

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Political Science

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A Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in Political Science for traditional students.

A minor is offered in Political Science.

The mission of the Political Science program is to transform students into engaged, active citizens prepared for a career path, law school, and/or graduate school. To fulfill this mission, we provide a curriculum, rooted in the theories and substance of domestic and world politics, that gears students to acquire skills and habits of mind that fall under the program's learning outcomes:

Social Science Knowledge: Through the field of political science, students will understand the role of social science methodology and empirical exploration in developing concepts and theory that gear one to analyze the social experience.

Inquiry and Analysis: Students will be skilled in identifying significant topics for inquiry; synthesizing in-depth information from varied, relevant sources; properly designing research; organizing evidence; and reaching conclusions logically.

Applied and Experiential Learning: Students can apply skills and responsibilities in various settings (e.g., simulations, research communities, workplaces, etc.) to address complex problems and to achieve personal growth through concrete action.

Information Literacy: Students will know when there is a need for information, to be able to identify, locate, evaluate, and effectively and responsibly use and share that information for the problem at hand.

Quantitative Literacy: Students will be competent in working with numerical data; able to solve quantitative problems from social contexts; and understand arguments supported by quantitative evidence presented in a variety of formats.

Civic Engagement: Students will be able to utilize knowledge of politics, policy processes, and political systems to further their potential for participation in civic life, public and foreign affairs, politics and/or government.

Humanities Knowledge: Students will understand how philosophic inquiry, historical study, and literary perspective illuminate the problems and issues that drive politics.

Career Exploration: Students will systematically consider-- through academic work, applied research, internships, and co-curricular activity-- specific career opportunities. Majors and minors pursue careers in public and foreign affairs; private-sector and public law; law enforcement; local, state and federal government; campaign management; field organizing; education; journalism; business; and non-profit organizations.

Major Requirements

In addition to all graduation requirements, the following courses must be completed successfully to fulfill the major requirements:

First Year Experience (3 credits):

PO110 Political Violence or
PO111 Politics and Popular Culture

Methodology & Political Thought (9 credits):

PO200 Political Science Research Methods
PA2XX Any PA 200-level course except PA 209 Ethical Reasoning
HS2XX Any HS 200-level course

Foundations (9 credits- choose any 3)

PO201 U.S. Government
PO202 State and Local Government
PO205 International Relations
PO206 Comparative Politics

Applied Learning in Political Science (12 credits- choose any 4)

American Politics

PO321 Constitutional Law/Moot Court

PO322 Campaigns, Elections, and the Policy Process

Global/International Politics

PO330 Global Security and Diplomacy

PO331 Prosperity and Freedom in the World

PO332 Disinformation and Propaganda

Capstone (4 credits)

PO410 Senior Seminar

Field Experience (1 credit):

PO491 Field Experience in Political Science

Minor Requirements (15 total credits):

First Year Experience (3 credits):

PO110 Political Violence or

PO111 Politics and Popular Culture

Foundations (6 credits; choose two)

PO201 U.S. Government

PO202 State and Local Government

PO205 International Relations

PO206 Comparative Politics

PA2XX Any PA200-level course except PA209 Ethical Reasoning

Applied Learning in Political Science (6 credits; choose two)

American Politics

PO321 Constitutional Law/Moot Court

PO322 Campaigns, Elections, and the Policy Process

Global/International Politics

PO330 Global Security and Diplomacy

PO331 Prosperity and Freedom in the World

PO332 Disinformation and Propaganda

Recommended Curriculum Guide - 4-year Political Science

First Year					
<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
PO110 or PO111	Political Violence or Politics & Pop Culture	3	PO2__	US Government or State and Local Government	3
GLE101	First-Year Inquiry	3	PA2__	Any PA200-level except PA209	3
GLE110	First-Year Composition	3	_____	GLE Elective	3
_____	GLE Math	3	_____	GLE Lab Science I	4
_____	Elective	3	_____	Elective	3
	Total	15		Total	16
Second Year					

