



Wells College

Name: _____

Advisor: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Political Science Major

The total number of courses required for the major in political science is 14 (43-45 semester hours).

Requirements:

All of the following (22-24 sem. hrs.)

- INTL 151 Introduction to International Studies (3 sem. hrs.)
 - POLS 155 American Politics (3 sem. hrs.)
 - POLS 390 Internship in Political Science (2-4 sem. hrs.)
 - POLS 401 Senior Seminar and Thesis in Political Science (4 sem. hrs.)
 - SOC 394 Research Methods for the Social Sciences (4 sem. hrs.)
- Two additional courses from any subfield listed below; one course must be at the 300-level (6 sem. hrs.)

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One of the following courses in American Politics subfield (3 sem. hrs.)

- POLS 235 The U.S. Congress (3 sem. hrs.)
- POLS 345 Public Opinion (3 sem. hrs.)
- POLS 360 The U.S. Judiciary (3 sem. hrs.)

One of the following courses in Comparative Politics subfield (3 sem. hrs.)

- INTL 350 Comparative Environmental Policy Analysis (3 sem. hrs.)
- POLS 262 Politics in Developing Countries (3 sem. hrs.)
- POLS 268 Comparative Governments and Politics: Cases of Predominantly Black Nations (3 sem. hrs.)
- POLS 340 Japan's Development Policy Toward Less Industrialized Countries (3 sem. hrs.)
- POLS 365 Governments and Politics in Industrialized Countries (3 sem. hrs.)

One of the following courses in Political Theory subfield (3 sem. hrs.)

- POLS 230 Democratic Theory (3 sem. hrs.)
- POLS 307 Contemporary Political Ideologies (3 sem. hrs.)
- POLS 320 Liberalism and Its Critics (3 sem. hrs.)
- Other relevant course from philosophy with permission of department chair

One of the following courses in World Politics subfield (3 sem. hrs.)

- POLS 267 International Organization (3 sem. hrs.)
- POLS 332 Old and New Paradigms in World Politics (3 sem. hrs.)
- POLS 355 Approaches to International Relations (3 sem. hrs.)

Three of the following courses from related disciplines (9 sem. hrs.)

- ANTH 245 Belize and the Caribbean (3 sem. hrs.)
- ECON 255 The Political Economy of Globalization (3 sem. hrs.)
- HIST 241 Interpreting U.S. History I (3 sem. hrs.)
- HIST 242 Interpreting U.S. History II (3 sem. hrs.)
- PHIL 240 Ethics (3 sem. hrs.)
- PHIL 310 Ethics, Law, and Social Policy (3 sem. hrs.)
- PSY 224 Social Psychology (3 sem. hrs.)
- Other relevant course with permission of department chair

What can I do with this major?

See below for examples of what you can do with a Political Science major after graduation! For more information, see the full results at <http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/>

Areas of employment

- Local Government
- State Government
- Federal Government
- Law
- Politics
- International Affairs
- Business
- Non-profit
- Media
- Education

Possible Employers

- Federal Agencies
- Political action committees
- Political parties
- Lobbying organizations
- Large business firms
- Intergovernmental agencies, e.g. World Bank, United Nations, etc.
- National governments
- Non-profit agencies
- Religious organizations
- Historic sites/historical societies
- Research organizations and think tanks
- Educational institutions

- An undergraduate degree in political science is good preparation for graduate or professional study in areas such as political science, public administration, foreign policy, law, business, and more. Carefully research programs in order to choose specializations or concentrations of interest.
- Maintain a high grade point average to ensure admission into a graduate or law program and/or a position within the government.
- Expect keen competition for federal positions. Prepare yourself with a strong academic background and good experience. Many government jobs have strict guidelines and want to carefully match candidates' knowledge, skills, and abilities to the job description. Research this first and seek the classes and experiences that will best prepare you.
- Explore application to Administrative Careers with America (ACWA) and the Outstanding Scholar Program for federal positions