

B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Code	Title	Hours
PSC 1200	American National Government	3
In addition, students must take three of the following:		9
PSC 2600	Principles of Comparative Politics	
PSC 2700	Principles Of International Relations	
PSC 2800	Principles Of Political Theory	
PSC 3410	Principles of Public Policy	
PSC 4950	Capstone in Political Science	1
Complete additional courses in the department to satisfy the 31-hour requirement. PSC 3150 Research and Writing in Political Science is highly recommended.		18
Total Hours		31

Optional Global Studies Concentration

The foundation for this specialization is a B.A. in Political Science, within which the student must have included the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
PSC 1200	American National Government	3
PSC 2600	Principles of Comparative Politics	3
PSC 2700	Principles Of International Relations	3

At least one course from the following:

Code	Title	Hours
PSC 2800	Principles Of Political Theory	3
PSC 3410	Principles of Public Policy	3

Departmental Electives drawn from the department's specialized international political focus:

Code	Title	Hours
PSC 1710	Current International Problems	3
PSC 2400	Topics in Political Science	3
PSC 2660	African Politics	3
PSC 2210	Women And Politics	3
PSC 2770	Great Decisions: America's Foreign Policy	1
PSC 2780	Political Science and Pop Culture	3
PSC 3150	Research and Writing in Political Science	3
PSC 3600	Fascism and Populism in Comparative Perspective	3
PSC 3730	American Foreign Policy	3
PSC 3790	Model United Nations/Model European Union	1
PSC 3850	Sports, Politics and Policy	3
PSC 4340	Environmental Policy	3
PSC 4520		3
PSC 4580		3

PSC 4640	European Law and Governance	3
PSC 4660	Politics of Africa	3
PSC 4680	Politics of Latin America	3
PSC 4720	International Organization	3
PSC 4740	Politics of the Middle East	3
PSC 4750	Terrorism and National Security	3
PSC 4770	Human Rights and Humanitarian Law	3
PSC 4810	Environmental Justice	3
PSC 4850		3
PSC 4900	Politics of Asia	3
PSC 4940	Applied Politics Internship	3
PSC 4980	Current Topics In Political Science	3
PSC 4990	Independent Study In Political Science	1-3

The requirement of 18 related hours is to be met with the following:

Code	Title	Hours
GLST 2000	Principles Of Global Studies	3
GLST 4900	Senior Seminar In Global Studies	3

Plus, 12 hours of electives from this list:

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 2800	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 3850	Peoples Of World: An Evolutionary Approach	3
ENGL 3670	Literature of Diverse and Nonwhite Communities	3
ENGL 3660	Latino Literature in the U.S.	3
GEPL 2040	World Regional Geography	3
ENGL 3770	World Literature And Cultures	3
ENGL 4550	Literature of the British Empire, Beginnings to 1850	3
ENGL 4560	Literature of the British Empire 1850 to the Present	3
GEPL 2050	World Cities	3
GEPL 4160	Patterns Of World Development	3
SOC 3640	Social Inequality	3
SOC 4340	Population And Society	3
SOC 4800		3

Optional Legal Studies Concentration

This program is designed to allow students to focus their studies on law, legal processes, and legal institutions for careers in the legal profession, for leadership in public affairs, as well as for an interesting major. This solid liberal arts specialization provides excellent preparation for law school and a subsequent career as a lawyer or judge.

Code	Title	Hours
Concentration in Legal Studies		
The foundation for this specialization is a B.A. in Political Science, within which the student must have included the following two courses:		
PSC 1200	American National Government	3
PSC 3500	Principles Of Law	3

At least four courses from the department's specialized law and legal studies course offerings: 12

PSC 3510	Constitutional Law I	
PSC 3520	Constitutional Law and Politics II	
PSC 4530		
PSC 4550	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN LAW AND POLITICS	
PSC 4580		
Three courses from the following four:		9
PSC 2600	Principles of Comparative Politics	
PSC 2700	Principles Of International Relations	
PSC 2800	Principles Of Political Theory	
PSC 3410	Principles of Public Policy	
Major Electives ¹		6
Total Hours		33

¹ While only two additional electives within political science are required for the Legal Studies specialization, students may elect to complete additional classes in the discipline.

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Below is a sample plan of study. Consult your degree audit for your program requirements.

