

Political Science

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts - Major

Major Requirements

Students must complete 19 credits of core courses, 3 credits of upper-division Global Politics, 3 credits of upper-division United States Politics, 3 credits of upper-division Political Thought, and 15 credits of upper-division electives. Consists of 43 credit hours distributed as follows:

NOTE: Students can double major in Political Science and International Security & Diplomacy, but only 9 credits from Global Processes and 9 credits from Regional Studies MUST be taken in disciplines other than Political Science.

Core Courses

(19 Credits)

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSCI-210	Politics & Government in the United States	3
PSCI-220E	Introduction to Political Philosophy	3
PSCI-230	Introduction to Global Politics	3
PSCI-240	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
PSCI-250	Methods of Research and Data Analysis	3
PSCI-400	Professional Development	1
PSCI-470	Seminar in Global Studies & Political Science	3

Political Thought

Choose 3 credits from the following courses:

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSCI-401E	Contemporary Political Thought	3
PSCI-402E	Philosophy of Law and Jurisprudence	3
PSCI-405E	Foundations of American Political Thought	3

United States Politics

Choose 3 credits from the following courses:

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSCI-215	Introduction to Public Policy	3
PSCI-320	State and Local Politics	3
PSCI-332	Women & Politics	3
PSCI-340	Media & Politics	3
PSCI-345	Political Psychology	3
PSCI-350	Constitutional Law of Federalism & Institutional Powers	3
PSCI-351	Competitive Moot Court	1

(complete 1 credit course three times)

Choose 3 credits from the following:

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSCI-355	Constitutional Law of Civil Rights and Liberties	3
PSCI-380	Public Administration	3
PSCI-390	Public Policy	3
PSCI-415	Policymaking, Interest Groups & Congress	3

Global Politics

Choose 3 credits from the following courses:

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSCI-310	Latin American Politics	3
PSCI-335W	International Peace & Security	3
PSCI-336	United Nations	3
PSCI-356	United States Foreign Policy	3
PSCI-360	Population, Immigration, and Politics	3
PSCI-365E	Politics of Human Rights	3
PSCI-370	Issues in Global Politics	3
PSCI-420W	International Law	3
PSCI-440W	Global Political Economy	3

Electives

15 credits of PSCI courses numbered 300 or above; 3 credits may be chosen from the following HIST courses:

Course Code	Title	Credits
HIST-325	Modern Britain Since 1688	3
HIST-350	The Wars in Afghanistan	3
HIST-360	Modern Africa	3
HIST-390	War and Peace Across the Pacific	3
HIST-410	Modern India & Pakistan Since 1700	3
HIST-415	History of China Since 1600	3
HIST-425	History of Japan Since 1600	3
HIST-430	European Imperialism	3

The Political Science major prepares students for careers related to law and government. It includes courses in the three major subfields of political science: global studies, American politics and political thought.

The program is designed to give students a broad knowledge of the three subfields in the required courses and the flexibility to design an elective educational program oriented towards careers in law, public policy and administration, politics or international affairs.

Total Credits	43
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