

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Bachelor of Arts (BA)**

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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 Introduction 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** [Any POLS class at the 300 level or above] Some options include:

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| 310 Latin American Politics (3)               | 340 Global Challenges (3)                 |
| 315 The Presidency (3)                        | 352 Law and Political Power (3)           |
| 316 Legislative Politics (3)                  | 356 Civil Liberties (3)                   |
| 319 State Government (3)                      | 370 European Politics (3)                 |
| 320 Developing World (3)                      | 380 Parties and Elections (3)             |
| 321 Introduction to Public Administration (3) | 385 Democracy and Authoritarianism (3)    |
| 325 Gender and Politics (3)                   | 390 Lobbying / Interest Groups (3)        |
| 336 International Organizations (3)           | 395 U.S. Foreign Policy (3) International |
| 337 Conflict Analysis (3)                     | 570 Political Economy (3)                 |
|   | 390/391 Special Topics (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 POLS 600.

Additional applied learning experiences include Model United Nations POLS 153/353 and DC and Topeka Internships POLS 490.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR: 15 credit hours**

121 American Politics (3) OR 220 International Politics (3) OR 226 Comparative Politics (3)  
 Select 12 additional credit hours, at least 6 of which must be 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 in four core courses: 121, 220, 226 and 365.
- 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 Thesis capstone course.