



World Politics (Bachelor of Arts)

Major Requirements

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

A World Politics major must meet the basic course and credit hour requirements set down by the College of Arts and Sciences for the Bachelor of Arts degree. More information on the BA curriculum is available at [NEW GE Requirements College of Arts and Sciences](#)

Prior to declaring a major in World Politics, a student must have credit for one of the following courses: **Political Science 1165, 1200, or 1300.**

Requirements for the undergraduate major in World Politics:

1. An undergraduate major in World Politics 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 World Politics 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 another 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. Major program must include at least **4 courses at the 2000 level or higher in one of the 4 specializations, and at least 1 course at the 2000 level or higher in each of the other 3 specializations.** POLITSC 3780 (Data Literacy and Data Visualization), POLITSC 4781 (Data Analysis in Political Science I), and POLITSC 4782 (Data Analysis in Political Science II) may be taken as a part of the major and can be counted in one of the substantive course areas.
5. **Majors must fulfill the Embedded Literacies requirement by completing one course in each of three categories: Data Analysis, Advanced Writing, and Technology.** See page 3.
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. 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.
8. **As many as 6 credit hours of the 33 required for the major program may be courses with subject matter related to World Politics in other departments.** See page 5 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 program.

Questions? Talk with an advisor in the Department of Political Science. You can make an appointment by calling Arts and Sciences Advising Services at (614) 292-6961.

Honors in World Politics

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

Honors Major Program:

1. An undergraduate Honors major in World Politics 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 program must include at least **4 courses at the 2000 level or higher in one of the 4 specializations, and at least 1 course at the 2000 level or higher in each of the other 3 specializations.** POLITSC 3780 (Data Literacy and Data Visualization), POLITSC 4781 (Data Analysis in Political Science I), and POLITSC 4782 (Data Analysis in Political Science II) may be taken as a part of the major and can be counted in one of the substantive course areas.
6. **Majors must fulfill the Embedded Literacies requirement by completing one course in each of three categories: Data Analysis, Advanced Writing, and Technology.** See page 4.
7. 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.
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 5 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

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Specialization areas and courses (consult a department advisor for availability). Other courses can be applied to the major with approval of the department.

Foreign Policy and Security:

- 2300 American Foreign Policy
- 3240 Political Violence
- 3310/H Defense Policy and National Security
- 4135 American Constitutional Law
- 4310 Security Policy
- 4315 International Security and the Causes of War
- 4318 Politics of International Terrorism
- 4320 Strategies for War and Peace
- 4322 Psychology of War and Peace
- 4330 Global Governance*
- 4335 International Environmental Politics
- 4597 .01 International Cooperation and Conflict
- 4940 The Politics of Immigration*

Political Institutions and Processes:

- 4110 American Presidency
- 4200 Politics of Modern Democracies
- 4212 From Dictatorship to Democracy in Spain Portugal, Italy and Greece
- 4214 Northern European Politics
- 4216 Eastern European Politics*
- 4218 Russian Politics
- 4219 European Political Development*
- 4232 Contemporary Politics of South Asia*
- 4236 Southeast Asian Politics*
- 4240 Latin American Government and Politics: An Overview *
- 4242 Incomplete Democracies*
- 4331 The United Nations System
- 4335 International Environmental Policy

- 4285 The Comparative Politics of the Welfare State*

Political Economy and Development:

- 3220 Politics of the Developing World
- 3225 Post-Conflict Reconstruction
- 3280 Politics of Markets
- 3380 Political Analysis of International Economic Relations
- 4240 Latin American Government and Politics: An Overview*
- 4242 Incomplete Democracies*
- 4245H Democratic Erosion
- 4250(H) African Politics
- 4282 Politics of Income Inequality
- 4285 Comparative Politics of the Welfare State*
- 4327 Politics of the Middle East
- 4381 Comparative International Political . Economy
- 4940 The Politics of Immigration*

International Theory:

- 3420 Political Theories of Democracy
- 3430 Politics Theories of Freedom
- 3460 Global Justice
- 3910 Identity Politics
- 3912 Political Leadership
- 4300 Theories in International Relations
- 4330 Global Governance*
- 4455 Human Rights

* denotes cross-listed course; courses that are cross-listed can count in only 1 category

Embedded Literacies

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

Data Analysis requirement for World Politics BA degree:

Complete **one** of the following courses:

- POLITSC 3780 - Data Literacy and Data Visualization
- POLITSC 3780H – Honors Data Literacy and Data Visualization
- POLITSC 3785 - Data Science for the Social and Behavioral Sciences
- POLITSC 4781 - Data Analysis in Political Science I
- POLITSC 4782 - Data Analysis in Political Science II

The following courses fulfill this requirement but are not included in the Political Science major

- INTSTDS 3400 OR ECON 3400 - The Analysis and Display of Data
- PHILOS 1520 - Probability, Data, and Decision Making

Advanced Writing requirement for World Politics BA 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 4139 – Gun Politics
- POLITSC 4139E – Honors Embedded Gun Politics
- 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 World Politics BA degree:

Complete **one** of the following courses:

- POLITSC 2121 – 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

The following courses fulfill this requirement but are not included in the Political Science major

- 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 World Politics major program:

African American and African Studies

- 3083 Civil Rights and Black Power Movement (cross-listed as HISTORY 3083)
- 4250 African Politics
- 4504 Black Politics
- 4610 African Americans and the Law

Communication

- 3404 Media Law and Ethics
- 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 (cross-listed as AFAMAST 3083)

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 .03 Gender and Democracy in the Contemporary World

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