



POLITICAL SCIENCE / DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Political Science focuses on the study of political ideas, institutions and behavior. The discipline is divided into subfields of American politics, comparative politics, international relations, political theory, public policy, and public administration. Our students can choose three areas of concentration that include courses from all of these subfields. We also offer courses for the pre-law cohort and for interdisciplinary majors and minors such as Environmental Science, Ethnic Studies, International Relations, Latin American Studies, Middle Eastern Studies and Islamic World, Scandinavian Studies, and Social Studies, as well as the joint major program Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE).

DEGREES OFFERED

- Political Science, BS
- Political Science, BA
- Political Science Minor
- Pre-Law (pre-major)

SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Active listening
- Analytical skills
- Communication skills
- Critical thinking
- Cultural sensitivity
- Interpersonal skills
- Inquisitive
- Persuasive
- Problem solving
- Research skills
- Quantitative/statistical skills
- Writing skills

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES

- Model United Nations/International Relations Club
- Study abroad and study tours
- Pi Sigma Alpha (honor society)
- Pre-Law Society
- Internships
- Capstone experience
- Attending invited lectures and guest speaker events i.e. the annual Kessel Lectureship and faculty discussion panels.

EMPLOYERS

- Business and corporations
- Colleges and universities
- Federal, state, and local government
- Law firms and court systems
- Public interest groups
- Research and testing services
- Trade associations
- Non-profit organizations
- Political parties
- Civil liberties organizations

CAREERS

- Campaign manager
- College/university professor*
- Consultant
- Court services
- Elections analyst
- Foreign relations
- Human rights advocate
- Journalist
- Lawyer*
- Legal assistant
- Legislator
- Lobbyist
- Management/human resources
- Media/public relations
- Political analyst
- Public administration*
- Public policy analyst
- Social services administrator

*Advanced Education Required

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM (POLITICAL SCIENCE, BS)

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
POL 111 United States Government (4) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)	POL 241 Introduction to Comparative Politics (4) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
POL XXX Concentration Area 1 (4) POL 221 Introduction to Political Analysis (3) (spring OR fall) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) Minor Course (3)	POL XXX Concentration Area 1 (4) POL YYY Non-concentration (4) POL 221 Introduction to Political Analysis (4) (spring OR fall) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) Minor Course (3)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
POL XXX Concentration Area 1 (4) POL YYY Non-concentration (4) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) Minor Course (3)	POL XXX Concentration Area 1 (4) POL XXX Concentration Area 1 (4) General Electives (6) Minor Course (3)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
POL ZZZ Elective (4) POL ZZZ Elective (4) General Electives (6) Minor Course (3)	POL ZZZ Upper-Level Elective (4) POL ZZZ Upper-Level Elective (4) Minor Course (3) Minor or General Electives (3) General Electives (3)
Concentration Area	
<p>Choose an area below as your concentration area. Within your chosen concentration area (XXX), complete at least 16 credit hours. Within the other two (YYY) (non-concentration) areas, complete at least 4 credit hours each.</p> <p>Concentration Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Politics & Policy • International Relations & Comparative Politics • Theory & Public Law 	

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