POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

Department Advanced Placement Policy

Students with a score of 5 in American Politics and Government and/or Comparative Politics and Government do not have to take the relevant introductory course (Principles of American Government or Comparative Politics), but still have to take a minimum of 10 courses.

Requirements

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Select six upper division courses, at least one of which must be in each of the following areas:

**American Government:**
- POLS 201 Const. Law: National Powers
- POLS 202 Const Law: Rights & Liberties
- POLS 206 Public Policy
- POLS 207 American Presidency
- POLS 214 Presidential Selection
- POLS 217 The Constitution in Wartime
- POLS 220 Capitalism in Crisis
- POLS 300 Law, Politics & Society
- POLS 301 Politics and Technology

**Political Philosophy:**
- POLS 227 Classical Political Philosophy
- POLS 228 Modern Political Philosophy
- POLS 230 Politics and Literature
- POLS 233 American Political Thought 1
- POLS 234 American Political Thought 2
- POLS 235 Islamic Political Thought
- POLS 315 Feminist Political Theory
- POLS 316 Nietzsche and Modernity

**International Relations or Comparative Politics:**
- POLS 251 Latin-American Politics
- POLS 252 The Politics of Post-Communism
- POLS 257 Politics Of Development
- POLS 259 Nat Res Conflicts in Latin Am
- POLS 262 Latinx Politics
- POLS 265 European Politics
- POLS 269 Power & Protest: A View From Below
- POLS 270 African Politics
- POLS 272 Politics Of The Middle East
- POLS 273 Race & Politics in the Americas
- POLS 274 China from Mao to Market
- POLS 275 International Political Economy
- POLS 276 South Asian Politics
- POLS 278 East Asia in World Politics
- POLS 281 Global Governance

Students majoring in political science are required to take the department's introductory course in each of the four sub-fields. We strongly encourage students to complete all four introductory courses by the end of the sophomore year. In addition to these introductory courses, political science majors must take at least six upper-division courses for a minimum total of 10 courses and a maximum of 14 to complete the major. Of the six upper-division courses, at least one must be in American government, one in political philosophy, and one in either international relations or comparative politics. For outstanding students, there is the possibility of undertaking a two-semester honors thesis in the senior year. Both course credits may be applied toward the minimum 32 course credits necessary for graduation, but only one course credit may be applied toward the minimum ten required courses in the Political Science major. Majors are also strongly encouraged to take courses in related fields like history, economics, and sociology. Proficiency in a modern foreign language is highly recommended as well.