-by-case basis. The committee chair for that student should forward the name and a curriculum vitae of the desired committee member to the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Director of Graduate Studies. With approval of the Director of Graduate Studies, the nomination memo (with accompanying CV or other documentation of expertise) is forwarded to the Dean of the Graduate School for final approval. They have no additional rights and responsibilities in this program.
- g. Table: Summary of Participation
The table below summarizes the roles and participation level for Graduate Faculty members committees within the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Program as described above.

Professional Status	Chair	Co-Chair	Student Committee Member	DGS/GSC	Voting Eligible
Tenure-Track in School	X	X	X	X	X
Tenure-Track out of School		X	X		
Career-Track in School		X	X	X	X
Adjoint			X		
Adjunct			X		
Emeritus		X	X		

B. Approval of Membership

1. Initial approved Graduate Faculty within Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs are listed in Section IX of the initial Program Bylaws and have been approved by the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Program proposed initial Graduate Faculty, proposed Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Director of Graduate Studies, and the Dean of the Graduate School.
2. All potential Graduate Faculty can be nominated by an existing Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty member or may self-nominate. The nomination should include a letter of nomination and a curriculum vitae for the nominee. The Director of Graduate Studies will circulate application materials to all voting eligible Graduate Faculty prior to the vote. New Graduate Faculty require approval from the majority of voting eligible Graduate Faculty who respond to the vote.

In addition to a commitment to maintain the highest standards of mentoring for graduate students, anticipated contributions or qualifications for all successful Graduate Faculty applicants include the following:

- a. Appropriate Educational credentials as outlined in II.A.2.
 - b. History or reasonable expectation of an active, funded research program that can plausibly be relied upon as the source of continuing support of a Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs graduate student.
 - c. History of publication of peer-reviewed manuscripts in a discipline related to political science or philosophy.
3. A list of names of newly approved Graduate Faculty, along with a curriculum vitae for each candidate, may be forwarded to the Dean of the Graduate School at the time that they are approved. With the dean’s approval, they will be added to the Graduate Faculty list for the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Program.

C. Continuation of Membership: Graduate Faculty appointments to Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Program will be reviewed for continuation of membership by the Program Director yearly, as described in III.B.3.k. They will be evaluated for contributions to graduate instruction, research, and teaching. Contributions to the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Program shall be a requirement for continued membership. Contributions may take the form of:

1. Committee chair, co-chair, or committee member for graduate students in Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs.
2. Teaching or co-teaching a graduate course in Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs.
3. Serving in the administrative and committee structure for Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs.

D. Discontinuation of Membership

1. Initiation of Discontinuation: Upon request of a Graduate Faculty member of the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Program, with the support of the Director of Graduate Studies, an individual membership can be discontinued. It is up to the Director of Graduate Studies to notify the faculty member that they have been discontinued from the program. If that individual's research and graduate training activity should change, they may reapply for Graduate Faculty participation at any time.
2. Membership Appeal Process: Faculty appeal of any membership decision in Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs must be made in writing to the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Director of Graduate Studies within 30 calendar days of being notified of the decision. An appeal will only be granted if it is supported by the majority of voting eligible Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty who respond to the vote. Final written appeal may be made to the Dean of the Graduate School within 30 calendar days of the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty vote.

III. Administration

- A. Administration of the program and its activities is vested in the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Director of Graduate Studies with advice from the Graduate Studies Committee.
- B. Director of Graduate Studies: The Director of Graduate Studies for Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs will be appointed by the Director of the School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs in consultation with the Associate Director of the School. Final approval of the Director of Graduate Studies' appointment resides with the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Dean of the Graduate School.
 1. The Director of Graduate Studies may be removed from office by a majority vote of voting-eligible PPPA Graduate Faculty and with the approval of the deans as described in III.B above.
 2. Duties of the Program Director
 - a. Provide overall academic leadership for the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program.
 - b. Develop and implement policies for the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program.
 - c. Represent the interests of the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program to the campus and University administrators.
 - d. Call and preside at meetings of the Graduate Studies Committee.
 - e. Be responsible for coordinating all Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program administrative matters within the Graduate School.
 - f. Submit course or curriculum change or approval forms.
 - g. Submit Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program revised bylaws.
 - h. Be responsible for the accuracy of all publications related to Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program including web pages and catalog copy.
 - i. Coordinate Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs graduate course teaching assignments with the Director and Associate Director of the School.
 - j. Coordinate the annual performance review of each graduate student in the program.
 - k. Submit an updated list of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty to the Dean of the Graduate School for approval by August 1 each year.
 - l. Coordinate Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program assessment annually and submit an assessment report to the deans listed in III.B above.

