

POLITICAL SCIENCE, B.A.

Completion of this major prepares students for careers in government, including domestic civil service, legislative policy, foreign service, intelligence and national security agencies, intergovernmental work, and international organizations, including the United Nations. The program also prepares students for work in non-governmental organizations, banking, business and business-related organizations, consulting, media, non-profit, educational, and research organizations. Completion of the Political Science major also prepares students to pursue advanced degrees in law, public administration and policy, diplomacy and international relations.

The requirement for admission to this degree track is a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.5 or higher.

39 Required Credits as a Political Science Major

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses: 15 Credits		
POLI 102 or POLI 140	United States Politics American Politics	3
POLI 105	History of Political Thought	3
POLI 109	Comparative Politics	3
POLI 110	Introduction to World Politics	3
POLI 208	Research Methods in the Political and Social Sciences	3
Electives		
Select at least 9 credits from the following:		
POLI 201	Political Parties and Election	3
POLI 202	State and Local Government	3
POLI 204	Media and Politics	3
POLI 212	Introduction to Public Policy Analysis	3
POLI 213	Urban Politics	3
POLI 215	Women and Law	3
POLI 216	Government & Business in United States	3
POLI 228	President and Congress	3
POLI 209	Government and Politics Of South America	3
POLI 210	Government & Politics of Mexico & the Caribbean	3
POLI 221	Politics of Africa	3
POLI 222	Politics Western Europe	3
POLI 223	Government and Politics of Asia	3
POLI 224	Comparative Politics of the Middle East	3
POLI 226	Compar Pol of Russia & Eurasia	3
Select at least 12 credits from the following:		
POLI 305	CyberPolitics	3
POLI 306	Constitutional Law	3
POLI 311	Judicial Process	3
POLI 313	Civil Liberties in the United States	3
POLI 320	Campaign 2016	3
POLI 331	U.S. Foreign Policy	3
POLI 354	Politics Through Film	3
POLI 307	International Law	3
POLI 310	Global Issues of Urgency	3

POLI 322	Advanced Studies in European Politics	3
POLI 324	International Relations in the Middle East	3
PHIL 326	International Relations in Central Asia	3
POLI 327	UN and World Affairs	3
POLI 334	Issues of War & Peace	3

Select 0-6 credits in Co-Op Education

Select 3 credits from the following seminar courses:

POLI 440	United Nation Workshop	3
POLI 450	Seminar in American Government	3
POLI 452	Seminar in International Relations	3
POLI 453	Seminar in Urban Politics	3

Freshman

Semester 1		Credits
ENGL 101 or ESL 101	English Composition I or English Composition I for English as a Second Language Students	4-6
MATH 140 or MATH 114	Statistics I or Contemporary Mathematics	3
POLI 102 or POLI 140	United States Politics or American Politics	3
General Education Tier 1		3
General Education Tier I		3
INTD 101	Orientation to College *first time freshmen only	1
Credits		17-19

Semester 2

ENGL 102 or ESL 102	English Composition II or	4-6
POLI 105	History of Political Thought	3
POLI 110	Introduction to World Politics	3
General Education Tier I		3
General Education Tier I		3
Credits		16-18

Sophomore

Semester 1

POLI 109	Comparative Politics	3
Political Science Major Area Course in American Politics		3
General Education Tier II		3
General Education Tier II		3
Minor/Elective		3
Credits		15

Semester 2

POLI 208	Research Methods in the Political and Social Sciences	3
Political Science Major Area in Comparative Politics		3
General Education Tier II		3
General Education Tier II		3
Minor/Elective		3
Credits		15

Junior

Semester 1

Political Science Major Area in Upper Level American Politics		3
General Education Tier II		3

General Education Tier II	3
Minor/Elective	3
Minor/Elective	3
Credits	15
Semester 2	
Political Science Major Area in International Relations	3
General Education Tier III Capstone	3
Political Science Major Area in Co-Op Recommended	3
Minor/Elective	3
Minor/Elective	3
Credits	15
Senior	
Semester 1	
Political Science (One Seminar Course Required)	3
Political Science Elective	3
Minor/Elective	3
Minor/Elective	3
Minor/Elective	3
Credits	15
Semester 2	
Political Science Elective	3
Minor/Elective	3
Minor/Elective	3
Minor/Elective	3
Credits	12
Total Credits	120-124

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Political Science BA program, students will be able to:

1. Explain the processes, theories, and functioning of political institutions and political behavior.
2. Employ critical thinking and demonstrate social scientific literacy with reference to relevant theoretical political science concepts
3. Use social science research methods to conduct research on political phenomenon.
4. Communicate to convey complex political science concepts and information in a clear and concise manner.
5. Distinguish one's role in a socio-political context and engage as a responsible citizen.