

**Undergraduate Handbook
For
Political Science Majors**

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THE MAJOR PROGRAM

A political science major must meet the basic course and credit hour requirements set down by the College of Arts and Sciences for the Bachelor of Arts degree. (Information on the BA curriculum is available from Arts and Sciences in Denney Hall.)

Political Science major effective for students entering the university June 1, 2012 or after

[Students who entered the university before June 2012 should consult with the transition policies from quarters to semesters and with a political science adviser]

Prior to declaring a major in Political Science, a student must have at least one course from Political Science 1100, 1200, 1300, 2150, 2300, and 2400.

Revised requirements for the undergraduate major in Political Science:

1. An undergraduate major in Political Science is a coherent program of courses amounting to a minimum of 33 hours of course work numbered at the 2000 level or higher.
2. (A) At least 24 of the 33 hours of course work must be numbered at the 4000 level or higher. These 24 hours do not include course work taken in other departments that are approved as part of the Political Science major program.
(B) A minimum of 21 credit hours must be taken at The Ohio State University; this limits to twelve hours course work transferred from other universities; taken in other cities or countries through study at a foreign or domestic institution; or other Ohio-State sponsored, off-campus programs; and it ensures that more than half of a student's major is taken from Ohio State instructors. At least fifteen of these 21 credit hours must be numbered at the 4000 level or higher.
3. Major programs must include at least one course from each of four fields in Political Science. The fields are American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.

4. Major programs must include a four-course focus in a field, chosen from American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, or Political Theory. An individualized focus may be created in consultation with an adviser or faculty member.
5. A grade of “C-” or better is necessary in order for a course to count as part of a major program. A student must earn a Cumulative Point-Hour Ratio of 2.0 or higher in all courses included on the major.
6. A maximum combined total of six credit hours in the major can be included from the following categories: independent study; internships; and undergraduate research courses.
7. As many as six credit hours of the 33 required for the major program may be courses with subject matter related to Political Science in other departments. There is no official list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from an adviser in the department before scheduling such courses as part of their major programs.

HONORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Honors students in political science face a choice of paths. As part of an Honors Contract leading to the B.A. with Honors in the Arts and Sciences, students may major or minor in political science. Departmental expectations for these students are as follows.

Honors Major Program:

Effective for students entering the university June 2012 or after

[Students who entered the university before June 2012 should consult with the transition policies from quarters to semesters and with a political science adviser]

1. An undergraduate Honors major in Political Science is a coherent program of courses amounting to a minimum of 33 hours of course work in 2000-level honors courses and other Political Science courses numbered 3000 and above.
2. At least twelve hours of credit must be in Political Science Honors courses at the 4000-level or higher.

3. (A) At least 24 of the 33 hours of course work must be numbered at the 4000 level or higher. These 24 hours do not include course work taken in other departments that are approved as part of the Political Science major program.
(B) A minimum of 21 credit hours must be taken at The Ohio State University; this limits to twelve hours course work transferred from other universities; taken in other cities or countries through study at a foreign or domestic institution; or other Ohio-State sponsored, off-campus programs; and it ensures that more than half of a student's major is taken from Ohio State instructors. At least fifteen of these 21 credit hours must be numbered at the 4000 level or higher.
4. Major programs must include at least one course from each of four fields in Political Science. The fields are American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.
5. Major programs must include a four-course focus in a field, chosen from American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, or Political Theory. An individualized focus may be created in consultation with an adviser or faculty member.
6. A grade of "C-" or better is necessary in order for a course to count as part of a major program. A student must earn a Cumulative Point-Hour Ratio of 2.0 or higher in all courses included on the major.
7. A maximum combined total of six credit hours in the major can be included from the following categories: independent study; internships; and undergraduate research courses.
8. As many as six credit hours of the 33 required for the major program may be courses with subject matter related to Political Science in other departments. There is no official list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from an adviser in the department before scheduling such courses as part of their major programs.
9. In order to graduate with honors, a student's cumulative point-hour ratio must be at the minimum set by the Honors Office (currently 3.4); the student's major point-hour ratio must be a 3.5.

Honors Minor Program: Fifteen (15) or more credit hours in 2000 level honors courses, and other political science courses 3000 and above. Honors minor programs must include 1) at least twenty (20) hours of graded credit in political science courses at the 4000 level or higher, 2) at least one course in each of two different fields, and 3) at least six (6) credit-hours in upper division political science honors courses or seminars. Honors minor programs may include (5) credit-hours in another department, with approval of an honors adviser. GPA: 3.4 overall, and 3.5 in political science.

With or without an Honors Contract, students may also elect to do an Independent Honors Research project leading to the B.A. with Distinction in Political Science. Departmental expectations for these students are as follows.

Honors Research Distinction in Political Science. With or without an Honors Contract, students may also elect to do an independent research project leading to the B.A. with Honors Research Distinction. An overall GPA of 3.4 is required, the student's major point-hour ratio must be a 3.5, and students must take a minimum of 3 hours in Political Science 4999H. Additional requirements and procedures are described at <http://undergraduateresearch.osu.edu/nutsandbolts/honorsthesis/honorsthesis-asc.htm>.

Research Distinction in Political Science. Students who are not honors students may graduate with Research Distinction by writing a thesis. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required, and students must take at least 6 hours in Political Science 4998 in semesters. Additional requirements and procedures are described at <http://undergraduateresearch.osu.edu/nutsandbolts/thesis/requirements.htm>.