<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
PO205 or PO206	International Relations or Comparative Politics	3	_____	GLE Elective	3
_____	GLE Lab Science II	4	PO200	Political Science Research Methods	3
_____	GLE Elective	3	GLE230	Second-Year Composition	3
_____	GLE Elective	3	_____	GLE Elective	3
HS__	History 200-level	3	_____	Elective	3
	Total	16		Total	15
Third Year					
<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
PO205 or PO206	International Relations or Comparative Politics	3	PO_____	PO 300-level	3
PO_____	PO 300-level	3	PO_____	PO 300-level	3
_____	GLE Elective or Elective	3	_____	Elective	3
_____	GLE Elective or Elective	3	_____	Elective	3
_____	Elective	3	_____	Elective	3
	Total	15		Total	15
Fourth Year					
<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
PO_____	PO 300-level	3	PO410	Senior Research Seminar	3
PO491	Field-Based Experience in Political Science	1	_____	Elective	3
_____	Outstanding GLE Requirement	3	_____	Elective	3
_____	Elective	3	_____	Elective	3
_____	Elective	3	_____	Elective	3
	Total	13		Total	15
				Total Credits	120

*One or more additional electives may be needed to fulfill general education requirements. See *General and Liberal Education (GLE)*.

Recommended Curriculum Guide - 3-year Political Science

First Year					
<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>	<i>Winter Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
PO110 or PO111	Political Violence or Politics & Pop Culture	3	_____	GLE Art or Humanities	3
GLE101	First-Year Inquiry	3			
GLE110	First-Year Composition	3			
PO200	PO Research Methods	3			
_____	GLE Lab Science	4			
	Total	16		Total	3
<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>	<i>Summer Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
PO205 or PO206	International Relations or Comparative Politics	3	PA201	US Government	3
PA2__	Any PA200-level except PA209	4	_____	GLE Soc Science	3
HS2__	History 200-level	3	_____	GLE Art	3
_____	GLE Math	3	_____	GLE Elective	3
_____	GLE Lab Science II	4			
	Total	16		Total	12
Second Year					
<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>	<i>Winter Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
PO205 or PO206	International Relations or Comparative Politics	3	_____	Elective	3
PO3__	PO 300-level	3			
_____	GLE Elective or Elective	3			
_____	GLE Elective or Elective	3			
_____	Elective	3			
	Total	15		Total	3
<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>	<i>Summer Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>

PO____	PO 300-level	3	_____	Elective	3
GL210	Composition II	3	_____	Elective	3
_____	GLE Elective or Elective	3	_____	Elective	3
_____	Elective	3			
_____	Elective	3			
	Total	15		Total	9

Third Year

<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>	<i>Winter Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
PO____	PO 300-level	1	_____	Elective	3
_____	Elective	3			
_____	Elective	3			
_____	Elective	3			
_____	Elective	3			
	Total	15		Total	3
<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>	<i>Summer Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
PO3__	PO 300-level	3			
PO410	Senior Research Seminar	3			
PO491	Field Experience PO	1			
_____	Elective	3			
_____	Elective	3			
	Total	13		Total Credits	120

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Course Code	Course Name
HS201	US History to War of 1812
HS202	Amer Hist Slavery/Civ War
HS203	War & Peace Mod America
HS204	U.S. History Since 1945
HS214	Popular History Today
HS222	Gods & Gladiators
HS223	Knight In Shining Armor

Course Code	Course Name
HS224	Renaissance to Napoleon
HS229	Thrones & Drones: Euro
HS235	Topics in World History
HS240	Amer Environment History
PA210	Political Theory
PA211	Ancient Philosophy
PA214	Modern Philosophy
PA225	Deliberative Ethics
PA250	World Religions
PA260	Mythology
PO110	Political Violence
PO111	Politics & Pop Culture
PO200	Poli Sci Research Methods
PO201	U.S. Government
PO202	State & Local Government
PO205	International Relations
PO206	Comparative Politics
PO321	Constitutional Law Moot
PO322	Campaign, Election Policy
PO330	Global Security & Diploma
PO331	Prosperity Freedom World
PO332	Disinformation and Propag
PO410	Senior Research Seminar
PO491	Field-Based Exp Poli Sci