Political Science

Bachelor of Arts

36 credits

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.

Core Courses

4 courses - 12 credits

PS 0200 American Politics
PS 0300 Comparative Politics
PS 0500 International Relations
PS 0600 Political Theory

Electives

6 courses - 18 credits

Choose a total of six courses from two or more 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 1252 State Government
- PS 1261 American Public Policy
- PS 1265 Administration of Public Affairs

Group II

Comparative Politics

- PS 1314 German Government and Politics
- PS 1318 European Government and Politics
- PS 1369 Government & Politics of Ireland and Northern Ireland

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 1608 American Political Thought: Founding to the Civil War
- PS 1609 American Political Thought: Reconstruction to the Present
- PS 1611 Liberalism and Democracy
- PS 1836 Politics through Film

Additional Requirements

2 course - 6 credits

After earning 90 credits, all Political Science majors must take the following courses to fulfill the research writing and capstone course requirement.

- PS 1954 Political Science Research Methods & Writing
- PS 1955 Political Science Capstone