Questions about honors work in political science should be addressed to Professor Lawrence Baum, 2026 Derby, 292-6088, baum.4@osu.edu

**EFFECTIVE FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THE UNIVERSITY
AUTUMN 2008 THROUGH SPRING 2012**

A political science major must meet the basic course and credit hour requirements set down by the College of Arts and Sciences for the Bachelor of Arts degree. (Information on the BA curriculum is available from Arts and Sciences in Denney Hall.)

Under no circumstances will the department of Political Science permit our transition to semesters to delay a student's progress toward completion of the major on account of changes under our control.

Students who entered the university Autumn Quarter 2008 or after but before Summer Semester 2012 will complete ten courses to complete their majors; all distribution requirements regarding course level, field, and focus, will remain the same, with five-quarter-hour courses replaced on a one-for-one basis with three-semester-hour courses.

Prior to declaring a major in Political Science, a student must have at least one course from Political Science 100, 101, 145, 201, 210, 211, and 245.

Revised requirements for the undergraduate major in Political Science:

1. An undergraduate major in Political Science is a coherent program of courses amounting to a minimum of 10 courses numbered at the 200 (quarters) or 2000 (semesters) level or higher.
2. (A) At least 7 of the 10 courses must be numbered at the 400 (quarters) or 4000 (semesters) level or higher. These 7 courses do not include work taken in other departments that are approved as part of the Political Science major program. (B) A maximum of 4 courses of transfer credit can be used toward a major program in

Political Science, insuring that more than half of a student's major earns Ohio State credit. (C) A minimum of 6 courses must be taken at The Ohio State University, limiting to twenty hours course work taken in other cities or countries through study at a foreign or domestic institution or other Ohio-State sponsored, off-campus programs, and ensuring that more than half of a student's major is taken from Ohio State instructors. At least four of the six courses must be numbered at the 400 (quarters) or 4000 (semesters) level or higher.

3. Major programs must include at least one course from each of four fields in Political Science. The fields are American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.
4. Major programs must include a four-course focus in a field, chosen from American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, or Political Theory. An individualized focus may be created in consultation with an adviser or faculty member.
5. A grade of "C-" or better is necessary in order for a course to count as part of a major program. A student must earn a Cumulative Point-Hour Ratio of 2.0 or higher in all courses included on the major.
6. A maximum of ten quarter hours or six semester hours in the major can be included from the following categories: independent study; internships; and undergraduate research courses.
7. As many as ten quarter hours or six semester hours of the 10 courses required for the major program may be in subject matter related to Political Science taught by other departments. There is no official list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from an adviser in the department before scheduling such courses as part of their major programs. These hours are always considered to be at the 200/2000 level for purposes of the major requirements, regardless of their offering number in their home department.

HONORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Honors students in political science face a choice of paths. As part of an Honors Contract leading to the B.A. with Honors in the Arts and Sciences, students may major or minor in political science. Departmental expectations for these students are as follows.

Honors Major Program:

Effective for students entering the university Autumn 2008 through Spring 2012

1. An undergraduate Honors major in Political Science is a coherent program of courses amounting to a minimum of 10 200-level (quarters) or 2000-level (semesters) honors courses and other Political Science courses numbered 300 and above.
2. At least four courses must be in Political Science Honors courses at the 400-level (quarters) or 4000-level (semesters) or higher. These courses include specific honors courses, the honors “topics” course (596H)*, and the courses in the history of political thought (670, 671, 672, and 673)*. (670-673 are not in the course listing below, because they are considered to be graduate courses. The topics are the same as those for 470-473, which are in the list.) Aside from 670-673, 600-level courses do not qualify as honors courses. 700-level* courses for graduate students also qualify as honors courses; however, the instructor’s permission is required to take these courses. Up to 10 (quarter) or 6 (semester) hours of 783H*, the course taken by students who are writing an honors thesis, can be counted as honors hours and as hours in the major.

(A) At least 7 of the 10 courses must be numbered at the 400 (quarter) or 4000 (semester) level or higher. These 7 courses do not include course work taken in other departments that are approved as part of the Political Science major program. At least 4 of these 7 courses must be taken at The Ohio State University, and these 4 courses do not include courses taken at other institutions that receive OSU course numbers.

(B) A maximum of four courses of transfer credit can be used toward a major program in Political Science, insuring that more than half of a student’s major earns Ohio State credit.

(C) A minimum of six courses must be taken at The Ohio State University, limiting to twenty hours course work taken in other cities or countries through study at a foreign or domestic institution or other Ohio-State sponsored, off-campus programs,

and ensuring that more than half of a student's major is taken from Ohio State instructors. At least four of these six courses must be numbered at the 400 (quarters) or 4000 (semesters) level or higher.

