

BA in Political Science

Program Requirements

A major consists of:

Course	Title	Hours
POLS 121	American Politics	3
POLS 220	Introduction to International Relations	3
POLS 226	Comparative Politics	3
POLS 365	Political Data Analysis	3
POLS 600	Senior Thesis	3
Select 18 additional credit hours of study distributed in the following fashion:		18
Electives in the major (18 credit hours):		
POLS 310	Latin American Politics	
POLS 315	The Presidency	
POLS 316	Legislative Politics	
POLS 319	State Government	
POLS 320	Developing World	
POLS 321	Introduction to Public Administration	
POLS 325	Gender and Politics	
POLS 336	International Orgs	
POLS 337	Conflict Analysis	
POLS 340	Global Challenges	
POLS 352	Law and Political Power	
POLS 356	Civil Liberties	
POLS 370	European Politics	
POLS 380	Parties and Elections	
POLS 385	Democracy and Authoritarianism	
POLS 390	Special Topics in Political Science	
POLS 395	U.S. Foreign Policy	
POLS 570	International Political Economy	
Total Credit Hours		33

Applied Learning

Students in the Bachelor of Arts in political science program are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from the program. The requirement can be met by completing POLS 600.

Departmental Honors

The department offers the option for majors to graduate with honors in political science if they meet the following requirements:

- obtain a 3.500 average or greater for the five core courses;

Course	Title	Hours
POLS 121	American Politics	3
POLS 220	Introduction to International Relations	3
POLS 226	Comparative Politics	3
POLS 232	Political Theory and Philosophy	3
POLS 365	Political Data Analysis	3

- take an additional course beyond the introductory one in each of the four sub-fields (American politics, international politics, comparative politics, political theory);
- take an additional 6 credit hours of political science courses beyond the 33 hours required for a major;

- maintain a 3.500 GPA for all political science courses; and
- receive an A or A- for the Senior Seminar capstone course.

Students who would like to be admitted to the honors track should contact the department chair.