

# Political Science

Bachelor of Arts

Political Science majors will learn critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and communication skills that are imperative for success in this field. Graduates of the program will understand the complexities of the American, Comparative and International Politics and will be prepared for service in the public or private sector.

## Career Options:

- Government Agencies
- Politics
- Writer
- Lawyer
- Teacher
- Journalist

## Core Requirements:

American Political System\*\*\*  
Introduction to Political Science  
Introduction to International Relations  
Social Research Methods

Comparative Politics  
Elementary Statistics

## Core Components:

*Choose 15 semester hours from the American Politics and World Politics Areas:*

### *American Politics: (9 semester hours)*

American State and Local Government  
The United States Congress  
Judicial Politics  
American Presidency (WI)  
American Political Thought (WI)  
Big Business and American Policies (WI)  
Constitutional Law  
Political Psychology  
Special Topics

### *World Politics: (6 semester hours)*

Political Economy (WI)  
Political Parties and Public Opinion (WI)  
East Asian Politics (WI)  
Ideals and Ideology (WI)  
Special Topics

## Minor Requirements:

American Political System\*\*\*  
Introduction to Political Science  
Introduction to International Relations  
Comparative Politics

*Chooses 6 semester hours from:*

American State and Local Government  
The United States Congress  
Judicial Politics  
American Presidency (WI)  
Social Research Methods  
Political Economy (WI)  
Political Parties and Public Opinion (WI)  
East Asian Politics (WI)  
American Political Thought (WI)  
Ideals and Ideology (WI)

Big Business and American Politics (WI)  
Political Psychology  
Special Topics  
African History  
African-American History  
Latin American History  
Survey of the Far East  
Middle East  
United States Since 1945

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## General Education Requirements

<b>I. Interdisciplinary Requirements</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>IV. Humanities Courses</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Ethics	3	Religion	3
International Studies	3	English Composition	6
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Total Hours	6	Art, Music or Entertainment/Theatre	3
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<b>II. Science Courses</b>	<b>Credits</b>	Total Hours	15
Mathematics	3	<b>TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS</b>	<b>41</b>
Biology, including lab	4		
Physics, Earth Science or Chemistry, incl. lab	4		
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Total Hours	11		
<b>III. Social Science Courses</b>	<b>Credits</b>		
History, Political Science	3		
Communication, Economics, Geography or Criminal Justice	3		
Psychology or Sociology	3		
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Total Hours	9		

Unless otherwise specified, transferred credits may be used to fulfill the general requirements at the Registrar's discretion.

## Core Requirements

	Credits		Credits
POL 112 American Political System***	3	POL 308 Social Research Methods	3
POL 200 Introduction to Political Science	3	POL 313 Comparative Politics	3
POL 201 Introduction to International Relations	3	MAT 213 Elementary Statistics	3

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	Credits		Credits
<i>American Politics: (9 semester hours)</i>		<i>World Politics: (6 semester hours)</i>	
POL 211 American State and Local Government	3	POL 310 Political Economy	3
POL 300 The United States Congress	3	POL 311 Political Parties and Public Opinion (WI)	3
POL 301 Judicial Politics	3	POL 315 East Asian Politics (WI)	3
POL 302 American Presidency (WI)	3	POL 401 Ideals and Ideology (WI)	3
POL 400 American Political Thought (WI)	3	POL 495 Special Topics	3
POL 408 Big Business and American Politics (WI)	3		
POL 410 Constitutional Law	3		
POL 411 Political Psychology	3		
POL 495 Special Topics	3		

## General Graduation Guidelines:

Total of 120 semester hours, 39 of which must be numbered 300 or 400.

(Other programs may require coursework beyond 120 semester hours.)

At least 9 semester hours of courses designated as writing intensive.

A declared major.

A cumulative GPA average of C (2.00) and at least a C average in the graduation major.

\*\*\* Satisfies HIS/POL Social Science Requirement