

Political Science B.A.

Political Science Major

The B.A. Political Science-Liberal Arts major requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. This total includes UNIFI/General Education requirements and the following specified major requirements, plus electives to complete the minimum of 120 hours.

Required courses:

POLSCI 1014	Power & Politics in the U.S. *	3
POLSCI 1025	Global Politics *	3
POLSCI 1070	Democracy	3
POLSCI 2010	Analyzing Politics	3
POLSCI 2050	Introduction to Political Theory: Freedom, Justice and Power *	3

Engaged Learning requirement: 3-8

POLSCI 4143/5143	Citizen Participation and Civic Engagement
or POLSCI 3181	Internship in Politics

Students must take one Senior Seminar in Political Science:

POLSCI 4184	Senior Seminar in Political Science	3
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Elective hours (POLSCI 2xxx or above): 18

Total hours: 39-44

Note: Not more than 9 semester hours of political science taken within the International Affairs minor or Legal Studies minor may also be counted for credit on this major.

* POLSCI 1014 satisfies the Human Condition (Domestic) UNIFI/General Education requirement. POLSCI 1025 satisfies the Human Condition (Global) UNIFI/General Education requirement. POLSCI 2050 satisfies the Responsibility UNIFI/General Education requirement.

Four-Year Plan

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This is a sample plan of study with a suggested sequencing of classes for the major. University electives may be applied to earn additional academic majors, minors, or certificates. Students should regularly meet with their academic advisor to plan their specific semester schedule to include UNIFI/General Education program and/or university elective hours required.

Course	Title	Hour
Freshman		
Fall		
POLSCI 1014	Power & Politics in the U.S.	3
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		12
Hours		15
Spring		
POLSCI 1025	Global Politics	3
POLSCI 1070	Democracy	3

UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		9
Hours		15
Sophomore		
Fall		
POLSCI 2050	Introduction to Political Theory: Freedom, Justice and Power	3
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		12
Hours		15
Spring		
POLSCI 2010	Analyzing Politics	3
Political Science Elective		3
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		9
Hours		15
Junior		
Fall		
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		9
Political Science Elective		6
Hours		15
Spring		
Political Science Electives		6
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		9
Hours		15
Senior		
Fall		
POLSCI 4184	Senior Seminar in Political Science	3
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		12
Hours		15
Spring		
Political Science Elective		3
UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		12
Hours		15
Total Hours		120

Learning Outcomes

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- Demonstrate effective written communication skills, (including clear and concise wording, and citing evidence appropriately in various contexts)
- Demonstrate effective oral communication skills, (including organized, professional presentations as appropriate in various contexts)
- Demonstrate the ability to think analytically about issues in Political Science by constructing arguments using evidence and analysis
- Apply the scientific method to study empirical questions in Political Science
- Employ information literacy skills to find and evaluate the reliability and relevance of information related to political issues
- Demonstrate data literacy skills by interacting with scientific literature and interpreting findings

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- Demonstrate competencies required of citizens in a democracy, including an understanding of concepts such as freedom, equality, rights, justice, and diversity.

Related Programs

- Public Administration B.A.
- State and Local Government Certificate