

# Political Science



**College of Liberal Arts**  
**Department of Political Science**  
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**Degree: B.A.**  
**Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits**

Political science is the study of human efforts to create social organizations and processes compatible with our environment. Political science is related to all of the social science disciplines. It is the study of the dynamics of human behavior in various cultural, national and international spheres.

Students of political science may prepare for teaching or for advanced study in law and the social sciences, or prepare themselves for careers in public service.

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

### MAJOR

#### Political Science—B.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 28). (As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: PS 100X, PS 300X and HIST 100X.)
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 33).
3. Complete the following major (program) requirements:\*
  - PS 101—Introduction to American Government and Politics ..... 3
  - PS 222—Political Science Research Methods ..... 3
  - PS 492W—Senior Seminar in Political Science ..... 3
4. Complete 24 credits in political science. Include at least 1 course from 4 of the following sub-disciplinary groups:\*
  - a. Group A—American Government and Politics
    - PS 212—Introduction to Public Administration ..... 3
    - PS 301—American Presidency ..... 3
    - PS 302—Congress and Public Policy ..... 3
    - PS 401W—Political Behavior ..... 3
    - PS 403W—Public Policy ..... 3
    - PS 462—Alaska Government and Politics ..... 3
  - b. Group B—Public Law
    - PS 303—Politics and the Judicial Process ..... 3
    - PS 330O—Law, Justice and Society ..... 3
    - PS/JUST 404—Introduction to Legal Research and Writing ..... 3
    - PS 435W—Constitutional Law I: Institutions and Governmental Powers ..... 3
    - PS 436W—Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties ..... 3
  - c. Group C—Comparative Politics
    - PS 201—Comparative Politics ..... 3
    - PS 202—Democracy and Global Society ..... 3
    - PS 312W—East Asian Governments and Politics ..... 3
    - PS 460W—Government and Politics of Canada ..... 3
    - PS/HIST 467W—Political Development in Latin America and the Caribbean ..... 3
    - PS 468W—Government and Politics of Russia ..... 3

- d. Group D—International Politics
  - PS 321—International Politics ..... 3
  - PS 322—International Law and Organization ..... 3
  - PS 323—Issues of International Political Economy ..... 3
  - PS 437—American Foreign Policy ..... 3
  - PS 438O—Peace and National Security ..... 3
- e. Group E—Political Theory
  - PS 314W—Political Ideologies ..... 3
  - PS 315—American Political Thought ..... 3
  - PS/WMS 340—Women and Politics ..... 3
  - PS/PHIL 411W,O—Classical Political Theory ..... 3
  - PS/PHIL 412W—Modern Political Theory ..... 3
  - PS 415—Contemporary Political Theory ..... 3
5. Minimum credits required ..... 120

\* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

### MINOR

1. PS 101—Introduction to American Government and Politics ..... 3
2. Complete at least 1 course from 4 of the sub-disciplinary groups listed in the requirements for the B.A. degree in political science. 12
3. Minimum credits required ..... 15



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