

B.S. in Political Science

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Description

The B.S. in Political Science is a more technical and quantitative degree than the B.A. in Political Science. While both degrees provide strong grounding in core knowledge, the B.S. degree will prepare students for more empirically demanding areas of employment in fields such as business, big data, marketing, campaign work, and sectors of law.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

Course Requirements

The B.S. in Political Science will require 42 hours of course work, including POL 101, POL 102, POL 103, POL 251, POL 352, and 27 additional Political Science hours.

Students may choose from the following optional emphasis areas by completing at least four courses from an emphasis area. At the discretion of the department chair or undergraduate academic adviser, Study Abroad (Pol 380), Internships (Pol 389), Senior Seminars (Pol 401, Pol 421, Pol 431), and Special Topics (Pol 398) courses can count toward an emphasis area if the content is appropriate to the emphasis.

Campaigns and Elections

- Pol 308. Voting and Political Participation
- Pol 309. Public Opinion and Political Psychology
- Pol 310. Political Parties and Interest Groups
- Pol 311. Political Communication
- Pol 391. Applied Politics

International Conflict and Cooperation

- Pol 331. International Organization
- Pol 332. Ethnic Conflict and International Terror
- Pol 335. Intl. Politics of Nuclear Weapons
- Pol 334. Politics of World Economy
- Pol 339. International Conflict
- Pol 363. War in World Politics

Politics of Developing Countries

- Pol 321. Politics of Latin America
- Pol 324. Politics of China
- Pol 329. Transitions to Democracy
- Pol 336. Political Economy of International Development
- Pol 337. Asia in World Affairs
- Pol 342. Politics of Mexico and Central America
- Pol 349. Middle East Politics
- Pol 387. Political Economy of East Asia

Law and Courts

- Pol 300. Judicial Process
- Pol 304. American Legislative Process
- Pol 305. Judicial Behavior
- Pol 306. Constitutional Law I
- Pol 307. Constitutional Law II

Other Academic Requirements

Students must also complete a MATH course at the 100 level or above except for MATH 245 and 246. At least 21 hours must be in non-Z-graded courses at the 300 level or above. Grades lower than C in political science courses will not be counted toward the political science major or minor.

18 hours of related subjects will be required. These will be selected from Computer science, economics, mathematics, sociology, psychology.

Specializations

- [Emphasis - Campaigns and Elections](#)
- [Emphasis - Int'l Conflict & Cooperation](#)
- [Emphasis - Law and Courts](#)
- [Emphasis - Pol of Developing Countries](#)
- [Emphasis - Standard](#)

