POLITICAL SCIENCE Bachelor of Arts (BA)  A22A

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

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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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