



Political Science (Bachelor of Science)

Major Requirements

Effective for students entering the university Autumn 2022 or after. Students who entered the university before Autumn 2022 should talk with a Political Science advisor.

A Political Science major must meet the basic course and credit hour requirements set down by the College of Arts and Sciences for the Bachelor of Science degree. More information on the BA curriculum is available at [BS \(new\) GE AU22.pdf \(live-asmainsite.pantheonsite.io\)](#)

Prior to declaring this major, a student must have credit for one of the following courses: **Political Science 1100, 1165, 1200, 1300, 2150, 2300, or 2400.**

Requirements for the undergraduate major in Political Science:

1. A Bachelor of Science in Political Science consists of a coherent program of courses amounting to a **minimum of 33 hours of course work numbered at the 2000 level or higher.**
2. At least **24 of the 33 hours of course work must be numbered at the 3000 level or higher.** These 24 hours do not include course work taken in other departments that are approved as part of the Political Science major program.
3. **A minimum of 21 credit hours must be earned at The Ohio State University.** This limits to 12 hours the course work that can be earned through study at a domestic or foreign institution or through Ohio State-sponsored off-campus programs, and ensures that more than half of a student's major is taken from Ohio State instructors. At least 15 of the 21 Ohio State credit hours must be numbered at the 3000 level or higher.
4. 9 credits must be taken in the required core classes in political methodology: **Political Science 3780, 4781, and 4782.**
5. 3 additional credits must be taken in a specialized class in political methodology: **Political Science 3549, 4192, or 4553.** A graduate or ITV methods course may also be used to satisfy this requirement with instructor consent.
6. Major programs must include at least **1 course from 3 of the 4 fields in Political Science:** American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.
7. **Majors must fulfill the Embedded Literacies requirement by completing one course in each of three categories: Data Analysis, Advanced Writing, and Technology**
8. **A grade of "C-" or better is necessary in order for a course to count as part of a major program.** A student must earn a Cumulative Point-Hour Ratio of 2.0 or higher in all courses included on the major.
9. A maximum combined total of **6 credit hours in the major can be included from the following categories:** independent study; internships; and relevant research, problems and topics courses. Internship experiences must be distinct to count for more than 1 course.
10. **As many as 6 credit hours of the 33 required for the major program may be courses with subject matter related to Political Science in other departments.** See below for a current list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from an advisor in the department before scheduling these courses as part of their major programs.

Honors in Political Science

As part of an Honors Contract leading to the B.A. with Honors in the Arts and Sciences, students may major or minor in political science. Departmental expectations for these students are as follows.

Honors Major Program:

1. An undergraduate Honors major in Political Science is a coherent program of courses amounting to a **minimum of 33 hours of course work in 2000-level honors courses and other Political Science courses numbered 3000 and above.**
2. At least **twelve hours of credit** must be in Political Science Honors or Honors Embedded courses at the 3000- level or higher, 4999H*, 5000-level theory courses*, or 7000-level graduate seminars*
3. At least **24 of the 33 hours of course work must be numbered at the 3000 level or higher.** These 24 hours do not include course work taken in other departments that are approved as part of the Political Science major program.
4. **A minimum of 21 credit hours must be taken at The Ohio State University;** this limits to twelve hours course work transferred from other universities; taken in other cities or countries through study at a foreign or domestic institution; or other Ohio-State sponsored, off-campus programs; and it ensures that more than half of a student's major is taken from Ohio State instructors. At least fifteen of these 21 credit hours must be numbered at the 3000 level or higher.
5. **Major programs must include at least 1 course from 3 of the 4 traditional subfields** in Political Science. The fields are American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.
6. A grade of "C-" or better is necessary in order for a course to count as part of a major program. A student must earn a Cumulative Point-Hour Ratio of 2.0 or higher in all courses included on the major.
7. **Majors must fulfill the Embedded Literacies requirement by completing one course in each of three categories: Data Analysis, Advanced Writing, and Technology. See page 6.**
8. A maximum combined total of **six credit hours in the major can be included from the following categories:** independent study; internships; and undergraduate research courses.
9. **As many as six credit hours of the 33 required for the major program may be courses with subject matter related to Political Science in other departments.** See page 7 for a current list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from an advisor in the department before scheduling these courses as part of their major programs.
10. In order to graduate with honors, a student's cumulative point-hour ratio must be at the minimum set by the Honors Office (currently 3.4); **the student's major point-hour ratio must be a 3.5.**

*Consult with an Honors advisor prior to enrolling

American Politics

The subfield of American Politics studies political behavior and institutions in the United States.

