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.