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Guide to the University of Chicago Department of Political Science Records 1927-1964



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.POLISCI
Title	University of Chicago. Department of Political Science. Records
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Abstract	The Department of Political Science originated with the opening of the University of Chicago in 1892. In the early twentieth century, the department set out to "blaze a new trail in the field of the technical study of political relations," stressing interdisciplinary approaches and closer integration with other science fields. This collection documents administrative and teaching activities in the Department of Political Science from the late 1920s through the early 1960s, with a concentration of material in the 1940s-1950s. Material in this collection includes meeting minutes, administrative correspondence, announcements, annual reports, and appointments and budgets with related preparatory material.

Information on Use

Access

The material in Box 4 includes transcripts, grades and other protected student information. This material is restricted for 80 years.

The remainder of the collection is open for research, with no restrictions.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: University of Chicago. Department of Political Science. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Historical Note

The Department of Political Science originated with the opening of the University of Chicago in 1892. In the early twentieth century, the department set out to "blaze a new trail in the field of the technical study of political relations," stressing interdisciplinary approaches and closer integration with other science fields. In the early and mid-twentieth century, important faculty

in the department included Leo Strauss, Leonard D. White, Herbert G. Storing, Quincy Wright, Charles Merriam, Harold Lasswell and Harold Gosnell. Influential political scientists such as Herbert A. Simon, V.O. Key, Jr. and Gabriel A. Almond were graduates of the department.

Scope Note

This collection documents administrative and teaching activities in the Department of Political Science from the late 1920s through the early 1960s, with a concentration of material in the 1940s-1950s. Many of the files in the collection originated with the department chairman. Material in this collection includes meeting minutes, administrative correspondence, announcements, annual reports, and appointments and budgets with related preparatory material.

While much of the content relates to internal administrative matters, there are also several letters related to academic freedom issues faced by faculty and alumni of the department.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Merriam, Charles E. Papers

White, Leonard D. Papers

Subject Headings

- University of Chicago. Department of Political Science
- Political science
- Political scientists

INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1-4

Departmental, executive committee, and student-faculty meetings, 1948-1964

Box 1

Folder 5-9

Appointments and budgets, 1927-1948

Box 2

Folder 1-5

Appointments and budgets, ca. 1940s-1953

Box 2

Folder 6-12

Faculty files, 1942-1963

- Edward C. Banfield
- Joseph Cropsey
- C. Herman Pritchett
- Herbert G. Storing
- Leo Strauss
- Tang Tsou

Box 2

Folder 13-14

Annual reports, 1927-1949

Box 3

Folder 1-2

Department chairmanship, 1948-1961

Box 3

Folder 3-4

Vienna Conference of Scientists, expenses, 1958-1959

Box 3

Folder 5

Graduation requirements and student affairs, 1948-1949

Box 3

Folder 6

Regulations and procedures for degree candidates, 1952-1955

Box 3

Folder 7

Ph.D. oral examinations pamphlet, 1954

Box 3

Folder 8

Final examinations, 1949

Box 3

Folder 9

Theses to be bound for departmental library, 1949-1950

Box 3

Folder 10

Time schedules, 1954-1956

Box 3

Folder 11

Special requisitions, 1937-1948

Box 3

Folder 12

Job analyses, 1948

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Folder 13

Recommendations for teaching positions, 1949

Box 3

Folder 14

Departmental teas and dinners, 1948-1953

Box 3

Folder 15

V.O. Key, Jr., 1935

Box 4

Folder 1-4

Student files, 1941-1952

- Kenneth P. Adler
- Reinhard Bendix
- Herbert G. Storing
- Tang Tsou