First Term		Hours
AR 1000	First Year Orientation	1
ENGL 1110	College Composition I	3
MATH 1180	Reasoning With Mathematics	3
PSC 1200	American National Government	3
Elementary Foreign Language I		4
HIST 1010-1200 Arts/Humanities Core (History)		3
Hours		17
Second Term		
ENGL 1130	College Composition II: Academic Disciplines And Discourse	3
Elementary Foreign Language II		4
PSC 2700	Principles Of International Relations	3
Natural Sciences Core		3
Natural Sciences Core (Lab)		1
Hours		14
Third Term		
PSC 2600	Principles of Comparative Politics	3
PSC 2800	Principles Of Political Theory (WAC)	3
Intermediate Foreign Language I or approved culture course		3
ENGL 2710-2800 Arts/Humanities Core (English Lit)		3
Arts/Humanities Core (Fine Art)		3
Hours		15
Fourth Term		
PSC 3410	Principles of Public Policy	3
Intermediate Foreign Language II or approved culture course		3

Natural Sciences Core	3
Social Sciences Core	3
Elective	3
Hours	15

Fifth Term

PSC Major Elective	6
Related or Minor course (WAC)	3
Related or Minor course	3
Elective	3
Hours	15

Sixth Term

PSC Major Elective	3
PSC Major Elective	3
Related or Minor course	3
Elective	3
Diversity of US	3
Hours	15

Seventh Term

PSC Major Elective	6
Non-US Diversity	3
Elective	3
Related or Minor course	3
Hours	15

Eighth Term

PSC 4950	Capstone in Political Science	1
Elective		10
Related or Minor course		3
Hours		14
Total Hours		120

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First Term		Hours
AR 1000	First Year Orientation	1
ENGL 1110	College Composition I	3
MATH 1180	Reasoning With Mathematics	3
PSC 1200	American National Government	3
Elementary Foreign Language I		4
HIST 1010-1200 Arts/Humanities Core (History)		3
Hours		17

Second Term

ENGL 1130	College Composition II: Academic Disciplines And Discourse	3
Elementary Foreign Language II		4
Natural Science Core		3
Natural Science Core Lab		1
PSC 2700	Principles Of International Relations	3
Hours		14

Third Term

PSC 2600	Principles of Comparative Politics	3
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GLST 2000	Principles Of Global Studies	3
Intermediate Foreign Language I or approved culture course		3
ENGL 2710-2800 Arts/Humanities Core (English Lit)		3
Arts/Humanities Core (Fine Art)		3
Hours		15
Fourth Term		
PSC 2800- Principles of Political Theory OR PSC 3410- Principles of Public Policy		3
Intermediate Foreign Language II or approved culture course		3
Natural Science Core		3
Social Science Core		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Fifth Term		
PSC International Elective		3
PSC International Elective		3
Related Field Course (WAC)		3
Related Field Course		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Sixth Term		
PSC International Elective		3
PSC International Elective		3
Related Field Course		3
Related Field Course (WAC)		3
Diversity US Course		3
Hours		15
Seventh Term		
PSC International Elective		3
PSC International Elective		3
Related Field Course		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Eighth Term		
GLST 4900	Senior Seminar In Global Studies	3
PSC 4950	Capstone in Political Science	1
Related Field Course		3
Electives		7
Hours		14
Total Hours		120

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First Term		Hours
AR 1000	First Year Orientation	1
ENGL 1110	College Composition I	3
MATH 1180	Reasoning With Mathematics	3
PSC 1200	American National Government	3

Elementary Foreign Language I		4
HIST 1010-1200 Arts/Humanities Core (History)		3
Hours		17
Second Term		
ENGL 1130	College Composition II: Academic Disciplines And Discourse	3
Elementary Foreign Language II		4
PSC 2700	Principles Of International Relations	3
Natural Sciences Core		3
Natural Sciences Core (Lab)		1
Hours		14
Third Term		
PSC 2600	Principles of Comparative Politics	3
PSC 2800	Principles Of Political Theory (WAC)	3
Intermediate Foreign Language I or approved culture course		3
ENGL 2710-2800 Arts/Humanities Core (English Lit)		3
Arts/Humanities Core (Fine Art)		3
Hours		15
Fourth Term		
PSC 3410	Principles of Public Policy	3
Intermediate Foreign Language II or approved culture course		3
Natural Sciences Core		3
Social Sciences Core		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Fifth Term		
PSC Major Elective		6
Related or Minor course (WAC)		3
Related or Minor course		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Sixth Term		
PSC Major Elective		3
PSC Major Elective		3
Related or Minor course		3
Elective		3
Diversity of US		3
Hours		15
Seventh Term		
PSC Major Elective		6
Non-US Diversity		3
Elective		3
Related or Minor course		3
Hours		15
Eighth Term		
PSC 4950	Capstone in Political Science	1
Elective		10

Related or Minor course	3
Hours	14
Total Hours	120

- PLO 1: recognize political phenomena and political lacuna worthy of investigation using the methods of political science
- PLO 2: describe and critique the essential concepts in four of five subfields of political science: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, political theory, and public administration
- PLO 3: develop descriptive inferences about political phenomena by applying the foundational concepts of political science and known facts
- PLO 4: interpret and evaluate the significance and dynamics of political events and governmental processes that affect citizens lives
- PLO 5: analyze political, administrative, and policy issues using empirical methods including formulating hypotheses and organizing information to test those hypotheses
- PLO 6: normatively evaluate political, administrative, and policy issues and justify students normative conclusions