



POLITICAL SCIENCE 2021-2022

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<https://sbs.mnsu.edu/academics/political-science/>

Admission to Major is granted by the department. Admissions requirements are: (1) a minimum of 32 earned semester credit hours. (2) A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 ("C"). Contact the department for application procedures.

Political Science

Required for Major (Core, 12 credits)

POL	111	US Government	(4)
POL	221	Introduction to Political Analysis	(4)
POL	241	Introduction to Comparative Politics	(4)

Required for Major: Restricted Electives (at least 16 credit hours)

Concentration requirement: Select one of the three areas below as your concentration area to complete these credits.

Required for Major: Distribution (8 credits)

Within the other two (non-concentration) areas complete at least 4 credit hours in each area (distribution requirement: minimum 8 credit hours total).

Required for Major: Unrestricted Electives (8 credits)

Complete at least (8) credit hours of any political science course. Student completing the BA degree must complete all unrestricted electives at the 300/400 level.

AREA 1: American Politics & Policy

POL	260	Introduction to Public Admin.	(4)
POL	271	State and Local Government	(4)
POL	321	Democracy and Citizenship	(4)
POL	361	Public Budgeting	(4)
POL	420	Topics: Participation and Behavior	(1-4)
POL	422	Campaigns and Elections	(4)
POL	423	Political Parties	(4)
POL	424	Women and Politics	(4)
POL	425	Terrorism and Political Violence	(4)
POL	426	Racial and Ethnic Politics	(4)
POL	427	Political Psychology	(4)
POL	460	Topics in Public Policy/Admin.	(4)
POL	461	Environmental Politics	(4)
POL	462	Collective Bargaining: Public Sector	(4)
POL	463	Public Personnel Administration	(4)
POL	470	Topics in Institutions, Process	(1-4)
POL	471	Public Opinion & Polling Methods	(4)
POL	473	The Legislative Process	(4)
POL	474	The Executive Process	(4)
POL	475	The Judicial Process	(4)
POL	476	Southern Politics	(4)

AREA 2: International Relations & Comparative Politics

POL	231	World Politics	(4)
POL	430	Topics in International Relations	(1-4)
POL	431	International Relations	(4)

POL	433	International Organization	(4)
POL	434	U.S. Foreign Policy	(4)
POL	436	International Political Economy	(4)
POL	437	International Conflict Resolution	(4)
POL	438	International Relations of East Asia	(4)
POL	435	Capitalism, Nationalism & Democracy	(4)
POL	439	Comp. Soc. Pol.: Welfare State	(4)
POL	440	Topics in Comparative Politics	(1-4)
POL	441	Russia and Neigh. States Politics	(4)
POL	442	South Asia: Politics and Policy	(4)
POL	443	Middle East Politics and Policy	(4)
POL	444	Latin America Politics	(4)
POL	445	Asia Pacific Rim: Politics & Policy	(4)
POL	446	African Politics	(4)
POL	447	European Democracies	(4)
POL	448	Political Change & Development	(4)
POL	449	Comparative Crim Just Systems	(4)

AREA 3: Theory & Public Law

POL	311	Ancient and Medieval Political Phil.	(4)
POL	312	Modern Political Philosophy	(4)
POL	313	Contemporary Political Philosophy	(4)
POL	410	Topics in Political Philosophy	(1-4)
POL	414	Early United States Pol. Thought	(4)
POL	415	Recent United States Pol. Thought	(4)
POL	416	Nonwestern Political Philosophy	(4)
POL	450	Topics in Public Law	(4)
POL	451	Administrative Law	(4)
POL	453	Constitutional Law	(4)
POL	454	Civil Liberties	(4)
POL	455	American Legal Philosophy	(4)

If approved by advisor, these courses may be used to satisfy area requirements (no more than 8 credit hours of POL 491 (Internship) can be counted toward the Political Science Major.

POL	391	Colloquium	(1-4)
POL	490	Workshop	(1-6)
POL	491	Internship	(1-6)
POL	492	Individual Study	(1-5)
POL	493	Ind. Study: Social Studies Teaching	(1-3)

Required Minor: Yes. Any. However, the combination of a Political Science major and Public Administration is not allowed.

POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR – 20 credits, at least 12 of which must be at the 300 - 400 level.