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

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

Degree Program Requirements

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Major Requirements

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<td>PSC 200</td>
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<td>PSC 301</td>
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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.

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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 355D  Selected Topics in Comparative Politics: Politics of Industrial Societies
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 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 of the following:
PSC 280  Introduction to Law
PSC 312  Environmental Law and Policy
PSC 313  Natural Resources Law and Policy
PSC 318  Constitutional Law
PSC 320  Civil Liberties
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.

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.

Required
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.

Disciplinary Honors in Political Science
Requirements
- A minimum of 12 credit hours as defined below.
- A grade of at least B in all course work used to satisfy the Honors requirement in Political Science
- Declared Political Science Major
- Minimum overall 3.30 GPA at graduation

Required
PSC 493  Honors Work
HSS 490  Senior Honors Project

Select 3 credits at the 200 level or above 3
Select at least 3 credits at the 300 level or above 3

Recognition
The designation "Completed Disciplinary Honors in Political Science" and the title of the Senior Honors Project will be printed on the student’s official transcript.

Honors Advisor
See Honors Faculty liaison Jerry Pubantz for further information and guidance about Honors in Political Science.