1. Develop an understanding of and appreciation for the methods and approaches of diverse subfields in Political Science--American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory--and their relevance to important theoretical and pragmatic questions.

2. Analyze different forms and practices of governance both democratic and non-democratic.

3. Argue effectively and defend propositions with intellectual integrity, while considering a range of alternative points of view and evidence.

4. Analyze relations among individuals, civil society, political institutions, and states.

5. Analyze the motivations and consequences of political decision-making and activities.