

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Political Science

Minor in Political Science

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The Program

Power. Progress. Peace. Politics. Our classes focus on critical engagement with current political practices globally and in the U.S. The Political Science major will give you the skills you need to pursue a career in political organizing, public policy, government or law. Learn how to save the world ... one step at a time.

Students completing this program will have demonstrated:

- knowledge of political theories, institutions, and processes in the U.S. and/or internationally
- the ability to identify, access, read, and evaluate political science research
- the ability to critically analyze social, political, and/or environmental challenges facing contemporary politics, using support from appropriate sources
- knowledge of the practice of politics through experience and reflection on their experience in relation to social responsibility, sustainability, and/or the obligations of citizenship in a globalized world
- proficiency in written and oral communication.

The Department of Politics offers lower-division core and skills courses in political science and three upper-division elective emphases clustered around major social and political challenges of the 21st century. The experience component of our program recognizes the importance of “hands on” learning outside the classroom. We strongly encourage our students to include an international experience (a year, semester, or summer abroad) as part of their undergraduate major in political science. To enhance their success, we place a high value on oral and written communication and recommend students attain competence in a foreign language and computer literacy.

Students may choose electives from different emphases or concentrate their electives in one emphasis. The emphases are:

- **Advocacy and Institutions**
- **Environment and Sustainability**
- **Globalization**

Preparation

In high school take courses in English, history, and government.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see “The Bachelor’s Degree” section of the catalog, pp. 61-77.

All courses required for the major must be completed with a minimum grade of C-.

41 units required for the major:

Core Program

- PSCI 220 (3) Intro to Political Theory
PSCI 230 (3) Intro to Comparative Politics
PSCI 240 (3) Intro to International Relations

Skills

- PSCI 280 (1) Core Discussion Seminar
PSCI 295 (4) Political Research & Analysis

Experience

Select at least one of the following:

- PSCI 358 (4) Political Advocacy
PSCI 376 (2) Multilateralism and the UN System, **and**
PSCI 377 (1) Model United Nations
PSCI 482 (3) Internship

Seminar

- PSCI 485 (4) Capstone Seminar in Politics

Electives

A minimum of 20 units is required. Students can choose courses from any emphasis. Students are restricted to taking courses at the 300 level or above for elective credit

Advocacy and Institutions

- PSCI 313 (4) Politics of Criminal Justice

- PSCI 317 (1-4) Topics in Public Policy
PSCI 323 (4) Topics in Political Theory
PSCI 327 (4) Radical Political Thought
PSCI 350 (4) The President & Congress
PSCI 354 (4) Media and Public Opinion
PSCI 410 (4) American Constitutional Law

Environment and Sustainability

- PSCI 306 (3) Environmental Politics
PSCI 323 (4) Topics in Political Theory:
PSCI 352 (4) Water Politics
PSCI 364 (4) Technology & Development
PSCI 371 (1-4) Experiential Workshop
(when topic relevant)
PSCI 373 (4) Politics of Sustainability
PSCI 412 (4) Legal Research

Globalization

- PSCI 303 (3) Third World Politics
PSCI 324 (4) The Arab-Israeli Conflict:
History, Narratives &
Nationalism
PSCI 330 (4) Political Regimes &
Political Change
PSCI 340 (4) Ethnicity & Nationalism
PSCI 343 (4) Global Governance
PSCI 347 (4) U.S. Foreign Policy
PSCI 360 (4) Political Economy
PSCI 371 (1-4) Experiential Workshop
(when topic relevant)
PSCI 441 (4) International Law

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR

All courses required for the minor must be completed with a minimum grade of C-.

Core Program

Two of the following:

- PSCI 220 (3) Intro to Political Theory
PSCI 230 (3) Intro to Comparative Politics
PSCI 240 (3) Intro to International Relations

Electives

16 units required. Students are restricted to taking courses at the 300 level and above for elective credit.

