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
Political Theory

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

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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