POLITICAL SCIENCE, B.A.

The Political Science Major is suitable for students with career interests in law, politics, or governmental service (at local, state, or federal levels), as well as for students who have more general intellectual interests in government, politics, and international relations as part of their effort to obtain a liberal education or to prepare for careers in business or nonprofit work.

Students should take a broad variety of courses in the major to become familiar with the diversity of topics and methods used by contemporary political scientists throughout the world. Majors should consult early with their faculty advisors to plan programs most suitable to their individual interests and needs.

Students seeking teacher licensure should see School of Education Licensure Programs. Licensure in social studies is available for political science majors. Additional hours may be required for completion of the degree.

The American Politics concentration provides Political Science majors with sufficient breadth and depth of knowledge in American political institutions and behavior to give students the academic background necessary to succeed in related jobs and professions and to prepare them for advanced study in this field.

The Global Politics concentration provides Political Science majors sufficient breadth and depth of knowledge in international relations and comparative politics to give students the academic background necessary to succeed in related jobs and professions and to prepare them for advanced studies in these fields.

The Prelaw concentration is designed for political science majors with a strong interest in law. The concentration provides majors with a breadth and depth of knowledge of legal issues and legal research, rigorously prepares them for advanced studies in law, and trains them for the legal professions using a broad variety of skills relating to legal institutions and particular subject areas related to law.

The Public Affairs concentration provides Political Science majors sufficient breadth and depth of knowledge in public policy, public affairs, and public administration to give students the academic background necessary to succeed in related jobs and professions and to prepare them for advanced studies in these fields.

Overall Requirements

- 122 credit hours, to include at least 36 credits at or above the 300 course level

Degree Program Requirements

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University Requirements (https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-policies)

General Education Core Requirements (GEC) (https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education-program/#generaleducationcorerequirementstext)

Major Requirements

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American Politics Concentration Requirements

In partial fulfillment of the major requirement of 18 credits at the 300 level or higher, the American Politics concentration requires 12 credits selected from the courses listed below.

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Global Politics Concentration Requirements

In partial fulfillment of the major requirement of 18 credits at the 300 level or higher, the Global Politics concentration requires 12 credits of course work selected from categories A and B listed below. The student must complete at least 3 credits in each category.

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Select 12 credits, with at least 3 credits in each category, from the following:

Category A:

- PSC 340
- PSC 341 International Law
- PSC 342 American Foreign Policy
- PSC 344 Politics of Globalization
- PSC 347 International Security
- PSC 348 International Organization

Category B:

- PSC 350 Democratic Political Systems
- PSC 352 Nationalism and Ethnic Politics
- PSC 354 Post-Conflict Politics
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PSC 355A  Selected Topics in Comparative Politics: Political Violence
PSC 355B  Selected Topics in Comparative Politics: Political Parties
PSC 355C  Selected Topics in Comparative Politics: Politics of Development
PSC 355D  Selected Topics in Comparative Politics: Politics of Industrial Societies
PSC 355E Selected Topics in Comparative Politics: Comparative Legislative Process
PSC 355G  Selected Topics in Comparative Politics: Political Ideologies
PSC 355J  Selected Topics in Comparative Politics: Middle East Politics
PSC 355K  Selected Topics in Comparative Politics: Russian Politics
PSC 355M  Selected Topics in Comparative Politics: Political Economy
PSC 355N  Selected Topics in Comparative Politics: European Union
PSC 355P  Selected Topics in Comparative Politics: Politics of Latin America
PSC 361  African Political Systems
PSC 391  The Politics of South Africa Through Film and Literature

Prelaw Concentration Requirements
In partial fulfillment of the major requirement of 18 credits at the 300 level or higher, the Prelaw concentration requires the items detailed below.

Code  Title  Credit Hours
Required
PSC 316  Judicial Process

Select 9 credits from the following:
PSC 280  Introduction to Law
PSC 312  Environmental Law and Policy
PSC 313  Natural Resources Law and Policy
PSC 314  Wildlife Law and Policy
PSC 318  Constitutional Law
PSC 320  Civil Liberties
PSC 326  Elections, Law, and the Courts
PSC 336  Women and the Law
PSC 341  International Law

Qualified:
PSC 300  Special Topics *
PSC 399  Public Affairs Internship *

* The courses listed qualify only when approved by the department as an appropriate prelaw-related course.

Electives
Courses in other social sciences and in history are recommended. Electives sufficient to complete the 122 credit hours required for the degree must be taken.

Political Science as a Second Major
Students who wish to declare a second major in Political Science must complete all requirements listed under the degree selected.

Political Science as a Second Academic Concentration for Elementary Education Majors

Program Requirements
• Minimum of 18 credit hours

Code  Title  Credit Hours
Required
PSC 105  Exploring Political Issues
PSC 200  American Politics
PSC 210  Introduction to Public Policy
PSC 240  The International System
PSC 260  Introduction to Comparative Politics
PSC 270  Introduction to Political Theory
PSC 280  Policy Analysis
PSC 310  Public Administration
PSC 311  The Nonprofit Sector and Governance
PSC 312  Environmental Law and Policy
PSC 316  Judicial Process
PSC 322  American State Politics
PSC 323  Urban Politics
PSC 329  American Interest Group Politics
PSC 333  The U.S. Congress
PSC 334  The American Presidency
PSC 399  Public Affairs Internship

† Counts toward GEC GSB requirement.

Credit with choices of courses in public policy, public administration, and public affairs as detailed below.