

MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Requirements

Thirty-nine units with a grade equivalent of 2.00 or higher are required for the major in Political Science. Students must complete the following requirements:

Code	Title	Units
Foundation Requirements		
Select three of the following:		9
POSC 101	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE ¹	
POSC 103	AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT	
POSC 105	GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD	
POSC 107	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ¹	
POSC 207	STATE GOVERNMENT	
POSC 209	INTRODUCTION TO LAW	
POSC 212	HONORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	
Research Requirement		
POSC 301	POLITICAL RESEARCH I	3
Topical Areas Required Courses		
Select four of the following (each course must be in a different topical area):		12
Topical Area: American Government and Public Administration		
POSC 375	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	
POSC 381	THE PRESIDENCY	
POSC 383	CONGRESS	
POSC 384	JUDICIAL SYSTEM	
Topical Area: Comparative Politics		
POSC 329	THE POLITICS OF ETHNICITY AND NATIONALISM	
POSC 337	COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT OF FOREIGN POWERS: THE WESTERN WORLD	
POSC 339	COMPARATIVE POLITICAL SYSTEMS	
POSC 340	COMPARATIVE PUBLIC POLICY	
Topical Area: International Relations		
POSC 303	THEORY OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS	
POSC 434	COMPARATIVE FOREIGN POLICY	
POSC 436	U.S. FOREIGN POLICY	
POSC 447	INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATION	
Topical Area: Law and the Judicial System		
POSC 418	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND POLITICS	
POSC 419	CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES: THE FIRST AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENTS	
POSC 420	CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS: PERSONAL LIBERTY AND THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED.	
POSC 422	THE SUPREME COURT	
Topical Area: Political Theory		
POSC 427	POLITICAL THEORY I	
POSC 428	POLITICAL THEORY II	

POSC 430	AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
Topical Area: State and Local Government		
POSC 304	POLITICS OF METROPOLITAN GROWTH AND CHANGE	
POSC 305	URBAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	
POSC 375	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	
Electives		
Select four upper-division political science electives:		12
Courses taken in Topical Areas cannot be used to fulfill this requirement		
No more than 9 units (3 courses) of special topics courses (POSC 470-POSC 479) and internship credit (POSC 492, POSC 493 or POSC 494) combined may be used to fulfill the requirement		
Seminar Requirement		
Select one of the following: ²		3
POSC 481	SEMINAR IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY	
POSC 482	SEMINAR IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS	
POSC 483	SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	
POSC 484	SEMINAR IN LAW AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM	
POSC 485	SEMINAR IN POLITICAL THEORY	
POSC 486	SEMINAR IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Total Units		39

¹ The honors courses POSC 102 and POSC 108 can be substituted for POSC 101 and POSC 107 respectively.

² Specific topics of the seminars vary from term to term. Students must have completed at least 15 units in political science prior to taking the seminar. POSC 301 is also a prerequisite for each seminar course. Each seminar has its own additional prerequisites that are shown in the course listing section of this catalog.

Four-Year Plan of Study

Sample Four-Year Plan

The selected course sequence below is an example of the simplest path to degree completion. Based on course schedules, student needs, and student choice, individual plans may vary. Students should consult with their adviser to make the most appropriate elective choices and to ensure that they have completed the required number of units (120) to graduate.

Freshman

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
Select one of the following		3 Select one of the following	3
POSC Foundation Requirement:		POSC Foundation Requirement:	
POSC 101 (Core 6)		POSC 101	
POSC 103 (Core 11)		POSC 103	
POSC 105 (Core 12)		POSC 105	
POSC 107 (Core 12)		POSC 107	
POSC 207 (Core 11)		POSC 207	
POSC 209 (Core 11)		POSC 209	
POSC 212 (Core 11)		POSC 212	
Core 1 (or Core 2)		3 Core 2 (or Core 1)	3

Core 3	3 Core 8	4
Core 4	3 Core 10	3
Core 5	3 Core 13	3
15		16

Sophomore

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
Select one of the following POSC Foundation Requirement:	3 POSC 301	3
POSC 101	Core 9	3
POSC 103	Core 12 (if not taken as POSC Foundation Requirement) or Elective	3
POSC 105	Elective	3
POSC 107	Elective	3
POSC 207		
POSC 209		
POSC 212		
Core 6 (if not taken as POSC Foundation Requirement) or Elective	3	
Core 7	4	
Core 11 (if not taken as POSC Foundation Requirement) or Elective	3	
Core 14	3	
16		15

Junior

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
POSC Topical Area	3 POSC Topical Area	3
POSC Topical Area	3 POSC Topical Area	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
15		15

Senior

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
POSC Seminar	3 POSC Upper-level Elective	3
POSC Upper-level Elective	3 POSC Upper-level Elective	3
POSC Upper-level Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	1
15		13

Total Units 120

attitudes and beliefs about current issues that affect local, national and international affairs.

- Students will acquire Skills for Learning and Life. They will be able to present articulate and persuasive arguments about politics in written and oral communications.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will possess Substantive Knowledge about Politics. They will be able to describe and understand the structure and nature of politics and government.
- Students will develop Critical Thinking Skills. They will be able to identify historical, cultural and socio-economic assumptions that underlie politics and explain how they affect perceptions and actions.
- Students will obtain an appreciation for the Affective Meanings of Politics. They will be able to explain the importance of politics in their