Political Science B.A.

Degree Requirements: 126 Credit Hours

See Core Curriculum for required courses in Area A1 through Area E.

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Area A1 - Communication Skills (6 Credit Hours)
Select 6 credit hours from Area A1 of the Core Curriculum

Area A2 - Quantitative Skills (3 Credit Hours)
Select 3 credit hours from Area A2 of the Core Curriculum

Area B - Global Engagement (4 Credit Hours)
Select 4 credit hours from Area B of the Core Curriculum

Area C - Humanities, Fine Arts, and Ethics (6 Credit Hours)
Select 6 credit hours from Area C of the Core Curriculum

Area D - Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Technology (11 Credit Hours)
Select 11 credit hours from Area D of the Core Curriculum

Area E - Social Sciences (12 Credit Hours)
Select 12 credit hours from Area E of the Core Curriculum

Area F - Courses Appropriate to Major (18 Credit Hours)

Health and Physical Education Activities (4 Credit Hours)
HLTH 1520 - Healthful Living
Physical Education Activities

Orientation (2 Credit Hours)
FYE 1220 - First-Year Seminar

Major Requirements (27 Credit Hours)
POLS 5001+ - Senior Seminar
Select one course from each emphasis:

American Politics:
POLS 3135 - Legislative Behavior
POLS 3136 - The Presidency
POLS 3137 - Judicial Politics
POLS 3138 - Constitutional Law: Government Powers
POLS 3139 - Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
POLS 3233 - Politics and The Media
POLS 3330 - State and Local Government
POLS 3331 - Introduction to Bureaucratic Politics
POLS 3332 - Political Parties and Elections
POLS 4131 - Introduction to Public Elections

Comparative Politics:
POLS 3132 - Asian Politics
POLS 3133 - Latin American Politics
POLS 3235 - Gender and Politics
POLS 3335 - Ethnicity and Nationalism
POLS 3431 - African Politics
POLS 3433 - Survey of Comparative Politics
POLS 4136 - Politics of the Global North
POLS 4137 - Politics of the Global South

International Politics:
POLS 3234 - Introduction to the European Union
POLS 3236 - International Relations
POLS 3239 - Human Rights in International Relations
POLS 3730 - Introduction to United Nations
POLS 4132 - U.S. Foreign Policy
POLS 4133 - International Political Economy
POLS 4134 - International Law and Diplomacy
POLS 4135 - International Organizations
POLS 4138 - International Terrorism

Political Theory:
POLS 3230 - Modern Political Thought
POLS 3336 - Classical Political Thought
POLS 4130 - American Political Thought
POLS 4139 - Contemporary Political Thought
POLS 4534 - Feminist Political Thought

Students may select one of the following two options (12 hours):

Option 1: Students may elect an emphasis by taking four (4) additional courses (12 credit hours) from any one area of study above, plus a senior seminar in the corresponding emphasis area, or students interested in legal studies may select four courses (12 credit hours) from the list of classes below for an emphasis in Legal Studies.

Legal Studies:
POLS 3137 - Judicial Politics
POLS 3138 - Constitutional Law: Government Powers
POLS 3139 - Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
POLS 3232 - Philosophy of Law
POLS 3239 - Human Rights in International Relations
POLS 3338 - Language and Law
POLS 3730 - Introduction to United Nations
POLS 4134 - International Law and Diplomacy
POLS 4135 - International Organizations
POLS 4733 - Theories of Justice

Option 2: Students may select four classes (12 credit hours) of Upper Division Political Science Electives from any of the above listed classes or the courses listed below:

Political Science Electives:
POLS 3130 - Qualitative Research Methods
POLS 3231 - Environmental Politics
POLS 3237 - African American Politics
POLS 3333 - Southern Politics
POLS 3334 - Film and Politics
POLS 3338 - Language and Law
POLS 4031 - Selected Topics in Political Science
POLS 4791 - Field Internship in Political Science
POLS 4890 - Independent Study in Political Science
Minor - Required (15 Credit Hours)
Select an Area of Study Chosen in Consultation with Major Advisor 15

Electives (18 Credit Hours)
Select 18 credit hours of Electives 18
(A maximum of 12 hours of Internship may be taken.)

Total Credit Hours 126

Other Program Requirements
- Majors must earn a minimum grade of “C” in all upper level POLS courses.

Honors in Political Science
To graduate with Honors in Political Science, a student must:
- be admitted to the University Honors Program;
- successfully complete at least three credit hours of Honors Research Seminar (UHON 4191) over three semesters;
- successfully complete and present an Honors Thesis or Capstone Project;
- be in good standing in the University Honors Program at the time of graduation.

Advisement
All Political Science majors, including students in the UHP, are advised by an advisor in the Carroll Building, Room 2244.