



POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

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Political Science is a scientific and humanistic discipline that attempts to explain and evaluate politics and political systems in terms of fundamental empirical theories and general normative principles. Political science thus seeks not only to understand the struggles for power and influence that determine who gets what, when and how, but also to ascertain the best or most appropriate way for humans beings to live together both within societies and the world community. Both the major and minor in political science are designed to give students a solid grounding in the four main sub-fields of the discipline: American government and politics; comparative politics; international relations; and normative political theory. The major program is further structured into three "tracks" to allow students to pursue a more advanced study of politics and government in a manner that is most conducive to their particular interests and professional goals.

‡ All students majoring in political science **must complete** the four introductory courses. They are urged to take POL 112 and 211 before POL 205 and 212. **All four introductory courses should be completed by the end of the sophomore year.**

Students contemplating graduate school in political science are strongly encouraged to take at least two semesters of a foreign language, Introduction to Computers, an advanced course in statistics, and a relevant methods course such as MAT 313, PSY 270, PSY 274, or ECN 367, or preferably POL/SOC 300, Social Science Research Methods.

All departmental majors must have an overall 2.0 average or better in all courses presented to satisfy the major requirements, including courses in the Pre-Law and Security Studies minors for the tracks two and three.

If any substitutions of waivers of requirements are allowed, please list below and initial.

Course #	Title of Course	Hours Completed	Semester Completed	Grade

MAJOR: Political Science

Student's Last Name Student's First Name Middle Initial

Advisor

Date Major Declared

Course #	Title of Course	Hours Required	Semester Completed	Grade
Required Introductory Courses for all tracks (12 hrs):				
POL 112	Introduction to Political Science	3		
POL 205	Introduction to Political Theory	3		
POL 211	American Government and Politics	3		
POL 212	Introduction to International Politics	3		
Choose 2 elective POL courses for all tracks from any subfield; may include POL/SOC 300 (6 hrs)				
Elective 1		3		
Elective 2		3		
Total hours for introductory & elective courses for each track (18 hrs)				
<i>Students may complete the major in political science by fulfilling the course requirements in one of the following tracks and certain collateral or related courses outside the discipline.</i>				
Track One: General Political Science Track (12 hrs)		(Total Track One- 30 hours)		
Required: one upper level course from each subfield:				
American Politics		3		
Comparative Politics		3		
International Relations		3		
Political Theory		3		
Track Two: The Pre-Law Track (21 hrs)		(Total Track Two- 39 hours)		
Required: Complete the Pre-Law Minor (21 hrs)				
Track Three: The Security Studies Track (18 hrs)		(Total Track Three- 36 hours)		
Required: Complete the Security Studies Minor (18 hrs)				

Subfield-1: American Politics		Subfield-2: Comparative Politics	
POL 301	The American Presidency	POL 300	Middle Eastern Politics
POL 311	Political Parties, Voting & Campaign Strategies	POL 306	West European Government & Politics
POL 314	American Constitutional Law & Politics	POL 308	Post-Soviet Politics
POL 316	American Jurisprudence	POL 324	Central Europe
POL 326	Environmental Politics and Policy	POL 335	Politics & Security of Developing Nations
POL 328	National Security Agencies	POL 351	Women & Politics
POL 332	National Security Law I		
POL 342	The Supreme Court		
POL 343	Congress		
POL 370	Drugs, Politics, & Public Policy		
Subfield-3: International Relations		Subfield-4: Political Theory	
POL 305	International Law & Organizations	POL 302	Political Thought & Modern Society
POL 337	Human Rights & Security	POL 303	Marxism and the Marxist Tradition
POL 362	American Foreign Policy	POL 304	American Political Theory