



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.):

- POLS 151 Introduction to International Politics (3 semester hours)
- POLS 155 American Politics (3 semester hours)
- POLS 390 Internship (2-4 semester hours)
- POLS 401 Senior Seminar and Thesis (4 semester hours)
- SS 394 Research Methods (4 semester hours)
- MATH 151 Statistics (3 semester hours)
- PHIL 240 Ethics (3 semester hours)

American Politics Subfield (Three or four courses in this subfield: 9-12 semester hours, one of which must be at the 300 level. Students must take 3 courses in one subfield and 4 in the other):

- POLS 201 Media and Politics (3 semester hours)
- POLS 202 Political Leadership in American Democracy (3 semester hours)
- POLS 230 Democracy in America (3 semester hours)
- POLS 235 U.S. Congress (3 semester hours)
- POLS 345 Public Opinion (3 semester hours)
- POLS 360 U.S. Judiciary (3 semester hours)

International & Comparative Politics Subfields (Three or four courses in these subfields: 9-12 semester hours, one of which must be at the 300 level. Students must take 3 courses in one subfield and 4 in the other):

- POLS 213 Sustainability and Comparative Environmental Policy (3 semester hours)
- POLS 261 Government and Politics in the Developing World (3 semester hours)
- POLS 263 Politics of Globalization (3 semester hours)
- POLS 221 Liberalism and Its Critics (3 semester hours)
- POLS 340 Politics of Emerging Nations in Asia (3 semester hours)
- POLS 355 Approaches to International Relations (3 semester hours)
- POLS 365 Government and Politics in Industrialized Countries (3 semester hours)

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

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

Possible Employers

- Federal Agencies
- Political action committees
- Political parties
- Lobbying organizations
- Large business firms
- Intergovernmental agencies, e.g. World Bank, Regional Economic Commissions, 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