3. Major programs must include at least one course from each of four fields in Political Science. The fields are American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.
4. Major programs must include a four course focus in a field, chosen from American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, or Political Theory. An individualized focus may be created in consultation with an adviser or faculty member.
5. A grade of "C-" or better is necessary in order for a course to count as part of a major program. A student must earn a Cumulative Point-Hour Ratio of 2.0 or higher in all courses included on the major.
6. A maximum of ten quarter or six semester hours in the major can be included from the following categories: independent study; internships; and undergraduate research courses.
7. As many as ten quarter hours or six semester hours of the 10 courses required for the major program may be in subject matter related to Political Science taught by other departments. There is no official list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from an adviser in the department before scheduling such courses as part of their major programs. These hours are always considered to be at the 200/2000 level for purposes of the major requirements, regardless of their offering number in their home department.
8. In order to graduate with honors, a student's cumulative point-hour ratio must be at the minimum set by the Honors Office (currently 3.4) the student's major point-hour ratio must be a 3.5.

*The courses list on pages 14-16 includes quarter and semester numbers.

Honors Minor Program: Students who are carrying out an honors contract can undertake any minor program that the department offers. (See the section on minors programs below.)

An additional option for honors students is to complete a special honors minor program. That program includes five or more courses in 200/2000 level honors courses and any political science courses 300/3000 and above. Honors minor programs must include 1) at least four courses of graded credit in political science courses at the 500/5000 level or higher, 2) at least one course in each of two different fields, and 3) at least two upper-division political science honors courses or seminars. Honors minor programs may include one course in another department, with approval of an honors adviser. GPA: 3.4 overall, and 3.5 in political science.

With or without an Honors Contract, students may also elect to do an Independent Honors Research project leading to the B.A. with Distinction in Political Science. Departmental expectations for these students are as follows.

Honors Research Distinction in Political Science. With or without an Honors Contract, students may also elect to do an independent research project leading to the B.A. with Honors Research Distinction. An overall GPA of 3.4 is required, the student's major point-hour ratio must be a 3.5, and students must take a minimum of 3 hours in Political Science 783H. Additional requirements and procedures are described at <http://undergraduateresearch.osu.edu/nutsandbolts/honorsthesis/honorsthesis-asc.htm>.

Research Distinction in Political Science. Students who are not honors students may graduate with Research Distinction by writing a thesis. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required, and students must take at least 6 hours in Political Science 783H or 4998 in semesters. Additional requirements and procedures are described at <http://undergraduateresearch.osu.edu/nutsandbolts/thesis/requirements.htm>.

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FOR STUDENTS WHO ENTERED THE UNIVERSITY **BETWEEN AUTUMN 2000 AND SUMMER 2008**

A political science major must meet the basic course and credit hour requirements set down by the College of Arts and Sciences for the Bachelor of Arts degree. (Information on the BA curriculum is available from Arts and Sciences in Denney Hall.)

Under no circumstances will the department of Political Science permit our transition to semesters to delay a student's progress toward completion of the major on account of changes under our control.

Students who entered the university before Autumn Quarter 2008 will complete nine courses to complete their majors; all distribution requirements regarding course level and field will remain the same, with five-quarter-hour courses replaced on a one-for-one basis with three-semester-hour courses.

THE MAJOR PROGRAM

A major in political science consists of at least nine courses selected in close consultation with a faculty adviser. Requirements for the major are as follows:

1. An undergraduate major is a coherent program of courses amounting to a minimum of nine courses at the 200 (quarters) or 2000 (semesters) level or above.
2. At least six courses of the major program must be at the 400 (quarters) or 4000 (semesters) level or above. These six courses cannot include independent study or courses in other departments that are part of the major program. At least three of the six courses must be courses taken at the Ohio State University, and these three courses do not include courses taken at other institutions that receive OSU course numbers.
3. Major programs must include at least one course from a minimum of three different fields in political science. The fields are American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory and Methods.
4. A grade of "C-" or better is necessary in order for a course to count in one's major. A student must earn an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher in courses included in the major.
5. Up to 10 quarter hours or six semester hours of Political Science internship credit (589 or 4191) can be included in the major program.

6. As many as ten quarter hours or six semester hours of the 10 courses required for the major program may be in subject matter related to Political Science taught by other departments. There is no official list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from an adviser in the department before scheduling such courses as part of their major programs. These hours are always considered to be at the 200/2000 level for purposes of the major requirements, regardless of their offering number in their home department.

HONORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Honors students in political science face a choice of paths. As part of an Honors Contract leading to the B.A. with Honors in the Arts and Sciences, students may major or minor in political science. Departmental expectations for these students are as follows.

Honors Major Program: Nine courses in 200 (2000)-level honors courses, and other political science courses 300 (3000) and above. Honors major programs must include 1) at least six courses of graded credit in political science courses at the 400/4000 level or higher, 2) at least one course in each of three different Fields (American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory and Methods), and 3) at least four courses in upper-division political science honors courses, seminars, and/or Honors Research (Pol. Sci. 783H/4999H). Honors major programs may include up to two courses in other departments, with approval of an honors adviser. GPA: 3.4 overall, and 3.5 in political science.

Honors Minor Program: Five or more courses in 200/2000 level honors courses, and other political science courses 300/3000 and above. Honors minor programs must include 1) at least four courses of graded credit in political science courses at the 400/4000 level or higher, 2) at least one course in each of two different Fields, and 3) at least two courses in upper-division political science honors courses and seminars. Honors minor programs may include one course in another department, with approval of an honors advisor. GPA: 3.4 overall, and 3.5 in political science.

With or without an Honors Contract, students may also elect to do an Independent Honors Research project leading to the B.A. with Distinction in Political Science. Departmental expectations for these students are as follows.

