

POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

In the Minor in Political Science, students select courses in U.S. politics, constitutional law, political theory, and international relations, as well as a variety of other courses from a rich political science curriculum.

Course Requirements for the Minor

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this minor. Political science minor students may count one 3-unit POLS internship toward the minor.

| Course | Title | Units |
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| U.S. Political Institutions | | |
| Select two of the following: | | 6 |
| POLS 402 | State and Local Government ¹ | |
| POLS 472 | The Presidency ¹ | |
| POLS 473 | Congress ¹ | |
| Constitutional Law | | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| POLS 451A | Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints | |
| POLS/MCGS 451B | Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties | |
| Political Theory | | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| POLS 432 | American Political Thought | |
| POLS 434 | Origins of Western Political Thought | |
| POLS/AFAM 435 | Black Political Thought | |
| POLS 437 | Contemporary Political Thought | |
| POLS/PHIL 438 | Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law | |
| International Relations/Comparative Politics | | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| POLS 102 | Politics of the Developing World | |
| POLS 141 | Introduction to International Relations | |
| POLS 142 | Introduction to Comparative Politics | |
| Elective Requirement | | |
| Select six units from the following: | | 6 |
| POLS 260 | Introduction to Public Administration | |
| POLS 301 | Vital Political Problems | |
| POLS/WMST 324W | Women and Politics (W) | |
| POLS/MCGS 327 | The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the United States | |
| POLS/CHLX 328 | Latino Politics | |
| POLS/MCGS 401W | Sexual Minorities Law/Politics (W) | |
| POLS 402 | State and Local Government | |
| POLS 404 | Interest Groups and Lobbying | |
| POLS 427 | U.S. Campaigns and Elections | |
| POLS 461 | Environmental Politics and Policy | |
| POLS 471 | Public Policy Formation | |
| POLS 472 | The Presidency | |

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| POLS 473 | Congress |
| POLS 489A | Internship in Public Administration |
| POLS 489B | Internship in International Relations |
| POLS 489C | Internship in Political Science |
| POLS 489E | Internship in Criminal Justice |
| POLS 489G | Internship in Sustainability |
| POLS 489K | Internship in Legal Studies |
| POLS 490 | Legal Clinic Practicum |
| Total Units | 21 |

¹ The course not selected may be used toward the elective requirement.