Bachelor of Arts in World Politics

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]

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 Arts degree. More information on the BA curriculum is available from Arts and Sciences in Denney Hall.

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.

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 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.

3. 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, but cannot be counted in one of the substantive course areas.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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. There is no official list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from an advisor in the department 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.
**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:**
- PS 2300, American Foreign Policy
- PS 4135, The American Constitutional Law
- PS 4249, Domestic Politics of International Conflict
- PS 4310, Security Policy
- PS 4315, International Security and the Causes of War
- PS 4318, Politics of International Terrorism
- PS 4320, Strategies for War and Peace
- PS 4326, Russian Foreign Policy
- PS 4330, Global Governance*
- PS 4335, International Environmental Politics
- PS 4597.01, International Cooperation and Conflict
- PS 4940, The Politics of Immigration*

**Political Institutions and Processes:**
- PS 4110, American Presidency
- PS 4200, Politics of Modern Democracies
- PS 4210, Politics of European Integration*
- PS 4212, Politics of Southern Europe
- PS 4214, Northern European Politics
- PS 4216, Eastern European Politics*
- PS 4218, Russian Politics
- PS 4219, European Political Development*
- PS 4225H, Democracy in Muslim Majority Countries
- PS 4230 Chinese Political System*
- PS 4231, China: State and Society*
- PS 4232, Contemporary Politics of South Asia*
- PS 4235, Japanese Politics*
- PS 4236, Southeast Asian Politics*
- PS 4240, Latin American Government and Politics: An Overview*
- PS 4242, Incomplete Democracies*
- PS 4250(H), African Politics
- PS 4262, New Religious Politics
- PS 4270, The Canadian Political System
- PS 4285, The Comparative Politics of the Welfare State*

**Political Economy and Development:**
- Political Economy and Development:
- PS 3220, Politics of the Developing World
- PS 4210, Politics of European Integration*
- PS 4216, Eastern European Politics*
- PS 4219, European Political Development*
- PS 4230, Chinese Political System*
- PS 4231, China: State and Society*
- PS 4232, Contemporary Politics of Southeast Asia*
- PS 4235, Japanese Politics*
- PS 4236, Southeast Asian Politics*
- PS 4240, Latin American Government and Politics: An Overview*
- PS 4241, Special Topics in Latin American Politics
- PS 4242, Incomplete Democracies*
- PS 4250(H), African Politics
- PS 4262, New Religious Politics
- PS 4270, The Canadian Political System
- PS 4285, The Comparative Politics of the Welfare State*

**International Theory:**
- International Theory:
- PS 3420, Political Theories of Democracy
- PS 3430, Politics Theories of Freedom
- PS 3460, Global Justice
- PS 3910, Identity Politics
- PS 3912, Political Leadership
- PS 4300, Theories in International Relations
- PS 4330, Global Governance*
- PS 4450H, Politics and Ethics
- PS 4455, Human Rights

* = indicates a cross listed course. A cross-listed course may be counted only once, toward one of the specializations it is listed under. Students are not permitted to double-count cross-listed courses.

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