- 2150 Voters and Elections
- 2367 Contemporary Issues in American Politics
- 2367H Honors Contemporary Issues in American Politics
- 3115 Introduction to the Policy Process
- 3160 Political Polarization & the Culture War
- 3170 Political Psychology
- 3905 Political Manipulation
- 4110 The American Presidency
- 4115 Bureaucracy and Public Policy
- 4120 The United States Congress
- 4123 Political Crises and Reform
- 4125 American State Politics
- 4126 Ohio Politics
- 4127 Governing Urban America
- 4130 Law and Politics
- 4131 American Supreme Court
- 4132H Supreme Court Decision Making
- 4135 American Constitutional Law
- 4136 Civil Liberties
- 4137 The Politics of Legal Decision Making
- 4138 Women and the Law
- 4139 Gun Politics
- 4140 Black Politics
- 4143 Race, Ethnicity, and American Politics
- 4150 American Political Parties
- 4152 Campaign Politics
- 4160 Public Opinion
- 4164 Political Participation and Voting Behavior
- 4165 Mass Media and American Politics
- 4170 Gender and Politics
- 4175 Women, Government and Public Policy
- 4920 Politics in Film and Television
- 4920H Honors Politics in Film and Television

Comparative Politics

The subfield of Comparative Politics studies political behavior and institutions beyond the United States.

- 3220 Politics of the Developing World
- 3225 Post-Conflict Reconstruction
- 3240 Political Violence
- 3245 Radicalization, Deradicalization, Countering Violent Extremism

3596 Nationalism and Ethnicity
3596H Honors Nationalism and Ethnicity
4210 Politics of European Integration
3280 Politics of Markets
3290 Comparative Public Policy
3596 Nationalism and Ethnicity
4200 Politics of Modern Democracies
4210 Politics of European Integration
4212 From Dictatorship to Democracy in Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece
4214 Northern European Politics
4216 East European Politics
4218 Russian Politics
4219 European Political Development
4236 Southeast Asian Politics
4240 Latin American Politics
4242 Incomplete Democracies
4245H Democratic Erosion
4249 Domestic Politics and International Conflict
4250 African Politics
4250H Honors African Politics
4270 The Canadian Political System
4282 Politics of Income Inequality
4285 The Comparative Politics of the Welfare State
4597 .02 Political Problems of the Contemporary World
4597 .02H Honors Political Problems of the Contemporary World
4597 .03 Gender and Democracy in the Contemporary World
4940 The Politics of Immigration

International Relations

The subfield of International Relations studies relationships between states.

2300 American Foreign Policy
2300H Honors American Foreign Policy
3310 Defense Policy and National Security
3380 Political Analysis of International Economic Relations
3910 Identity Politics
4300 Theories of International Relations
4305 International Theory
4310 Security Policy
4315 International Security and Causes of War
4318 The Politics of International Terrorism
4320 Strategies for War and Peace
4326 Russian Foreign Policy
4327 Politics of the Middle East
4330 Global Governance
4331 The United Nations System
4332 Politics of Globalization
4335 International Environmental Politics

- 4381 Comparative International Political Economy
- 4385 Quantitative Studies of International Conflict
- 4597 .01 International Conflict and Cooperation
- 4597 .01H Honors International Conflict and Cooperation

Political Theory

The subfield of Political Theory studies the concepts and values that inform political life.

- 2400 Introduction to Political Theory
- 2400H Honors Introduction to Political Theory
- 3001 Economy, Polity, and Community
- 3002 Tradition, Progress, Utopia
- 3420 Political Theories of Democracy
- 3430 Political Theories of Freedom
- 3440 Political Theories of Justice
- 3450 Ethics and Public Policy
- 3460 Global Justice
- 3500 Political Games
- 4455 Human Rights
- 4460 American Political Ideas
- 4465 Feminist Political Theory
- 4553 Game Theory for Political Scientists
- 5000 Quantum Mind and Social Science
- 5411 Justice, Sin, and Virtue: Ancient & Medieval Political Thought
- 5412 Life, Liberty, and Property: Early Modern Political Thought
- 5413 Democracy, Equality, & Revolution: 19th Century Political Thought
- 5414 Liberalism, Totalitarianism, and Empire: 20th Century Political Thought

Embedded Literacies

Political Science Majors are required to complete ONE course in EACH of the following categories: Data Analysis, Advanced Writing, and Technology.

