

Paterno Liberal Arts Undergraduate Fellows in Political Science/International Politics

The Political Science Department offers Paterno Fellows exceptional opportunities to enrich their academic preparation. Fellows can pursue a major in International Politics or Political Science and follow one of two tracks to complete a research oriented capstone project. Fellows admitted directly by the Schreyer Honors College will write a thesis under the direction of a faculty thesis advisor. Fellows admitted through the Paterno Fellows Program in their sophomore or junior year have several options, including a senior seminar or research apprenticeship. All Fellows have the opportunity to study abroad, complete internships in a variety of settings, and complete honors course work.

To be admitted to the Political Science or International Politics Paterno Fellows Program:

- Complete PL SC 309 (previously 409) **Quantitative Political Analysis** (3) with a B+ or higher
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or higher
- Complete of at least one of the following courses: PL SC 1, 14, 3, or 7
- Receive no grade lower than a B+ in PL SC 1, 14, 3, and 7

Requirements for Paterno Liberal Arts Fellows and Schreyer Honors Scholars

The department will offer two tracks for students to graduate as Paterno Fellows and/or Schreyer Honors Scholars.

Thesis track: For Students who enter Schreyer Honors College as freshmen or who are admitted to the Honors College at the sophomore or junior gate in addition to admittance to the Fellows Program and Schreyer Honors students not in the Paterno Fellows Program:

- Complete an honors thesis supervised by a member of the faculty (non-tenure line faculty with the approval of the department honors director).
- Complete PL SC 300H and PL SC 306H. Students can be excused from these with the approval of department of honors advisor.
- Complete 6 credits of thesis writing in PL SC 306H and PL SC 496H
- PL SC 309 is recommended

Capstone Track: For Students who are admitted as Paterno Fellows and to the Schreyer Honor's College only through the Fellows program (those who were not admitted directly by Schreyer).

- Complete a capstone experience. These include one of the following:
 - A grade of B or better in the senior capstone seminar PL SC 4XXH (new course)
 - A semester or year-long research apprenticeship capped by a research poster submitted to the UG research exhibition or the department thesis poster exhibition. Prior approval by DUS required.
 - A research add-on to a 400 level course with prior approval of the class instructor. Student must receive a B or better in the class and the research add-on (496)
 - The thesis track with prior approval of DUS and support of one other department faculty member who will serve as thesis advisor
- Students in the Fellows program who do not maintain eligibility for the Fellows program may not complete the thesis track.

Advising:

Fellows will be advised by department professional advisors and faculty honors advisors.