

Department of Political Science

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Courses in the Department of Political Science meet the needs of many students: those interested in public service, private business, or professional careers; those who wish to go to law school; those interested in international relations and foreign service employment in the public or private sector; and those interested in teaching government and social studies in secondary schools.

To accommodate these needs and interests within the objectives of liberal education, the department offers programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science. The major areas and appropriate degrees follow:

1. a Political Science major (B.A. or B.S.) with either a
 - a. general focus or
 - b. Public Administration concentration or
 - c. Pre-law concentration;
2. an International Relations major (B.S.).

Minors are offered in Political Science, International Relations, and Public Administration. Interdisciplinary minors in Urban Studies, Russian Studies, Paralegal Studies, and African Studies are coordinated by the department.

All students at the University must fulfill the General Education requirements. These courses are primarily in the fields of English, history, science, and mathematics. Following are suggested curricula, but students should study the requirements carefully and consult with their advisors on those courses.

Curricular listings include General Education requirements in Communication, History, Humanities and/or Fine Arts, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Social/Behavioral Sciences categories as outlined on pages 64–67.

Major in Political Science

The major in Political Science requires 33 semester hours of work, including PS 1010, 2010, 4000, and 4800.* All majors must include work in **at least five** of the following groups:

1. American government (PS 2020, 3050, 3060, 3100, 3160, 3170, 3320, 3330, 3340, 3350, 3400, 3420, 4120, 4250, 4360, 4410)
2. Comparative government (PS 3200, 3220, 3780, 3790, 4180, 4190, 4260, 4300, 4310, 4770, 4900)
3. International relations (PS 2130, 3210, 3220, 3500, 3510, 3780, 3910, 4030, 4126, 4210, 4220, 4240, 4250, 4260)
4. Public law (PS 2440, 3010, 3370, 3380, 3500, 3530, 4040, 4590)
5. Public administration (PS 3250, 3260, 3400, 3440, 4050, 4290, 4630)
6. Political theory and research methods (PS 4020, 4110, 4230, 4700, 4920, 4930)

*Those with a Pre-law concentration must take PS 1010, 2010, 4800, and two of the four following courses: PS 4000, 4230, 4700, 4920. Those with no concentration must take one of the following courses: PS 4230, 4700, 4920.

Recommended Curriculum

FRESHMAN		SOPHOMORE	
ENGL 1010, 1020 (Comm)	6	ENGL 2020 or 2030 or	
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3	HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3
Mathematics	3	Humanities and/or Fine Arts	
PS 1010 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3	(2 prefixes)	6
PS 2010	3	Social/Behavioral Sciences	3
Natural Sciences (2 prefixes)	8	HIST 2010, 2020, or 2030	6
Foreign Language/Minor*	6	PS area requirements	6
	32	Foreign Language/Minor	6
			30

JUNIOR		SENIOR	
PS area requirements	9	PS 4230, 4700, or 4920	3
PS 4000	3	PS 4800	3
Minors	12	PS area requirements	3
Electives	6	Minors	12
	30	Electives	7
			28

*Students pursuing the B.S. degree rather than the B.A. degree should take a second minor.

Concentration: Public Administration

The Public Administration concentration is for those seeking administrative careers in government or public service agencies. A combination of general political science courses, core public administration courses, pertinent political science electives, and courses in related disciplines provides a sound background for an administrative career. Included in the major must be some work in five of the six political science subfields. Required courses are PS 1010, 2010, 4000, 4800 (general); PS 3250, 4290 (core); nine semester hours from PS 2020, 3160, 3260, 3400, 3440, 4050, 4590, 4630 (core); and six or more semester hours of coursework in political science relevant to public administration and the student's interests. In addition the student must complete INFS 3100 and ECON 2410, 2420. ACTG 2110, 2120 are recommended. Recommended minors include Accounting, Business Administration, Criminal Justice Administration, Economics, Finance, English, Information Systems, Psychology, and Sociology.

Recommended Curriculum

FRESHMAN		SOPHOMORE	
ENGL 1010, 1020 (Comm)	6	ENGL 2020 or 2030 or	
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3	HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3
Mathematics	3	Humanities and/or Fine Arts	
PS 1010 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3	(2 prefixes)	6
PS 2010	3	ECON 2410 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3
Natural Sciences (2 prefixes)	8	ECON 2420	3
Foreign Language/Minor	6	HIST 2010, 2020, or 2030	6
	32	PS 3250	3
		Foreign Language/Minor	6
			30

JUNIOR

INFS 3100	3	PS 4800	3
PS 4000	3	PS 4290	3
PS designated courses	6	PS	9
Minors	12	Minors	12
ACTG 2110, 2120	6	Elective	1
	30		28

Concentration: Pre-law

The Pre-law concentration is designed for the student who plans to attend law school. A combination of core political science courses and courses in related disciplines has been found to provide a sound background for law school. Some law schools will not accept any professional or technical courses as part of their minimum requirement. It is essential that the student consult with his or her advisor in instances where such courses will be taken. In addition to meeting the basic requirements for the Political Science major, the Pre-law student must enroll in ECON 2410 (or 2420); PHIL 2110; COMM 3210 (or 2200); and PS 3530 (or ENGL 4605); ACTG 3000 or BLAW 3400; and one upper-division PS law class.

