Political Science

Undergraduate Program

Political Science

39 credits
Bachelor of Arts

The Political Science major encourages the student to analyze the theories, institutions, and processes of political systems; develop a continuing and responsible interest in political activity and public affairs; and provide a basis for citizenship through a fundamental understanding of the nature of political systems.

Employment:
* Government
* Law
* Public Policy
* City/Regional Planning
* Public Management
* Non-Governmental Organizations
* Governmental Affairs
* Military & Security Policy
* Campaign Management
* Intelligence
* Foreign Service
* Law Enforcement
* Public Relations

Core Courses

4 courses - 12 credits

PS 0200 American Politics
PS 0300 Comparative Politics
PS 0500 World Politics
PS 0600 Political Theory

Electives

4 courses - 12 credits

Choose a total of four courses from at least two of the following groups:

Group I American Politics

PS 1202 American Constitutional Law
PS 1210 Religion and Politics
PS 1211 Legislative Process
PS 1212 American Presidency
PS 1234 Electoral Behavior and Democratic Process
PS 1251 Urban Politics
PS 1252 State Government
PS 1261 American Public Policy
PS 1265 Administration of Public Affairs

Group II Comparative Government

PS 1314 German Government and Politics
PS 1318 European Government and Politics
PS 1321 Latin American Politics

Group III International Relations

PS 1503 International Organization
PS 1511 American Foreign Policy
PS 1541 Politics of Global Economic Relations

Group IV Political Theory

PS 1603 Modern and Contemporary Political Thought
PS 1607 American Political Thought
PS 1611 Liberalism and Democracy
PS 1836 Politics through Film

Related Area

4 courses - 12 credits

Take four courses in another social science (e.g. Anthropology, Economics, History, Criminal Justice, Sociology) or in Philosophy.

Students may also choose a Minor rather than a related area which is often a total of 15 credits, depending upon the chosen Minor.

Additional Requirements

1 course - 3 credits

After earning 90 credits, all Political Science majors must take PS 1955 to fulfill the capstone course requirement.