With Distinction in Political Science. Present standard ASC expectations, as outlined in the catalogue entry for Pol. Sci. 783H/4999H, remain in place, except GPA expectations will be the same as for Honors majors and minors with Contracts: GPA: 3.4 overall, and 3.5 in political science. Students must work under the supervision of a faculty adviser.

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Department of Political Science Course List

COURSE LIST

Q-Number	S-Number	Field	Title
201	2150	A	Voters and Elections
201H	2150H	A	Honors Voters and Elections
210	2400	T	Introduction to Political Theory
210H	2400H	T	Honors Introduction to Political Theory
245	2300	I	American Foreign Policy
245H	2300H	I	Honors American Foreign Policy
294	2194	*	Group Studies
300	3100	A	American Politics and Policy Making
304	3450	T	Ethics and Public Policy
305	3115	A	Introduction to the Policy Process
367.01	2367	A	Contemporary Issues in American Politics
367.01H	2367H	A	Honors Contemporary Issues in American Politics
403	3170	A	Political Psychology
449	3549	T	Survey Research in Political Science
470	4411	T	Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
471	4412	T	Early Modern Political Thought
472	4413	T	Modern Political Thought
473	4414	T	Topics: Contemporary Political Thought
485	4781	T	Techniques of Political Analysis
485H	4781H	T	Honors Techniques of Political Analysis
501	4110	A	The American Presidency
502	4152	A	Campaign Politics
503	4160	A	Public Opinion
504	4140	A	Black Politics
505	4127	A	City Politics
506	4126	A	Ohio Politics
507	4125	A	American State Politics
508	4145	A	Asian-American Politics
509	4165	A	Mass Media and American Politics
510	4115	A	Bureaucracy and Public Policy
511	4910	A	Business-Government Relations
511H	4910H	A	Honors Business-Government Relations
512	4170	A	Gender and Politics
513	4175	A	Women, Government and Public Policy
514	4138	A	Women and the Law
515	4137	A	The Politics of Legal Decision Making
516	4130	A	Law and Politics
517	4120	A	The United States Congress
518	4139	A	Gun Politics
519	4136	A	Civil Liberties
520	4135	A	American Constitutional Law
521H	4132H	A	Supreme Court Decision Making

526	4262	C	The New Religious Politics
527	4270	C	The Canadian Political System
528	4210	C	Politics of European Integration
529	4219	C	European Political Development
530	4216	C	East European Politics
531H	4225H	C	Democracy in Muslim Majority Countries
532	4212	C	Southern European Politics
533	4218	C	Russian Politics
534	4214	C	Northern European Politics
535	4200	C	Politics of Modern Democracies
536	4231	C	China: State and Society
537	4230	C	Chinese Political System
539	4232	C	Contemporary Politics of South Asia
540.01	4240	C	Latin American Politics
540.02	4241	C	Special Topics in Latin American Politics
541	3220	C	Politics of the Developing World
542	4242	C	Incomplete Democracies
543	4940	C	The Politics of Immigration
544	4315	I	International Security and Causes of War
545	4320	I	Strategies for War and Peace
546	4327	I	Politics of the Middle East
547	3910	I	Identity Politics
548	4318	I	The Politics of International Terrorism
550	4300	I	Theories of International Relations
551	4331	I	The United Nations System
552	4310	I	Security Policy
553	4380	I	International Economic Relations
553H	4380H	I	Honors International Economic Relations
554	4381	I	Comparative Economic Policy
555	4326	I	Russian Foreign Policy
556	4330	I	Global Governance
557	4332	I	Globalization
559	4335	I	International Environmental Politics
564	4455	T	Human Rights
565H	4420H	T	Debating Democracy
567H	4450H	T	Politics and Ethics
570	3430	T	Political Theories of Freedom
571	3420	T	Political Theories of Democracy
572	3440	T	Political Theories of Justice
573	4460	T	American Political Ideas
574	4164	A	Political Participation and Voting Behavior
575	4150	A	American Political Parties
576	4162	A	Religion and American Politics
577	3905	A	Political Manipulation
578	4285	C	The Comparative Politics of the Welfare State
579	4249	C	Domestic Politics and International Conflict

580	4280	C	State and Economy
582	4282	C	Politics of Income Inequality
586	4782	T	Research Methods in Political Science
587	4553	T	Game Theory for Political Scientists
589	4191	*	Student Internship in Politics and Public Policy
590	4891	*	Topics in Political Science
593	4193	*	Individual Studies
596H	4891H-4895H	*	Honors Seminars in Political Science
597.01	4597.01	I	International Cooperation and Conflict
597.01H	4597.01H	I	Honors International Cooperation and Conflict
597.02	4597.02	C	Political Problems of the Contemporary World
597.02H	4597.02H	C	Honors Political Problems of the Contemporary World
597.03	4597.03	C	Gender and Democracy in the Contemporary World
608	5140	A	Ethnic Politics in American Cities
612	3912	A	Political Leadership
614	5124	A	Urban Politics
635	4235	C	Japanese Politics
636	4236	C	Southeast Asian Politics
694	6194	*	Contemporary Political Problems [Group Studies]
	4998	*	Undergraduate Research

*Field varies according to subject matter offered; all decimal sub-divisions count for major

MINORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

For minors begun before June, 2012 but not completed by then:

All minors will consist of five courses. These courses will be identical with those listed for the minor as of Spring 2012 but under the new numbering system. Students who entered the university before Summer 2012 may treat a semester course as equivalent with a quarter course for purposes of a minor.

