

# POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

## Department Advanced Placement Policy

Students with AP courses with a score of 4 or 5 in American Politics and Government and/or Comparative Politics and Government may earn placement in the curriculum, but not progress toward the minimum number of courses required by the major. If they are majors, students may skip POLS 100 or 102, but must substitute them with another more advanced course in order to complete at least ten courses in the major. Students with AP credit in American Politics and Government and/or Comparative Politics and Government may receive credit toward the social science common area requirement. Students who choose to enroll in POLS 100 or 102 will forfeit their AP credit for the major. We strongly encourage students to discuss these possibilities with their advisors before making a decision.

## Requirements

Code	Title
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### Required introductory courses:

POLS 100	Principles of American Government
POLS 101	Introduction to Political Philosophy
POLS 102	Introduction To Comparative Politics
POLS 103	Introduction to International Relations

### Six elective, upper-division courses, that is, numbered higher than 103.

POLS 201	Constitutional Law: National Powers
POLS 202	Constitutional Law: Rights & Liberties
POLS 206	Public Policy
POLS 207	American Presidency
POLS 209	National Security Enterprise
POLS 211	The Policymaking Process
POLS 214	Presidential Selection
POLS 217	The Constitution in Wartime
POLS 220	Capitalism in Crisis
POLS 232	Machiavelli's Politics
POLS 233	American Political Thought 1
POLS 234	American Political Thought 2
POLS 235	Islamic Political Thought
POLS 251	Latin American Politics
POLS 257	Politics of Development
POLS 265	European Politics
POLS 270	African Politics
POLS 272	Politics of the Middle East
POLS 275	International Political Economy
POLS 276	South Asian Politics
POLS 278	East Asia in World Politics
POLS 281	Global Governance
POLS 282	American Foreign Policy
POLS 284	Human Rights
POLS 287	Humanitarianism
POLS 288	Politics of Globalization
POLS 289	International Law
POLS 290	National Security Policy
POLS 300	Law, Politics & Society

POLS 301	Politics and Technology
POLS 310	Democratization and Women's Rights
POLS 333	Ethics and International Relations
POLS 360	Women, War, and Violence

Students majoring in political science are required to take the department's introductory course in each of the four sub-fields. We 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, only ONE of the following courses may be accepted as completing major requirements: ACIP 381, DCSP 381, CISS 230, Race and Ethnicity Politics.

For outstanding students, there is the possibility of undertaking a two-semester honors thesis in the senior year. Only one honors thesis credit (one semester) may count toward the POLS major. Students writing an honors thesis must complete a minimum of 11 POLS courses, including the one-semester thesis credit.