BA in Political Science

A major consists of:

- 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:

- Electives in the major (18 credit hours):
  - POLS 310 Latin American Politics
  - POLS 315 The Presidency
  - POLS 316 The Congress
  - POLS 317 Urban Politics
  - POLS 318 Political Parties
  - POLS 319 State Government
  - POLS 320 Developing World
  - POLS 321 Introduction to Public Administration
  - POLS 325 Women In Political System
  - POLS 330 Post-Communist Europe
  - POLS 336 International Organizations
  - POLS 337 Conflict Analysis
  - POLS 340 Global Challenges
  - POLS 345 Classical Medieval Political Theory
  - POLS 352 Law and Political Power
  - POLS 356 Civil Liberties
  - POLS 358 American Political Thought
  - POLS 360 Human Rights
  - POLS 370 European Politics
  - POLS 380 Campaigns and Elections
  - POLS 385 Global Democracy
  - POLS 390 Special Topics in Political Science
  - POLS 395 U.S. Foreign Policy
  - POLS 396 Comparative Foreign Policy
  - POLS 444 Modern Political Theory
  - POLS 524 Politics of Modern China
  - POLS 570 International Political Economy
  - POLS 580 Administration and the Policy-Making Process

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 both POLS 365 and POLS 600.

Departmental Honors Track

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;

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• 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.