The minor in Comparative Politics consists of 25 credit hours intended to give students in-depth knowledge of the politics of contemporary nation-states and tools for comparative analysis to prepare them to work more effectively in an increasingly global environment.

Students must complete either Political Science 535, Government and Politics of Modern Democracies, or Political Science 541, Politics of the Developing World, plus an additional 20 hours of course work from the list below. A maximum of 5 hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than 5 hours of transfer credit may apply and no more than 5 hours of internship credit (Political Science 589) may apply.

**Required Course:**
Polit Sc 535 - Government and Politics of Modern Democracies
-OR- Polit Sc 541- Politics of the Developing World

**Elective Courses:**
Polit Sc 527 – Canadian Politics
Polit Sc 528 - Political Integration in Western Europe
Polit Sc 530 - Politics of Post-Communist Societies of Eastern Europe
Polit Sc H531 - Democracy in Muslim Majority Countries
Polit Sc 532 - Government and Politics of Southern Europe
Polit Sc 533 - Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics
Polit Sc 534 - Government and Politics of Northern Europe
Polit Sc 535 - Government and Politics of Modern Democracies
Polit Sc 536 – Politics of Greater China
Polit Sc 537 - Government and Politics of China
Polit Sc 539 - Contemporary Politics of South Asia
Polit Sc 540.01 - Latin American Government and Politics
Polit Sc 540.02 - Special Topics in Latin American Politics
Polit Sc 541 - Politics of the Developing World
Polit Sc 546 - Politics of the Middle East
Polit Sc 547 - Identity Politics
Polit Sc 556 - Global Governance
Polit Sc 571 - Political Theories of Democracy
Polit Sc 579 - Domestic Politics and International Conflict
Polit Sc H565 - Power and Resistance
Polit Sc 580 - State and Economy
Polit Sc 597.02 - Political Problems of the Contemporary World
Polit Sc 636 - Southeast Asian Politics

**Political Science minor program guidelines**

The following guidelines govern this minor.

**Required for graduation**  No

**Credit hours required**  A minimum of 25

**Transfer credit hours allowed**  A maximum of 5

**Overlap with the GEC**  Permitted

**Overlap with the major**  Not allowed and
- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

**Overlap between minors**  Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

**Grades required**
- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Maximum of 5 credit hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor.

100-level course: For every five credit hours of 100-level course work on the minor, the minimum total required for the minor is increased by five.

**Approval required**  The minor program description sheet indicates if the minor course work must be approved by:
- The academic unit offering the minor

**Filing the minor program form**  The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

**Changing the minor**  Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by:
- The academic unit offering the minor