

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

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	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)	

College of Arts and Sciences Additional Requirements (LEC) (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/#additionalundergraduaterequirementstext>)

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses		12
<i>Required</i>		
PSC 200	American Politics †	
PSC 240	The International System †	
PSC 260	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
PSC 301	Research Methods in Political Science	

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.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<i>Select 12 credits from the following:</i>		
PSC 322	American State Politics	
PSC 326	Elections, Law, and the Courts	
PSC 327	American Political Parties	
PSC 328	North Carolina and Southern Politics	
PSC 329	American Interest Group Politics	
PSC 330	Internship in Campaigns and Elections	
PSC 332	Elections and Voting	
PSC 333	The U.S. Congress	
PSC 334	The American Presidency	
PSC 335	Women in Politics	
PSC 337	Politics and the Media	

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.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<i>Select 12 credits, with at least 3 credits in each category, from the following:</i>		
<i>Category A:</i>		
PSC 340	International Political Economy	
PSC 341	International Law	
PSC 342	American Foreign Policy	
PSC 344	Politics of Globalization	
PSC 347	International Security	
PSC 348	International Organization	
<i>Category B:</i>		
PSC 350	Democratic Political Systems	
PSC 352	Nationalism and Ethnic Politics	
PSC 354	Post-Conflict Politics	

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	Central and East European Politics
PSC 391	African Political Systems
PSC 392	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
<i>Required</i>		
PSC 316	Judicial Process	
<i>Select 9 credits of the following:</i>		
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	
<i>Qualified:</i>		
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.

Public Affairs Concentration Requirements

In partial fulfillment of the major requirement of 18 credits at the 300 level or higher, the Public Affairs concentration requires the completion of 12

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

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<i>Select 12 credits from the following:</i>		
PSC 210	Introduction to Public Policy	
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.

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	18
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	