Recommended Curriculum

FRESHMAN		SOPHOMORE	
ENGL 1010, 1020 (Comm)	6	ENGL 2020 or 2030 or	
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3	HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3
Mathematics	3	Humanities and/or Fine Arts	
PS 1010 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3	(2 prefixes)	6
PS 2010	3	ECON 2410 (Soc/Beh Sci) or	
Natural Sciences (2 prefixes)	8	ECON 2420	3
Foreign Language/Minor	6	HIST 2010, 2020, or 2030	6
	32	PS 2440	3
		PHIL 2110	3
		Foreign Language/Minor	6
			30

JUNIOR

PS 3370, 3380	6	PS Political Theory	6
ENGL 4605 or PS 3530	3	PS cognate course	3
ACTG 3000 or BLAW 3400	3	Minors	12
PS 4800	3	PS area requirement	3
Minors	12	Electives	4
PS area requirement	3		28
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Minor in Political Science

The minor in Political Science requires 18 semester hours of work, including PS 1010 and 2010.

Minor in Public Administration

The minor in Public Administration requires 18 semester hours of work: PS 2010, 3250, and 12 semester hours to be selected from PS 2020, 3160, 3260, 3400, 3440, 4050, 4120, 4290 (maximum 3 hours), 4590, 4630.

Major in International Relations

The major in International Relations requires 33 semester hours of work including PS 1010, 2010, 3210, 3220, and 4240. All majors must choose two courses from each of the following subfields:

1. International relations (PS 3500, 3510, 3780, 3910, 4030, 4126, 4210, 4220, 4250, and 4260)
2. Comparative government (PS 3200, 3220, 3780, 3790, 4180, 4190, 4260, 4300, 4310, 4770, 4900)
3. The remaining six hours may be drawn from any of the courses listed above or from PS 4000, 4200, 4230, 4290 (with prior approval), 4700, 4800, 4920, and 4930.

Substitutions may be made with the advisor's consent.

It is preferable that minors and electives be in foreign languages, humanities, or social science offerings that significantly contribute to an understanding of economic, geographical, historical, and cultural factors in international relations or in areas that provide students with substantive skills related to a professional environment such as business and computer science. Recommended related courses in social science are ANTH 2010; ECON 2410, 4440, 4470; GEOG 3420, 3430, 3460, 4330, 4500; HIST 3150, 4530, 4330, 4340; SOC 4510, 4520. Interdisciplinary minors with a cross-cultural or area studies emphasis are also recommended.

Recommended Curriculum

FRESHMAN		SOPHOMORE	
ENGL 1010, 1020 (Comm)	6	ENGL 2020 or 2030 or	
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3	HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3
Mathematics	3	Humanities and/or Fine Arts	
PS 1010 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3	(2 prefixes)	6
PS 2010	3	Social/Behavioral Sciences	3
Natural Sciences (2 prefixes)	8	HIST 2010, 2020, or 2030	6
Minor	6	PS 3210, 3220	6
	32	Minor	6
			30
JUNIOR		SENIOR	
PS subfields (IR/Comp)	6	PS 4240	3
PS designated course	3	PS subfields (IR/Comp)	6
Minor	12	Minor	12
Electives	9	PS designated course	3
	30	Electives	4
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Minor in International Relations

The minor in International Relations requires 18 semester hours from PS 1010, 2010, 3030, 3210, 3220, 3500, 3510, 3780, 3790, 3910, 4126, 4180, 4190, 4200, 4210, 4220, 4240, 4260, 4300, 4310, 4770, 4900, 4920. PS 1010, 2010, and 3210 are mandatory.

Major or Minor in Political Science with Teacher Licensure

Students who want to teach government in high school should minor in Secondary Education; complete 12 hours of history (may include General Education requirements); minor in History (highly recommended), Economics, or Geography; and take 33 hours in political science. These must include PS 1010, 2010, 4000, 4800; PS 3210 or 4220; PS 4230, 4700, 4920, or 4930; and 15 elective hours with at least one course in three of four specified areas—American Government, Public Law, Public Administration, and Comparative Government. Students must also complete additional teacher licensure requirements including COMM 2200 and either HIST 1010, 1020, 1110, or 1120.

Students with teacher licensure in History, Geography, and Economics who are seeking an add-on endorsement in Government must take PS 1010, 2010, 2440, 3210 or 4300, 2020 or 4120, and an upper-division class in political theory for a total of 18 hours. Students without licensure in History, Geography, and Economics who are seeking an add-on endorsement in Government must take the classes above plus 3 additional hours of political science (a total of 21 hours).

NOTE: Please see the Educational Leadership Department on page 166 for Secondary Education minor requirements.

Interdisciplinary Minors

Interdisciplinary minors are open to all students in the University. The Department of Political Science coordinates the interdisciplinary minors in African Studies, Urban Studies, Paralegal Studies, and Russian Studies. See Interdisciplinary Minors beginning on page 80.

Courses in Political Science [PS]

See back of catalog for course descriptions.

Courses in Paralegal Studies [PLEG]

See back of catalog for course descriptions.

Honors College

The department offers these courses in Honors:

- Political Science 1010 (Fall)
- Political Science 2010 (Spring)
- Political Science 4230 (Fall)

Graduate Study

A graduate minor is offered in Political Science. Requirements and a list of the courses offered for graduate credit are published in the Graduate Catalog.