

Political Science Major

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About

Today, no less than in the past, it is essential for citizens in a democracy to be educated about the political system in which they live and to know how that system relates to other governments and international issues. The study of political science will educate you about timely and important political issues on a national and global scale while helping you develop a set of analytical, reasoning and research skills to last a lifetime. As a political science major, you will learn about American politics, comparative politics, international relations and political theory; become familiar with the methodology of social science inquiry and learn how to conduct research; build competence in oral and written expression; develop reasoning and analytical skills; become a politically engaged citizen-leader; prepare for any number of politically-oriented careers or for [graduate or professional training](#). As a political science major, you will learn how political leaders operate; governments make decisions; politics shapes public policy; governments respond to internal and international conflicts; people develop political attitudes and preferences; groups attempt to influence government; and governments can best serve their people.

Program: [Political Science](#)

Type: Bachelor of Arts

MAJOR (33 credits)

In the context of the liberal arts tradition, the Department of Political Science seeks to encourage in its students a commitment to intellectual curiosity, academic excellence, and responsible civic engagement. The Department is committed to helping students improve their skills of observation, critical reading, rigorous thought, careful evidence-based argumentation, and effective communication, and to develop values of good citizenship.

Program Notes:

- Foundational courses should be taken immediately upon declaring the major. They serve as prerequisites for many of the upper division courses and the senior seminar.
- With the exception of internships (up to 3 credits), courses taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis cannot be used to satisfy requirements for the major.
- Any senior with a GPA of 3.0 or above may request to take a graduate PSC course.

Required Major Courses:

Item #	Title	Credits
PSC 1100	American Government	3
PSC 1200	International Relations	3
PSC 1300	Comparative Politics	3
PSC 1400	Political Theory	3
PSC 1900	Research Seminar	3
PSC 6900	Political Sci Seminar	3
	Upper-Level PSC Electives for B.A.	15

Category Descriptions

Upper-Level PSC Electives for B.A.

Credits: 15

Select any course of 3 or more credits numbered from PSC 2000:6999 (15 cr)