2. Removal from office

IV. Committees

- A. Graduate Studies Committee: This committee is responsible for assisting the Director of Graduate Studies and the School's Director in the oversight and operations of the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program.
1. The Graduate Studies Committee shall be composed of at least five (5) Graduate Faculty members of the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs program, including the Director of Graduate Studies.
 2. The Director of the School, in consultation with the Associate Director of the School and the Director of Graduate Studies, shall appoint members of the Graduate Studies Committee, paying special attention to achieving representation among the disciplines within Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs and the campuses that the program serves.
 3. Member terms, in general, shall be two years. The Director of the School, in consultation with the Associate Director of the School and Director of Graduate Studies, shall have the power to fill vacancies on the committee.
 4. Areas in which the Graduate Studies Committee shall assist and advise the Program Director include:
 - a. Review, develop and update long-range goals for the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program and plans for their attainment. These ideas shall be presented at least once annually to a meeting of all Graduate Faculty.
 - b. Provide feedback and advice on new ideas, changes, etc. in academic or administrative issues.
 - c. Provide guidance on administration of the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program.
 - d. Assist with Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program assessment process.
 - e. Coordinate all graduate student recruitment efforts with the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty.
 - f. Organize annual graduate student recruiting events.
 - g. Review all graduate student applications and in conjunction with the Director of Graduate Studies and appropriate Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty and recommend the acceptance or rejection of applicants in a timely manner.
 - h. Make recommendations to the Director of Graduate Studies regarding the financial support of graduate students for their first year.
 - i. Regular (at least annual) review of the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program curricula.
 - j. Make recommendations to Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty regarding curricular revision and prepare drafts of course or curricular change forms for revision. Such recommendations are to be presented to the Graduate Faculty for approval by majority vote of the voting eligible Graduate Faculty.
- B. Other Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program Committees: Other ad hoc committees may be appointed by the Director of the School as needed. Addition of new, or changes to the existing, standing committees must be approved by amendment of bylaws.
- C. Student Representatives: At the discretion of the School's Director and Graduate Faculty, student representation may be added or deleted from any Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program Committee structure.

V. Graduate Student Advisory Committees

- A. The initial selection, or subsequent changes, of a graduate student's advisory committee shall be determined jointly by the student and the student's advisor. In accordance with the Policies and Procedures of the Graduate School at WSU, graduate students and recent WSU graduates are not permitted to serve on the committees of other graduate students.
- B. The graduate committee of each student shall have a minimum of three members for Master's and three members for Ph.D. A majority of committee members shall be Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty members. Additionally, a minimum of one member of Master's and two members of Ph.D. committees must be Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Tenure-Track faculty.

VI. Graduate Faculty Meetings

- A. The Director of Graduate Studies shall update Graduate Faculty as needed but at least once per academic year. These updates will typically coincide with School-wide faculty meetings called by the School's Director. All attempts will be made to provide a written agenda two days in advance.
- B. Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the Director of PPPA or the Director's Advisory Committee.
- C. A special meeting of PPPA Graduate Faculty may be called by petition of 25 percent or more of the Graduate Faculty members.
- D. Efforts will be made to communicate items of interest, including notification of a Graduate Faculty Meeting, to the faculty via e-mail.
- E. Faculty not on campus at the time of a Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty Meeting may participate by electronic means.

VII. Quorum

- A. For all general Graduate Faculty Meetings, unless otherwise indicated, a quorum shall be defined as a minimum of 50 percent of the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program voting eligible membership.
- B. For other Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program Committees to conduct a business meeting, a quorum shall be defined as a minimum of 50 percent of the committee membership.
- C. A majority is needed to pass motions. Unless otherwise indicated, a majority refers to more than 50% of the votes cast.
- D. In the event of a tie vote in Graduate Faculty Meeting, the Director of Graduate Studies will decide the outcome of the vote. For tie votes that occur within other Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program Committees, the Committee Chair will decide the outcome of the vote.

VIII. Amendments to Program Bylaws

- A. The Program Bylaws document shall be reviewed every fifth year by the Graduate Studies Committee and annually by the Director of Graduate Studies.
- B. Amendments to the Bylaws may originate from any Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty member. Proposed amendments must be forwarded to the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Studies Committee and Director of Graduate Studies. After discussion, amendments shall be forwarded to the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty electronically at least 2 weeks prior to the faculty meeting at which the amendments will be discussed. After discussion, a minimum 2-week period will follow the Graduate Faculty meeting prior to vote. Votes on amendments may occur at a Graduate Faculty meeting or electronically. Amendments to the Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program Bylaws require a positive vote from the majority of all voting eligible Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty.

- C. All revised Bylaws must be submitted to the Faculty Senate Graduate Studies Committee for review and final approval and will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate as an information item.

IX. List of Initial Graduate Faculty Participants

- A. Tenure-track faculty members in the School of Politics, Philosophy, & Public Affairs
 1. Joseph Campbell, Professor
 2. Cornell Clayton, Professor
 3. Cheryl Ellenwood, Assistant Professor
 4. Patricia Glazebrook, Professor
 5. Michael Goldsby, Associate Professor
 6. Claudia Leeb, Associate Professor
 7. Jacob Lewis, Assistant Professor
 8. Carolyn Long, Associate Professor
 9. Anthony Lopez, Associate Professor
 10. Amy Mazur, Professor
 11. Samantha Noll, Associate Professor
 12. Thomas Preston, Professor
 13. Travis Ridout, Professor
 14. Michael Salamone, Associate Professor
 15. David Shier, Associate Professor
 16. Steven Stehr, Associate Professor
 17. Mark Stephan, Associate Professor
 18. Matt Stichter, Associate Professor
 19. Paul Thiers, Associate Professor
- B. Career-track faculty members in the School of Politics, Philosophy, & Public Affairs
 1. Season Hoard, Associate Professor
 2. William Kabasenche, Professor
- C. Emeritus faculty members
 1. Martha Cottam, Professor Emerita
 2. Nicholas Lovrich, Professor Emeritus
 3. Michael Myers, Professor Emeritus

X. History of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Program Bylaws

- A. Administrative Home: School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs
- B. Initial bylaws approved by Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty: December 10, 2012
Initial bylaws approved by Faculty Senate: February 28, 2013
- C. Revised Bylaws approved by Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty: May 11, 2016
Revised Bylaws by Faculty Senate Graduate Studies Committee: unknown
- D. Revised Bylaws approved by Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty: May 7, 2021
- E. Revised Bylaws approved by Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Graduate Faculty: November 14, 2022
Revised Bylaws approved by Faculty Senate Graduate Studies Committee: TBD