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.
FIRST YEAR REQUIREMENT - STUDENT SUCCESS
YSU 1500 Success Seminar 1-2
or SS 1500 Strong Start Success Seminar
or HONR 1500 Intro to Honors

General Education Requirements
ENGL 1550 Writing 1 3-4
or ENGL 1549 Writing 1 with Support
ENGL 1551 Writing 2 3
CMST 1545 Communication Foundations 3
Mathematics Requirement 3
Arts and Humanities (6 s.h.) 6
Natural Sciences (2 courses, 1 with lab) (6-7 s.h.) 7
Social Science (6 s.h.)
3 s.h. are fulfilled with POL 1560 (required for the major)
Social Science elective 3
Social and Personal Awareness (6 s.h.) 6

Foreign Language Requirement
FNLG 1550 Elementary Foreign Language (or FNLG 1505) 4
FNLG 2600 Intermediate Foreign Language (or FNLG 1506) 4

Major Requirements
POL 1560 American Government 3

Optional Class
POL 1550 Introduction to Political Science (Social Science/Social and Personal Awareness) 3

American Government
Select one of the following: 3
POL 3700 American Presidency
POL 3701 American Legislative Process
POL 3702 Law and Society
POL 3703
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
POL 3722 State and Local Government
POL 3724 Public Budgeting
POL 3725 Individualized Study
POL 3757 Aging and Social Policy
POL 4805
POL 4850 Sustainability, Climate Change, and Society
POL 5800 Select Problems, American Government
POL 5830

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

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 26-29 s.h. 26
Minor Requirements 18

Total Semester Hours 120-122

Year 1
Fall
POL 1560 American Government 3
LASS 1510 3
ENGL 1550 Writing 1 3-4
or ENGL 1549 or Writing 1 with Support
MATH 2623 Quantitative Reasoning 3
FNLG 1550 Elementary Foreign Language 4

Semester Hours 16-17

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

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## 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/26XX 4
- Social and Personal Awareness 15XX/26XX 3

### Semester Hours 16

## Year 3

### Fall
- **POL 3785 or POL 3786 or POL 3787** Political Thought 1 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 120-121

## 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.
- 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.