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 with 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 with 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

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

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Concentration

Select one of the concentrations as detailed following the major requirements.

- American Politics
- Global Politics
- Prelaw
- Public Affairs

Electives

Courses in other social sciences and in history are recommended. Electives sufficient to complete the 120 credit hours required for the degree must be taken.

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

**Category A:**
- 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

**Category B:**
- 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: Comparative Legislative Process
- PSC 355E 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.

**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

**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.

**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.

**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

**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.

For the Prelaw and Public Affairs concentrations, the courses listed qualify only when approved by the department as an appropriate prelaw-related course.

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† Counts toward GEC GSB requirement.