At least 120 hours are required for graduation, and students must earn a 2.0 overall GPA, a 2.0 WSU GPA, and a 2.0 GPA in the major. Students must also complete all courses required for Liberal Arts and Sciences General Education. In addition, Foreign Language courses (or the equivalents) are required for every BA degree in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR: 33 hours in Political Science, including:

Core courses (required): 15 hours
121 American Politics (3)
220 Intro to International Relations (3)
226 Comparative Politics (3)
365 Data Analysis (3) This is a pre-requisite for Senior Thesis
600 Senior Thesis (3)

Elective Courses: 18 hours chosen from the following:

310 Latin American Politics (3)
315 The Presidency (3)
316 The Congress (3)
318 Political Parties (3)
319 State Government (3)
320 Developing World (3)
321 Introduction to Public Administration (3)
325 Women in Political System (3)
336 International Organizations (3)
337 Conflict Analysis (3)
340 Global Challenges (3)
352 Law and Political Power (3)
356 Civil Liberties (3)
358 American Political Thought (3)
360 Human Rights (3)
370 European Politics (3)
380 Parties and Elections (3)
385 Global Democracy (3)
390 Lobbying / Interest Groups (3)
395 U.S. Foreign Policy (3)
444 Modern Political Theory (3)
570 International Political Economy (3)

Applied Learning
Students in the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science program are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from the program. The requirement can be met by completing both POLS 365 and POLS 600.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR: 15 credit hours
121 American Politics (3)
Select 12 additional credit hours, at least 6 of which must be in upper-division courses.

HONORS: The department offers the option for majors to graduate with honors in political science if they meet the following requirements:

• Obtain a 3.5 grade point average for the five core courses. (see above)
• Take an additional course beyond the introductory one in each of the four sub-fields (American politics, international politics, comparative politics, political theory)
• Take an additional 6 credit hours of political science courses beyond the 33 hours required for a major.
• Maintain a 3.5 grade point average for all political science courses; and
• Receive an A or A- for the Senior Seminar capstone course.

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