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 BS 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 or above.

*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
International Relations

The subfield of International Relations studies relationships between states.

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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 2120 – Follow the Science: The Politics of Health
- 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 – Honors Supreme Court Decision Making
- POLITSC 4152 - Campaign Politics
- POLITSC 4160 - Public Opinion
- POLITSC 4285 - Comparative Politics of the Welfare State
- POLITSC 4245H - Honors Democratic Erosion
- POLITSC 4331 - The United Nations System
- POLITSC 4335 - International Environmental Politics
- POLITSC 5411 – Justice, Sin, and Virtue: Ancient & Medieval Political Thought
- 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 2120 – Follow the Science: The Politics of Health
- POLITSC 3450 - Ethics and Public Policy
- POLITSC 3549 – Survey Research in Political Science
- POLITSC 4127 – Governing Urban America
- POLITSC 4127H – Honors Governing Urban America
- 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

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