Minor guidelines effective June 1, 2012

General Political Science Minor:

The general political science minor consists of 15 credit hours and is intended to accommodate the interests and the needs of students from a variety of areas who want to develop a coherent educational program from the courses offered. Students are expected to organize their program to develop a focus on a particular aspect of the political world.

Of the 15 credit hours required, a maximum of 6 may be at the 2000 or 3000 level; the remaining hours must be at the 4000 level or higher. A maximum of three hours of courses

graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than three hours of transfer credit may apply.

The following minors are not available to Political Science majors.

Campaigns and Elections:

The Campaigns and Elections minor is intended to accommodate the interests and the needs of students from a variety of majors who want to develop a coherent educational program in a sub-field of Political Science. This minor will provide students with knowledge and analytical tools necessary to understand the election process and political campaigning in the United States.

Required Course:

Polit Sc 4160 Public Opinion

Elective Courses (choose 4):

Polit Sc 3100 American Politics and Policy Making

Polit Sc 3115 Introduction to the Policy Process

Polit Sc 3420 Political Theories of Democracy

Polit Sc 4150 American Political Parties

Polit Sc 4152 Campaign Politics

Polit Sc 4164 Political Participation and Voting Behavior

Polit Sc 4420H Politics and Ethics

Comparative Politics:

Comparative politics is a subfield of political science that studies the various forms of government found throughout the world. Comparative politics attempts to analyze different governments through understanding the history, geography and people that live under the sovereignty of that government. The Comparative Politics minor is intended to give students in-depth knowledge of the politics of contemporary nation-states and tools for comparative analysis to prepare them to work more effectively in an increasingly global environment.

Required Course:

Polit Sc 4200 Politics of Modern Democracies

-OR-

Polit Sc 3220 Politics of the Developing World

Elective Courses (choose 4):

Polit Sc 3220 Politics of the Developing World

Polit Sc 3910 Identity Politics

Polit Sc 4200 Politics of Modern Democracies

Polit Sc 4210 Politics of European Integration

Polit Sc 4212 Southern European Politics

Polit Sc 4214 Northern European Politics

Polit Sc 4216 Eastern European Politics

Polit Sc 4218 Russian Politics

Polit Sc 4225H Democracy in Muslim Majority Countries

Polit Sc 4230 Chinese Political System

Polit Sc 4232 Contemporary Politics of South Asia

Polit Sc 4236 Southeast Asian Politics

Polit Sc 4240 Latin American Politics

Polit Sc 4241 Special Topics in Latin American Politics

Polit Sc 4249 Domestic Politics of International Conflict

Polit Sc 4280 State and Economy

Polit Sc 4597.02 Political Problems of the Contemporary World

Polit Sc 4327 Politics in the Middle East

Polit Sc 4330 Global Governance

Judicial Politics:

The Judicial Politics minor will allow students to gain foundational knowledge in judicial politics and judicial behavior in a nationally-ranked subfield of American Politics.

Required Course:

Polit Sc 4130 Law and Politics

Elective Courses (choose 4):

Polit Sc 2400 or 2400H Introduction to Political Theory (required for Polit Sc 3440)
Polit Sc 3440 Political Theories of Justice
Polit Sc 4135 American Constitutional Law
Polit Sc 4136 Civil Rights and Liberties
Polit Sc 4137 The Politics of Legal Decision Making
Polit Sc 4138 Women and the Law
Polit Sc 4910 or 4910H Business-Government Relations

Political Decision Making:

The minor in Political Decision Making is designed to accommodate the interests and the needs of students from a variety of majors who want to develop a coherent educational program in a sub-field of Political Science. This minor will provide students with the knowledge necessary to understand the methods by which citizens and elites arrive at solutions to political problems.

Required Course:

Polit Sc 4120 US Congress

Elective Courses (choose 4):

Polit Sc 3100 American Politics and Policy Making

Polit Sc 3115 Introduction to the Policy Process

Polit Sc 3910 Identity Politics

Polit Sc 3912 Political Leadership

Polit Sc 4132H Supreme Court Decision Making

Polit Sc 4137 Politics of Legal Decision Making

Polit Sc 4160 Public Opinion

Polit Sc 4164 Political Participation and Voting Behavior

Polit Sc 4175 Women, Government, and Public Policy

Polit Sc 4320 Strategies for War and Peace

Polit Sc 4331 The United Nations System

Polit Sc 4910 or 4910H Business-Government Relations

Political Theory:

The Political Theory minor is intended to accommodate the interests and the needs of students from a variety of majors who want to develop a coherent educational program in a sub-field of Political Science. This minor will allow students to gain foundational knowledge in political theory and will help students develop informed attitudes on contemporary political issues.

