

## Political Science Requirements

### Bachelor of Arts in Political Science requires a minimum of 39 credits in Political Science.

Political Science is divided into five areas: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Philosophy, American Politics, and Political Behavior. Majors in Political Science are required to take at least one course in each of these areas, to specialize in one of them, and complete introductory courses in political science.

#### Complete the 18-credit Political Science core:

_____	PS 101	Introduction to American Government	3 cr
_____	PS 102	Introduction to Political Science	3 cr
_____	PS/SOC 361	Social Science Research Methods	3 cr
_____	PS 301	Comparative Political Economy	3 cr
_____	PS 330	The American Political Tradition	3 cr
_____	PS 492	Senior Seminar in Politics (Take in final Spring semester)	3 cr

#### Complete one starred (\*) course from each of the five areas (15 credits) and six additional upper-division credits in one of the five areas listed below:

##### Comparative Politics

_____	*PS 311	Comparative Politics	3 cr
_____	PS 312	Comparative Politics: Case Studies	3 cr
_____	PS/AKNS 411	Tribes, Nations, and Peoples	3 cr
_____	PS 490	Studies in Politics	1-3 cr

##### International Relations

_____	*PS 321	International Relations	3 cr
_____	*PS 322	U.S. Foreign Policy	3 cr
_____	PS 324	Model United Nations	1-3 cr
_____	PS 424	International Law and Organization	3 cr
_____	PS 490	Studies in Politics	1-3 cr

##### Political Philosophy

_____	*PS 331	Political Philosophy	3 cr
_____	*PS 332	History of Political Philosophy I: Classic	3 cr
_____	*PS 333	History of Political Philosophy II Modern	3 cr
_____	PS 490	Studies in Politics	1-3 cr

##### American Politics

_____	* PS 341	Congress	3 cr
_____	* PS 342	The American Presidency	3 cr
_____	PS/JUST 343	Constitutional Law	3 cr
_____	PS 344	State and Local Politics	3 cr
_____	PS 345	Alaska Government and Politics	3 cr
_____	PS/AKNS 346	Alaska Native Politics	3 cr
_____	PS 347	Public Administration	3 cr
_____	PS 348	Public Policy	3 cr
_____	PS 490	Studies in Politics	1-3 cr

##### Political Behavior

_____	*PS/SOC 351	Political Sociology	3 cr
_____	*PS 353	Political Behavior, Participation and Democracy	3 cr
_____	PS 453	Organizational Theory	3 cr
_____	PS 490	Studies in Politics	1-3 cr
_____	PS 495	Internship in Political Science	1-3 cr

Complete 6 credits in additional upper division Political Science courses from one of the five areas listed above. PS A490 may be repeated with different subtitle.

A total of 120 credits is required for the degree, of which 42 credits must be upper division, and minimum of 39 Political Science credits.

#### Political Science Minors

The Department of Political Science offers two minors one in Political Science or Public Administration. A minor requires 18 credits earned according to the following rules:

##### Political Science Minor

Complete (6 credits) Introductory courses and (12 credits) of upper-division Political Science courses.

_____	PS 101	Introduction to American government	(3 cr)
_____	PS 102	Introduction to Political Science	(3 cr)

##### Public Administration Minor

Complete (6 credits) Introductory courses

_____	PS 101	Introduction to American Government	3 cr
_____	PS 102	Introduction to American Government	3 cr

Complete (12 credits) of upper-division courses

_____	PS 347	Public Administration	3 cr
_____	PS 384	Public Policy	3 cr
_____	PS 453	Organizational Theory	3 cr
_____		One additional (*) course	3 cr

#### Departmental Honors

Students majoring in Political Science are eligible to graduate with Departmental Honors if they satisfy all requirements. These include maintaining a grade point average of 3.50 or above in courses applicable to the degree, completing PS A492, Senior Seminar in Politics, in the final spring term of study with an honor grade, and receiving an honors score on a comprehensive examination.

GER credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

CAS credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

PS Major credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

Minor credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

Elective credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

Upper-division credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

Total credit hours completed \_\_\_\_\_

**GERs highly recommended for PS majors:  
COMM 241, ENGL 213, STAT 252, 307,  
ENVI/GEOG 211/211L, LSIS 201**

