

# Bachelor of Science in Political Science

## Program Overview

Political science focuses on the systematic study of collective decision-making and the interactions between power and interest in human affairs. Students of political science explore such topics as the institutional and socio-economic bases of political behavior; the cultures, institutions, and processes of contemporary political systems; the relations between and among nations; and the world's major political philosophies. Through the study of political science, students learn the theories and research methods necessary for analyzing and understanding political life.

## Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher in the Major as well as an overall GPA of 2.0, complete a minimum of 120 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below.

\*This is a sample plan; specific courses may vary from year to year. Academic advisors will work with each student to develop their individual schedule.

CORE		CREDITS
✓	Foundation	
	LA-FWS First-Year Writing Seminar	3
	LA-FCS First-Year Communication Seminar	3
	LA-FQR Quantitative Reasoning	3-4
	LA-FSS First Year Success Seminar	1
	LA-FCG Cultural and Global Understanding	3-5
	Exploration	
	LA-EAH Arts and Humanities	3
	LA-ENS Natural Sciences	3-6
	LA-ESS Social Sciences	3-4
	Transformation	
	LA-TFR Faith, Reason, and Ethics	3
	LA-TBI Big Issues - 2 courses	6-7
	LA-TCE Creative Expression	1-3
	Additional credits to bring total to 120+ credits	CREDITS
✓	Electives	
	Experiential Learning	

Total Program Credits: 120+

MAJOR	*Options
CORE	^CORE equivalent
ELECTIVE/MINOR	
EXPERIENTIAL	

Major-Specific Required Courses		CREDITS
✓		
	POSC 123^ Amer. Politics: Principles, Processes & Power	3
	POSC 234^ Democracy & Dictatorship	3
	POSC 150^ International Relations	3
	POSC 370^ Model United Nations	1-2
	POSC 201 Political Concepts & Ideologies	3
	PHIL 350 Political Theory	3
	ECON 115 Economic Principles	3
	POSC 325 Political Analysis	3
	POSC 385 Seminar	1
	Choose 1 of the following:	CREDITS
	POSC 225 Public Policy	3
	POSC 332 Power & Politics in America	3
	Choose 1 of the following:	CREDITS
	POSC 237 African Politics	3
	POSC 235 Development & Politics of Latin America	3
	Choose 1 of the following:	CREDITS
	POSC 371 The United Nations	3
	POSC 366 Wealth & Poverty in the Global Economy	3
	Nine hours of electives chosen from:	CREDITS
	POSC 132 Global Studies	3
	POSC 237 African Politics	3
	POSC 235 Development & Politics of Latin American	3
	POSC 371 The United Nations	3
	POSC 366 Wealth & Poverty in the Global Economy	3
	POSC 311 Supreme Court and the Constitution	3
	POSC 274 Topics in Political Science	3
	POSC 370 Model UN	1
	INTD 350^ Migrants and Refugees	3
	INTD 441 Globalization	3
	PEAC 110 Intro to Peace Studies	3
	PEAC 218 Mediating Conflict	3
	PEAC 235 Nonviolent Social Change	3
	PEAC 320 Global Conflict Resolution	3
	PEAC 330 Analysis of War & Peace	3

Example Course Sequence:

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program in 4 years.

YEAR 1			
FIRST SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
POSC 123 <sup>^</sup>	Amer. Politics: Principles, Processes & Pow	3	
POSC 150 <sup>^</sup>	International Relations	3	
POSC 370 <sup>^</sup>	Model United Nations	2	Permission of instructor
LA-FWS	First-Year Writing Seminar	3	
LA-FSS	First Year Success Seminar	1	
LA-FCS	First-Year Communication Seminar	3	
JAN TERM			
COURSE		CREDITS	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
SECOND SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	
ECON 115	Economic Principles	3	POSC 123
POSC 234 <sup>^</sup>	Democracy & Dictatorship	3	
LA-FQR	Quantitative Reasoning	3	
LA-TFR	Faith, Reason, and Ethics	3	
		30	

YEAR 2			
THIRD SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
DATA 210 <sup>^</sup>	Statistical Analysis	4	MATH 105 or placement
Elective*		3	
LA-ESS	Social Sciences	3	
LA-TFR	Faith, Reason, and Ethics	3	
JAN TERM			
COURSE		CREDITS	
REL 205	Religions and War	3	January
FOURTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	
LA-TCE	Creative Expression	3	
PEAC 320 <sup>^</sup>	Global Conflict Resolution	3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
		31	

4-Year Sample Schedule Cont.

YEAR 3			
FIFTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
PHIL 350	Political Theory	3	FWS or ENG 111
POSC 132	Global Studies	3	
LA-FCG	Cultural and Global Understanding	3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
JAN TERM			
COURSE		CREDITS	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
SIXTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	
POSC 325	Political Analysis	3	FWS or ENG 111
LA-TBI	Big Issues	3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
		30	

YEAR 4			
SEVENTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
POSC 385	Seminar	1	
INTD 441	Globalization	3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
JAN TERM			
COURSE		CREDITS	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
EIGHTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	
POSC 311	Supreme Court and the Constitution	3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
		28	
	TOTAL CREDITS	121	