Required Course:

Polit Sc 2400 or 2400H Introduction to Political Theory

Elective Courses (choose 4):

Polit Sc 3420 Political Theories of Democracy

Polit Sc 3430 Political Theories of Freedom

Polit Sc 3440 Political Theories of Justice

Polit Sc 4411 Ancient and Medieval Political Theory

Polit Sc 4412 Early Modern Political Theory

Polit Sc 4413 Modern Political Theory

Polit Sc 4414 Topics in Contemporary Political Theory

Polit Sc 4420H Debating Democracy

Polit Sc 4450H Politics and Ethics

Polit Sc 4460 American Political Ideas

World Politics:

The World Politics minor is intended to give students foundational knowledge in international relations including the political and economic interactions of the global system and relations between countries and international institutions, in order to prepare them to better understand and to work more effectively in an increasingly globalized environment.

Required Course:

Polit Sc 2300 OR 2300H American Foreign Policy

Elective Courses (choose 4):

Polit Sc 3910 Identity Politics

Polit Sc 4249 Domestic Politics and International Conflict

Polit Sc 4300 Theories of International Relations

Polit Sc 4310 Security Policy

Polit Sc 4315 International Security and Causes of War
Polit Sc 4320 Strategies for War and Peace
Polit Sc 4326 Russian Foreign Policy
Polit Sc 4327 Politics in the Middle East
Polit Sc 4330 Global Governance
Polit Sc 4331 The United Nations System
Polit Sc 4380 or 4380H Political Analysis of International Economic Relations
Polit Sc 4381 Comparative International Political Economy
Polit Sc 4597.01 International Cooperation and Conflict

Minor guidelines through Spring Quarter 2012

General Political Science Minor:

The general political science minor consists of 25 credit hours and is intended to accommodate the interests and the needs of students from a variety of areas who want to develop a coherent educational program from the courses offered. Students are expected to organize their program to develop a focus on a particular aspect of the political world. Of the 25 credit hours required, a maximum of 10 may be at the 200 or 300 level; the remaining hours must be at the 400 level or higher. A maximum of five hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than five hours of transfer credit may apply.

The following minors are not available to Political Science majors.

Campaigns and Elections:

The Campaigns and Elections minor is intended to accommodate the interests and the needs of students from a variety of majors who want to develop a coherent educational program in a sub-field of Political Science. This minor will provide students with knowledge and analytical tools necessary to understand the election process and political campaigning in the United States.

Required Course:

Polit Sc 503 Public Opinion

Elective Courses (choose 4):

Polit Sc 300 American Politics and Policy Making

Polit Sc 305 Introduction to Public Policy

Polit Sc 502 Campaign Politics

Polit Sc 567H Politics and Ethics

Polit Sc 571 Political Theories of Democracy

Polit Sc 574 Political Participation and Voting Behavior

Polit Sc 575 American Political Parties

Comparative Politics:

Comparative politics is a subfield of political science that studies the various forms of government found throughout the world. Comparative politics attempts to analyze different governments through understanding the history, geography and people that live under the sovereignty of that government. The Comparative Politics minor is intended to give students in-depth knowledge of the politics of contemporary nation-states and tools for comparative analysis to prepare them to work more effectively in an increasingly global environment.

Required Course:

Polit Sc 535 Government and Politics of Modern Democracies

-OR- Polit Sc 541 Politics of the Developing World

Elective Courses (choose 4):

Polit Sc 528 Political Integration of Western Europe

Polit Sc 530 Politics of Post-Communist Societies of Eastern Europe

Polit Sc 531H Democracy in Muslim Majority Countries

Polit Sc 532 Government and Politics of Southern Europe

Polit Sc 533 Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics
Polit Sc 534 Government and Politics of Northern Europe
Polit Sc 535 Government and Politics of Modern Democracies
Polit Sc 537 Government and Politics of China
Polit Sc 539 Contemporary Politics of South Asia
Polit Sc 540.01 Latin American Government and Politics
Polit Sc 540.02 Special Topics in Latin American Politics
Polit Sc 541 Politics of the Developing World
Polit Sc 546 Politics of the Middle East
Polit Sc 547 Identity Politics
Polit Sc 556 Global Governance
Polit Sc 565H Power and Resistance
Polit Sc 579 Domestic Politics and International Conflict
Polit Sc 580 State and Economy
Polit Sc 597.02 Political Problems of the Contemporary World
Polit Sc 636 Southeast Asian Politics

Judicial Politics:

The Judicial Politics minor will allow students to gain foundational knowledge in judicial politics and judicial behavior in a nationally-ranked subfield of American Politics.

Required Course:

Polit Sc 516 Judicial Politics

Elective Courses (choose 4):

Polit Sc 210 or 210H Introduction to Political Theory (required for Polit Sc 572)

Polit Sc 511 or 511H Political Theory, Public Policy, and the Private Sector

Polit Sc 514 Women and the Law

Polit Sc 515 The Politics of Legal Decision Making

Polit Sc 519 Civil Liberties and the Courts

Polit Sc 520 The American Constitution and Governmental Powers

Polit Sc 572 Political Theories of Justice

Political Decision Making:

The minor in Political Decision Making is designed to accommodate the interests and the needs of students from a variety of majors who want to develop a coherent educational program in a sub-field of Political Science. This minor will provide students with the knowledge necessary to understand the methods by which citizens and elites arrive at solutions to political problems.

