The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences

Political Decision Making Minor (POLDEC-MN)

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The minor in Political Decision Making consists of 25 credit hours that provide students with the knowledge necessary to understand the methods by which citizens and elites arrive at solutions to political problems.

Students must complete Political Science 517, Legislative Politics, 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 517 - Legislative Politics

**Elective Courses:**
Polit Sc 300 - American Politics and Policy Making
Polit Sc 305 - Introduction to Public Policy
Polit Sc 503 - Public Opinion
Polit Sc 511/H511 - Political Strategy and Public Policy
Polit Sc 513 - Women, Government and Public Policy
Polit Sc 515 - Politics of Legal Decision Making
Polit Sc H521 - Supreme Court Decision Making
Polit Sc 545 - Foreign Policy Decision Making
Polit Sc 547 - Identity Politics
Polit Sc 551 - The United Nations System in Global Problem Solving
Polit Sc 574 - Political Participation and Voting Behavior
Polit Sc 612 - Political Leadership

**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.

- **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