

Political Science (B.A.)

Objectives

To give students an understanding of the full spectrum of political science and political activity, with a focus on the four traditional branches of the discipline: American, comparative, international, and political theory. To prepare students for graduate study in political science; entry into careers related to public service, government, international affairs, business abroad, or public administration; or teaching civics, American government, or foreign affairs at the secondary level.

Program: Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics

Type: B.A.

Entrance Requirements

- Submit a completed application;
- High School diploma or equivalent required:
No
- Age Requirement:
- Submit official high school/high school equivalent transcripts, if applicable;
- Submit official college transcripts, if applicable;
- Satisfy Placement Testing requirements.

Requirements

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| POLS 103 | Politics of the United States | 3 |
| POLS 105 | Introduction to International Relations | 3 |
| POLS 215 | Intro. to Comparative Politics | 3 |
| POLS 240 | History of Political Philosophy | 3 |
| POLS 450 | Seminar: Problems in Politics | 3 |

Five Additional Courses in Political Science

At least two of the elective courses must be 300-level courses with a primary listing in POLS that count for Written Communication (WC) proficiency credit. Elective courses should be chosen in consultation with the faculty advisor.

As many as two of the elective courses may be chosen from cognate Social Sciences disciplines and applied to the Political Science degree provided those courses are not counted as Modes, and are approved by the advisor and the department chair.

The preferred Quantitative Literacy (QL) proficiency course for all political science majors is Political Science 330X/ Sociology 330.

Students adding a second major in Political Science to a primary major in another cognate Social Sciences discipline may complete the Political Science major with eight courses consisting of the five core requirements and three other courses, at least one of which must be a 300-level POLS course that counts for WC credit.

Additional Requirement

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| | STAT 161 or 162 or STAT 163 | 4 |
| SOSS 200 | Introduction Research Methods | 4 |
| | Minimum Credit Hours for Graduation: | 38 |