Required Course:

Polit Sc 517 Legislative Politics

Elective Courses (choose 4):

Polit Sc 300 American Politics and Policy Making

Polit Sc 305 Introduction to Public Policy

Polit Sc 503 Public Opinion

Polit Sc 511 or 511H Political Theory, Public Policy, and the Private Sector

Polit Sc 513 Women, Government, and Public Policy

Polit Sc 515 Politics of Legal Decision Making

Polit Sc 521H Supreme Court Decision Making

Polit Sc 545 Foreign Policy Decision Making

Polit Sc 547 Identity Politics

Polit Sc 551 The United Nations System in Global Problem Solving

Polit Sc 574 Political Participation and Voting Behavior

Polit Sc 612 Political Leadership

Political Theory:

The Political Theory minor is intended to accommodate the interests and the needs of students from a variety of majors who want to develop a coherent educational program in a sub-field of Political Science. This minor will allow students to gain foundational knowledge in political theory and will help students develop informed attitudes on contemporary political issues.

Required Course:

Polit Sc 210 OR 210H Introduction to Political Theory

Elective Courses (choose 4):

- Polit Sc 565H Power and Resistance
- Polit Sc 567H Politics and Ethics
- Polit Sc 568 Islamic Political Philosophy: The Traditional Eras
- Polit Sc 569 Islamic Political Philosophy: The Contemporary Era
- Polit Sc 571 Political Theories of Democracy
- Polit Sc 572 Political Theories of Justice
- Polit Sc 573 American Political Ideas
- Polit Sc 470 Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
- Polit Sc 471 Early Modern Political Thought
- Polit Sc 472 Modern Political Thought
- Polit Sc 473 Topics: Contemporary Political Thought

World Politics:

The World Politics minor is intended to give students foundational knowledge in international relations including the political and economic interactions of the global system and relations between countries and international institutions, in order to prepare them to better understand and to work more effectively in an increasingly globalized environment.

Required Course:

- Polit Sc 245 OR 245H The U.S. in World Politics

Elective Courses (choose 4):

- Polit Sc 544 International Security and Causes of War
- Polit Sc 545 Foreign Policy Decision Making
- Polit Sc 546 Politics of the Middle East
- Polit Sc 547 Identity Politics
- Polit Sc 550 Theories of International Relations
- Polit Sc 551 The United Nations System in Global Problem Solving
- Polit Sc 552 Security Policy During and After the Cold War
- Polit Sc 553 or 553H Political Analysis of International Economic Relations
- Polit Sc 554 Comparative Political Economy
- Polit Sc 555 Soviet and Post-Soviet Foreign Policy

- Polit Sc 556 Global Governance
Polit Sc 579 Domestic Politics and International Conflict
Polit Sc 597.01 Interdependence and Nationalism in World Politics

INTERNSHIPS

The Department of Political Science encourages students to experience the practical side of their academic endeavors by becoming involved in paid or unpaid internships. With Columbus, Ohio, as the seat of the state government, many of our students have found useful applied learning opportunities at the Ohio Statehouse. In addition to the myriad types of public and private internship experiences and academic projects designed individually by students locally, the prestigious John Glenn School of Public Affairs regularly chooses Political Science students for one-quarter internships in Washington, D.C. Other avenues include exciting Study Abroad opportunities and the Semester-at-Sea program.

STUDY ABROAD

The Ohio State University has established ties with a large number of universities in Europe, Asia and Latin America for the purpose of enhancing study abroad opportunities. Political Science credit can be received for participating in these and other exchange programs. If you plan to receive Political Science credits from such programs, however, we urge you to consult with the department's academic counselor both prior to departure for the foreign university and immediately upon your return to Columbus. You also should retain syllabi, exams, papers, etc., from courses that you take abroad for the purpose of helping in the evaluation of course credits. Please visit the Office of International Affairs in Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Avenue, for detail on study abroad opportunities.

LAW SCHOOL

Majors in political science vary a good deal in their career goals, but the most common aspiration among our students is to attend law school and choose careers tied to law.

We offer several upper-level courses that explore judicial, constitutional, and legal matters: Political Science 514/4138, “Women and the Law”; 515/4137, “Politics of Judicial Decision Making”; 516/4130, “Law and Politics”; 520/4135, “Constitutional Law”; and 521H/4132H, “Supreme Court Decision Making.” These courses in political science stress the institutions, actions and outcomes as variables in a political system—an emphasis that differs considerably from the focus of law-school courses. Students who plan to go to law school should not feel that any of these courses are necessary for admission to law school, but they may find one or more of them to be interesting and to provide a useful complement to the study of law. Each of these courses is usually taught at least once annually.

The primary source for information on law school and application to law school is the Law School Admissions Council, found at www.lsac.com. For more information about law school and legal careers, see your advisor in political science. The Colleges of the Arts and Sciences’ pre-law advisors also have materials on law school and the LSAT examination.

GRADUATE SCHOOL IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

If you plan to pursue a graduate program in political science you should consult frequently with your faculty advisor and other professors concerning those courses that are best suited to the graduate program you wish to pursue.

As a political science major at Ohio State, you have the opportunity to prepare yourself under the guidance of some of the discipline’s finest scholars. If you have the intellectual ability, skills, interest, and energy to pursue advanced study in political science, your training here can be the beginning of a superb career. Please avail yourself of all the assistance we have to offer.

Graduate studies in a number of fields may also be available to political science majors. For example, apart from advanced work in political science, our graduates have earned degrees in education, public policy and management, business administration, journalism, international relations, and in the health professions.

