



Bachelor of Science in Political Science

Major Requirements

Effective for students entering the university June 1, 2012 or after [students who entered the university before June 2012 should talk with a political science advisor and consult the transition policies from quarters to semesters]

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.
 - a. 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.
 - b. **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.
3.
 - a. 9 credits must be taken in the required core classes in political methodology: **Political Science 3780, 4781, and 4782.**
 - b. 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.
4. 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.
5. **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.
6. 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.
7. **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.** There is no official list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from a political science advisor before scheduling such courses as part of their major programs.

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.

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