Data Analysis requirement for BS is fulfilled by completing POLITSC 3780

Advanced Writing requirement for Political Science BS degree

Complete **one** of the following courses:

- POLITSC 3170 - Political Psychology
- POLITSC 3115 - Introduction to the Policy Process
- POLITSC 3220 - Politics of the Developing World
- POLITSC 3280 - Politics of Markets
- POLITSC 3310H - Honors Defense Policy and National Security
- POLITSC 3905 - Political Manipulation
- POLITSC 4120 - US Congress
- POLITSC 4132H - Supreme Court Decision Making
- POLITSC 4152 - Campaign Politics
- POLITSC 4160 - Public Opinion
- POLITSC 4250 - African Politics
- POLITSC 4285 - Comparative Politics of the Welfare State
- POLITSC 4245H - Democratic Erosion
- POLITSC 4331 - The United Nations System
- POLITSC 4335 - International Environmental Politics
- POLITSC 5412 - Life, Liberty, and Property: Early Modern Political Thought
- POLITSC 5413 - Democracy, Equality & Revolution: 19th Century Political Thought
- POLITSC 5414 - Liberalism, Totalitarianism, and Empire: 20th Century Political Thought
- INTSTDS 3850 - Introduction to Globalization

Technology requirement for Political Science BS degree

Complete **one** of the following courses:

- POLITSC 3170 - Political Psychology
- POLITSC 3450 - Ethics and Public Policy
- POLITSC 3905 - Political Manipulation
- POLITSC 4152 - Campaign Politics
- POLITSC 4335 - International Environmental Politics
- POLITSC 5414 - Liberalism, Totalitarianism, and Empire: 20th Century Political Thought
- COMM 3440 - Mass Communication and Society
- COMM 3450 - Media and Citizenship
- COMM 3554 - Social Implications of Communication Technology
- COMM 3558 - Social Media

Courses from other Departments that may be included in the Political Science major program:

African American and African Studies

- 4250 African Politics
- 4504 Black Politics
- 4610 African Americans and the Law

Communication

- 3404 Media Law and Ethics
- 3440 Mass Communication and Society
- 3450 Media and Citizenship
- 3554 Social Implications of Communication Technology
- 3558 Social Media
- 4814 Political Communication
- 4820 Public Opinion and Communication

Comparative Studies

- 4871 Religion and American Politics

Economics

- 4300 Government Finance in the American Economy
- 4508 Comparative Economic Systems
- 4600 International Economic Relations
- 5410 Econometrics I
- 5420 Econometrics II
- 5650 International Commodity Flows: Theory and Policy

Geography

- 3601 Global Politics and the Modern Geopolitical Imagination

History

- 3001 American Political History to 1877
- 3002 American Political History Since 1877
- 3003 American Presidential Elections
- 3005 U.S. Constitution and American Society to 1877
- 3006 U.S. Constitution and American Society since 1877
- 3014 Gilded Age to Progressive Era, 1877 - 1920
- 3016 Contemporary U.S. since 1963
- 3017 The Sixties
- 3041 American Labor History
- 3083 Civil Rights and Black Power Movement

International Studies

- 3850 Introduction to Globalization
- 4535 International Economic Development
- 4560 Cooperation and Conflict in the Global Economy
- 4700 Terror and Terrorism
- 4701 Development and Control of Weapons of Mass Destruction
- 4803 Intervening for Peace

Philosophy

- 5400 Advanced Political and Social Philosophy
- 5410 Advanced Philosophy of Law

Public Affairs

- 3000 Public Policy Analysis
- 4020 Contemporary Issues in Governance: Washington DC
- 4021 Research Paper in Public Affairs: Washington DC

Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

- 4465 Feminist Political Theory
- 4513 Women, Government, and Public Policy
- 4597 Gender and Democracy in the Contemporary World