Political Science

MAJOR
MINOR

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Lecturer: Magrath

- Only courses in which you earn a grade of C or better will count towards satisfaction of major or minor requirements.
- The Department strongly encourages majors to consider the internship option.
- POSC 492 counts as elective credit toward POSC major; POSC 495 counts as general elective credit.
- The Department considers it essential that majors take POSC 250 Research Methods before enrolling in 300 and 400 level POSC courses.
- Upon the completion of 75 credit hours, all majors must enroll in POSC 490 Capstone Seminar.
Program Requirements

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<td>Hours Required in Political Science:</td>
<td>36-37</td>
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<td>Hours Required in Other Departments:</td>
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<td>Total Hours Required:</td>
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Requirements for Major in Political Science

1. **Introductory Level Courses:** *(6 hours)*
   - POSC 110/112 Introduction to American Politics *(GEP Group D)*
   - and one of the following:
     - POSC 113/114 Introduction to World Politics *(GEP Group D)*
     - or
     - POSC 131 Introduction to Comparative Politics *(GEP Group D or F)*

2. **Research Methods:** *(3 hours)*
   - POSC 250 Research Methods

3. **Capstone Experience (Students must choose one of the following):**
   - POSC 435 Model Organization of American States *(3 hours)*
   - POSC 490 Capstone Seminar in Political Science *(1 hour)*
   - POSC 492 Internship Seminar *(3 or 6 hours)*

*POSC 435 can be used to satisfy both the capstone requirements and the Group II Comparative Politics distribution. POSC 492 can be used to fulfill the capstone requirement and up to 6 hours of Political Science electives.*

4. **Distribution Within Department:** *(15 hours)*
   *Select one course in each of the following five groups.*

**GROUP I American Politics**
- POSC 321 American State & Local Politics
- POSC 323 Public Administration
- POSC 324 Criminal Justice Systems in Action
- POSC 352 Interest Groups
- POSC 361 Public Opinion and Political Behavior
- POSC 362 Political Parties and Elections
- POSC 363 Media and Politics
- POSC 365 Women and Politics
- POSC 421 American Legislative Politics
- POSC 422 American Constitutional Law I
- POSC 423 American Constitutional Law II
- POSC 427 The American Presidency
- POSC 462 Personality and Politics

**GROUP II Comparative Politics**
- POSC 330 Politics of Africa
- POSC 331 Politics of Latin America
- POSC 332 Politics of Middle East
- POSC 333 Politics of Europe
- POSC 336 Politics of Food
- POSC 431 Russian Politics
- POSC 435 Model Organization of American States
GROUP III International Relations

POSC 341 International Organization
POSC 342 Foreign Policy of the United States
POSC 441 Theory and Practice of International Relations
POSC 442 National Security Policy
POSC 443 Transnational Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism

GROUP IV Public Administration and Policy

POSC 353 Public Program Evaluation
POSC 355 Public Budgeting
POSC 358 American Public Policy
POSC 450 Environmental Public Policy

GROUP V Political Theory

POSC 370 Introduction to Political Thought
POSC 470 Seminar in Political Thought
POSC 471 American Political Thought

5. Free Elective Hours in Department:

(12 hours)

Any courses from the above subfields not already taken and/or:
POSC 492 Internship Seminar (3 or 6 credits)
POSC 498 Readings in Political Science

*Seminar courses may be applicable to the distribution requirements with the prior approval of the department chair.

Requirements for Minor in Political Science

1. Introductory Level Courses: (6 hours)

POSC 110/112 Introduction to American Politics (GEP Group D)
and one of the following:
POSC 113/114 Introduction to World Politics (GEP Group D)
or
POSC 131 Introduction to Comparative Politics (GEP Group D or F)

2. Free Elective Hours in Department:

(15 hours)

Any courses from the above subfields not already taken and/or:
POSC 492 Internship Seminar (3 or 6 credits)
POSC 498 Readings in Political Science