Political Science B.A.

Degree Requirements: 124 Credit Hours

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

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General Requirements (Core Areas A - E) 42
Additional Requirements 4
Area F - Courses Appropriate to Major 18

Select one of the following. If any of the above are taken to satisfy Areas C-E, also select from the following:

- ANTH 1102 Introduction to Anthropology
- ECON 2106 Principles of Microeconomics
- GEOG 1130 World Regional Geography
- PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology
- SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology
- STAT 1401 Elementary Statistics

Major Requirements

- POLS 5000+ Senior Seminar
- POLS 5630 Seminar in American Politics
- POLS 5631 Seminar in Political Theory
- POLS 5633 Seminar in International Relations
- POLS 5634 Seminar in Comparative Politics
- POLS 5635 Seminar in International Organizations

Select one course from each emphasis:

American Politics: 3

- 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 4190 Environmental Laws and Regulations
- POLS 4210 Politics of Public Policy
- POLS 4220 Politics of Economic Inequality
- POLS 4440 Immigration Law and Policy

Comparative Politics: 3

- POLS 3132 Asian Politics
- POLS 3133 Latin American Politics
- POLS 3134 Middle East Politics
- POLS 3235 Women and Politics
- POLS 3335 Ethnicity and Nationalism
- POLS 3340 Pol & Ideol/Contemporary Euro
- POLS 3431 African Politics
- POLS 3433 Survey of Comparative Politics
- POLS 4136 Politics of the Global North

International Politics: 3

- POLS 4131 U.S. Foreign Policy
- POLS 4132 International Law and Diplomacy
- POLS 4135 International Organizations
- POLS 4138 International Terrorism
- POLS 4238 International Conflict
- POLS 4239 Politics and the Military
- POLS 4240 Asian Regional Security
- POLS 4510 National Security of the Developing South
- POLS 4550 Insurgency and Civil War
- POLS 4570 Politics and Security in Southwest Asia
- POLS 4580 Violent Non-State Actors

Political Theory: 3

- POLS 4130 American Political Thought
- POLS 4139 Contemporary Political Thought
- POLS 4300 Religion & Political Thought
- POLS 4330 Liberalism and the Modern State
- POLS 4530 Marxism, Socialism, and Democracy
- POLS 4534 Feminist Political Thought

Students may select one of the following two options (12 credit 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 3101 Moot Court I
- POLS 3102 Moot Court II
- 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 3438 Gender and the Law
- POLS 3551 Introduction to United Nations
- POLS 4134 International Law and Diplomacy
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**Option 2:** Students may select (4) courses (12 credit hours) of Upper Division Political Science Electives from any of the above listed classes or the courses listed below:

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**Minor - Required**

Select an Area of Study Chosen in Consultation with Major Advisor; courses must be at 3000+ level or above

**Electives**

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

**Total Credit Hours**

121

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**Other Program Requirements**

- Majors must earn a minimum grade of “C” in Introduction to Political Science (POLS 2101), Introduction to Political Analysis (POLS 2130), and 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 (HONS 4610) 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.