

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science is the systematic study of politics, power relationships and government. Students can direct their studies to study particular policy issues like racial and ethnic policy or environmental policy or look at US policies comparatively with international politics and policy. We also offer courses for the pre-law cohort, interdisciplinary majors and minors, as well as the joint major program Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE).

PROGRAMS



DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
- Bachelor of Science in Political Science
- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
- Political Science Minor
- Political Science Graduate Certificate
- Pre-Law

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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. Political Science students can choose three areas of concentration that include courses from all of these subfields.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Active Listening
- Analytical Skills
- Communication Skills
- Critical Thinking
- Cultural Sensitivity
- Interpersonal Skills

CAREERS

- Campaign Manager
- College/University Professor
- Consultant
- Court Services
- Elections Analyst
- Foreign Relations

EMPLOYERS

- African Women of Action
- International Rescue Committee
- Kuwait Consulate
- Lead for Minnesota
- Minnesota House of Representatives
- Minnesota Senate

INSPIRED ACTION



EMPLOYMENT RATE

90.3%
of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

Graduates: 126
Respondents: 98

link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up

MEDIAN SALARY

\$128,020

The median annual wage for Political Scientists in May 2022.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Political Scientists, at link.mnsu.edu/political-science-salary

PROGRAM WEBSITE



hss.mnsu.edu/political-science

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN - 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)

For more information about program requirements, visit:
mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog

LEARN MORE

Government

109 Morris Hall
 507-389-2721
 government@mnsu.edu

NOTES
