



Political Science

Degree Awarded: Bachelor of Arts

Requirements for the Major: 43-49 credits plus 3-5 prerequisite credits

The Interdisciplinary major in Political Science provides students with the academic background to enter law school or prepares them for a wide variety of professional positions in areas such as government, civil service, domestic or international business, the diplomatic service, or further study in graduate or professional programs.

Prerequisites for courses for the major:

Essential Competencies-Outcome Iterations

****Transfer courses do not receive outcome iterations****

				IL	W	O	Q	GA	V
	MATH 095 or MATH 096 or MATH 105 with a C- or above	Intermediate Algebra or Introductory & Intermediate Algebra or Contemporary Mathematical Literacy	3 or 5 or 4				x		

These courses will not be counted in computing the GPA for the major.

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				IL	W	O	Q	GA	V
	SOCS 101	Introduction to Sociology	3				x	x	
	POLS 110	National Government	3	x					
	POLS 120	State and Local Government	3	x					
	STAT 241 or STAT 239	Principles of Statistics or Statistics for the Social Sciences	4 or 3				x x		
	PHIL/POLS 312	Modern Philosophers	3		x	x			
	POLS 322	Public Policy	3	x			x		
	POLS/SOCS 350	Social Science Research Methods	3	x	x		x		
	POLS 361	Comparative Politics	3	x	x				
	POLS 370	International Relations	3	x				x	
	POLS 399	Internship	1-6						
	POLS 450	Senior Seminar	3	x	x	x			x

Take 12 additional credits from one of the following concentrations:

Public Administration and Policy Concentration:

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				IL	W	O	Q	GA	V
	POLS 310	Political Advocacy	3						
	POLS 315	Introduction to Public Administration	3			x		x	x
	Choose 2 courses from:								
	POLS 280	Environmental Policy and Politics	3						
	SOCS 315	Social Problems	3	x	x				
	HIST/POLS 215	The Presidency	3						
	HIST 111	Colonial and Revolutionary America	3	x				x	x
	HIST 112	The U.S.: Republic to Empire, 1789-1898	3	x				x	x
	HIST 113	The American Century Since 1898	3	x			x	x	x

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Pre-Law Concentration:**Essential Competencies-Outcome Iterations**
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				IL	W	O	Q	GA	V
	POLS 340	American Constitutional Law and Development I	3	x					
	POLS 341	American Constitutional Law and Development II	3						
	Choose 2 courses from:								
	BSAD 340	Business Law I	3	x					
	BSAD 341	Business Law II	3						
	BSAD 343	Sport Law	3						
	PSYC/SOCS 310	Social Psychology	3						
	SOCS 360	Police and the Courts	3						
	PSYC/SOCS 361	Family Law	3						
	SOCS 318	Criminological Theory	3			x			

These courses will be counted in computing the 2.20 GPA for the major.

Additional recommended electives include:**Essential Competencies-Outcome Iterations**
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				IL	W	O	Q	GA	V
	ENGL 309	Writing for Business	3		x	x	x		
	BSAD 310	Principles of Management	3						
	BSAD/SOCS 410	Organizational Behavior	3						
	ECON 101	Principles of Macro Economics	3						
	HIST 105	The West in the Modern World	4	x				x	
	HIST 113	The American Century Since 1898	3	x			x	x	x

Students completing the concentration in Public Administration and Policy should consider additional majors in History and/or Criminal Justice.

Students completing the concentration in Pre-Law should consider additional majors in Criminal Justice, History, and/or English.

Minors that complement a major in Political Science include Sociology, History, English, General Business, Philosophy, Theology, and Statistics.

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