

# 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

	MAJOR	MINOR
Hours Required in Political Science:	36-37	21
Hours Required in Other Departments:	0	0
Total Hours Required:	37	21

## 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

## 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 hours)

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 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