

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Overview

A major in political science comprises 33 political science semester hours with the requirement that the student complete:

- a minimum of two courses in American Government
- a minimum of two courses from Comparative Government and International Relations
- one Political Thought course
- a capstone course

This degree may be earned in eight semesters if students enroll in 16 hours per semester.

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
General Education Requirements		
Core Competencies		12
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	
Mathematics Requirement		
Arts and Humanities		6
Foreign Language Requirement		8
FNLG 1550	Elementary Foreign Language	
FNLG 2600	Intermediate Foreign Language	
Natural Science		7
Social Science ¹⁵⁶⁰ Fulfills 3 credit hours of Social Science requirement		3
Social and Personal Awareness		6
First-Year Experience Course: LASS 1510 ^{Exploring Critical Questions in LASS}		3
Major Requirements		
POL 1560	American Government	3
Optional Class		
POL 1550	Introduction to Political Science (Social Science/Social and Personal Awareness)	
American Government		
Select one of the following:		3
POL 3700	American Presidency	
POL 3701	American Legislative Process	
POL 3702	Law and Society	
POL 3703	American Constitutional Law	
POL 3704	American Political Parties and Elections	
POL 3707	Moot Court 1	
POL 3706	African-American Politics	
POL 3712	Political Behavior	
POL 3714	American Public Opinion	
POL 3717	Health Care Policy	
POL 3718	American Public Policy and Policy Analysis	
POL 3720	Public Management	
POL 3721	Urban Government	
POL 3722	State and Local Government	
POL 3724	Public Budgeting	
POL 3725	Individualized Study	
POL 3757	Aging and Social Policy	
POL 4805	Public Administration and the Political Process	

POL 4850	Sustainability, Climate Change, and Society	
POL 5800	Select Problems, American Government	
POL 5830	Public Human Resource Management	
Political Thought		
Select one of the following:		3
POL 3785	Political Thought 1	
POL 3786	Political Thought 2	
POL 3787	Political Thought 3	
POL 5880	Select Problems, Political Thought	
Contemporary and International		
Select two of the following:		6
POL 2640	Contemporary World Governments (Social Science/Social and Personal Awareness)	
POL 2660	International Relations	
POL 2695	Model United Nations	
POL 3741	Russia and China: From Revolution to Reform	
POL 3742	Political Development and Political Regimes	
POL 3744	European Politics	
POL 3751	Latin American Politics	
POL 3760	International Political Economy	
POL 3761	United States Foreign Policy	
POL 3763	International Law	
POL 3764	International Organizations	
POL 3767	Asian Politics	
POL 3768	International Conflict	
POL 5860	Select Problems of Global Affairs	
POL 5865	Global Environmental Policy and Law	
Capstone Course		
POL 4801	Senior Research Seminar	3
Additional Required Hours		
Select a minimum of 15 s.h. (total 33 s.h. in Political Science).		15
Electives 24-29 s.h.		24
Minor Requirements		18
Total Semester Hours		120
Year 1		
Fall		S.H.
POL 1560	American Government	3
LASS 1510	Exploring Critical Questions in LASS	3
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3
MATH 2623	Quantitative Reasoning	3
FNLG 1550	Elementary Foreign Language	4
Semester Hours		16
Spring		
POL 2640	Contemporary World Governments	3
POL 2660	International Relations	3
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
FNLG 2600	Intermediate Foreign Language	4
Semester Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
POL 37XX Domestic Politics		3
POL 37XX Dom. or Intl.		3
Minor 15XX/26XX		3
Natural Science 15XX/26XX		3

Social Science 15XX/26XX		3
Semester Hours		15
Spring		
POL 37XX Dom. or Intl		3
POL 37XX Dom. or Intl		3
Minor 15XX/26XX		3
Natural Science + Lab 15XX/2600		4
Social and Personal Awareness 15XX/26XX		3
Semester Hours		16
Year 3		
Fall		
POL 3785	Political Thought 1	3
or POL 3786	or Political Thought 2	
or POL 3787	or Political Thought 3	
POL 37XX Dom. or Intl		3
Minor 37XX		3
Minor 37XX		3
Arts and Humanities 15XX/26XX		3
Semester Hours		15
Spring		
POL 37XX Dom or Intl		3
POL 37XX Dom on Intl		3
Minor 37XX		3
Minor 37XX		3
Arts and Humanities 15XX/26XX		3
Semester Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
POL 37XX		3
Minor 37XX		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Semester Hours		15
Spring		
POL 4801	Senior Research Seminar	3
Minor 37XX		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Semester Hours		12
Total Semester Hours		120

- Students will use and apply the Style Manual of the American Political Science Association (APSA) in conjunction with their research and writing skills associated with the creation of credible political science projects.

Learning Outcomes

The department's learning outcomes for political science majors are as follows:

- Students will be able to summarize fundamental components of knowledge that have developed in relation to areas of political theory, American government, comparative politics, and international relations.
- Students will recognize and explain the fundamental ideas and constitutional principles that have shaped the American Republic, as well as the institutions and behaviors that provide the setting and substance of American politics.
- Students will recognize and explain the basic ideas, problems and processes of comparative politics and international relations relative to issues of Western and non-Western political development, different forms of national government, and foreign policy behaviors relative to a global economy.