You should work closely with your faculty adviser as soon as you begin to consider graduate studies because all graduate programs are highly competitive. Your best chances for admission come through careful planning of a strong curriculum, well-developed study habits and skills, good examination scores on such tests as the GRE or GMAT, strong reference letters, and appropriate extra-curricular activities.

WHERE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT CAREERS

The Career Services Office of the Colleges of the Arts and Sciences at 48 Townshend Hall offers a variety of services to students. Counseling is provided for those entering the job market immediately after graduation. Interview schedules arranged by the Office are available to students who register with the Office. Moreover, the Office has extensive information from both the private and public sectors pertaining to career opportunities. Their web address is <http://asccareerservices.osu.edu>

THE JOB MARKET

It is always difficult to forecast the contours of the job market much into the future. Whether you tend to view the coming years as a bull or bear job market, you would be well advised to select a major that appeals to you personally as interesting, exciting, or both, regardless of your guess about the future. The right major provides you with more chances for doing well in school. And doing well in school, in the absence of a well-developed job history, will influence your success in the job market.

Students who major in political science have traditionally gone in large numbers into business, law, teaching, journalism, and government. A few political science majors have very successfully entered quite unrelated fields such as medicine, religious ministry, and natural sciences.

With this consideration, three general points should be made. First, in the developing job market there is much to be said for mastering a specific substantive area. In American

society there is always an advantage for people who can solve specific problems. The student who can demonstrate knowledge about any important governmental or policy area, for example, has more market potential than a rival has with only a general education. In the same vein, it should be noted that, in our society, job mobility is often related to the degree to which an individual is an expert in a given area. A specialist in environmental problems, for example, can obtain a job in the private sector, move into local or federal government, and then back into the private sector as career opportunities unfold. Acquiring sufficient specialization is difficult in any undergraduate liberal arts program, but demonstrated mastery of one area is useful for gaining entry into related career lines and for showing the capability for acquiring expertise in an unrelated area.

Second, anyone who seeks a good job in the next decade has a vested interest in mastering the English language, particularly in its written form. A highly industrialized, complex society moves on written material: it teaches through writing, it legitimizes itself through writing, and it analyzes itself through writing. In this type of society, the ability to write cogent, well-reasoned prose is rewarded.

Third, as microcomputer technology continues to expand into all aspects of our lives, post-graduate careers will increasingly assume or require analytical skills that are a natural outgrowth of computer technology. To prepare for these careers, political science students would do well to take courses in statistics and methods of data analysis. Our present program includes courses that routinely ask undergraduates to do such analysis through use of computers. Political Science 485/4781, "Techniques of Political Analysis," introduces students to an array of analysis techniques in the Department's state-of-the-art microcomputer lab. Political Science 503/4160, "Public Opinion" and 449/3549 "Survey Research in Political Science" teach survey methods, polling, and election analysis using the Department's survey lab. While these are not required courses, they are available to those who wish to those acquire knowledge and expertise in this area. (Political Science 485/4781 can be used by political science majors to meet the data analysis requirement in the General Education Curriculum.) Finally, the Department operates a political research lab with full-time consultation services for our students involved in computer-based instruction and research.

In general, for students interested in honing technical skills that can transfer to the work place, political science at the Ohio State University has many varied undergraduate opportunities. Talk to your advisor about these courses and the appropriate mix for you.

THE AVOCATIONAL USES OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Those who consider majoring in political science normally share a deep interest in the political aspects of our society. Most students of government are fascinated by the struggle to obtain power; often they have strong beliefs about contemporary politics. And usually those trained in political science retain these interests throughout their lives.

Most political science majors do not become professional political scientists. They go on into various careers such as law, state or local government, federal service, education, and business. We hope that their undergraduate education serves them well in their professional lives. But students should also realize that their political science training can open doors to activities that can be most rewarding on a voluntary or part-time basis as well.

One obvious avocation use of political science training is practical politics. American political parties are dependent on enormous numbers of volunteers who are able and willing to staff local organizations, to manage campaigns, to canvass voters, and to organize finance drives. The possible significance of these jobs is now increasing several times over, as the major political parties struggle to democratize their internal politics. In fact, participation in the very process of party reform can often be of the greatest interest to those conversant with some of the theories of political science.

A second area in which political science majors may find considerable satisfaction is community organization. The politics of the 21st century will be shaped to a large extent by the locally-organized groups who understand the political process and can deal with the effective pressure points of the political system in particular. A well-trained political science student can be a valued asset to civic and political groups at the local level. Political science training is also valuable to those interested in organizing particular interest groups.

A third way to use political science training on a volunteer or part-time basis is to work with the various “good government” groups of the community. The League of Women Voters, Common Cause, and their local and community equivalents will often provide encouragement and a good forum for investigative research in politics and policy issues. The

number of topics that every community needs to have competently researched is almost endless.

Finally, it should be noted that there are a wide variety of elected and appointed political offices, particularly at the local level, which are not full-time occupations. People who are interested in political science often prove to be those who are desirous of serving in these types of positions. These jobs provide direct access to the political system and great personal satisfaction.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE (U.S.C.)

The Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Political Science Department deals with matters pertaining to the undergraduate curriculum and undergraduate-student problems. The Committee is composed of faculty members and two student representatives appointed by the department chair. The USC welcomes student ideas and suggestions concerning undergraduate studies in political science; these can be passed to the committee through the department office.

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