The Political Theory minor is intended to accommodate the interests and the needs of students from a variety of majors who want to develop a coherent educational program in a sub-field of Political Science. This minor will allow students to gain foundational knowledge in political theory and will help students develop informed attitudes on contemporary political issues.

**Required Course:**
Polit Sc 2400 or 2400H  
Introduction to Political Theory

**Elective Courses (choose 4):**
Polit Sc 3420  
Political Theories of Democracy
Polit Sc 3430  
Political Theories of Freedom
Polit Sc 3440  
Political Theories of Justice
Polit Sc 4411  
Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
Polit Sc 4412  
Early Modern Political Thought
Polit Sc 4413  
Modern Political Thought
Polit Sc 4414  
Topics in Contemporary Political Thought
Polit Sc 4420H  
Debating Democracy
Polit Sc 4450H  
Politics and Ethics
Polit Sc 4460  
American Political Ideas

**Political Theory minor program guidelines**
The following guidelines govern this minor:

**Required for graduation** No

**Credit hours required** A minimum of 15 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 9 credit hrs must be at the 3000-level or above.

**Transfer and EM credit hours allowed** A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

**Overlap with the GE** A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

**Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)**
- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

**Grades required**
- Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

**X193 credits** No more than 3 credit hours.

**Minor approval** 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.