

Programs

Political Science, B.A.

(39 credits)

The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, under the Department of History, Political Science and Sociology, is designed to give students the opportunity to explore the systematic study of the varied activities people use to seek orderly and just societies. This relates to individuals and communities.

The goal for Political Science majors is to develop the necessary perspective and critical thinking capacities to be contributing members to their communities and to enrich the lives of others.

Upon completing the program of study in Political Science, students will:

- Demonstrate inquisitiveness and mastery of the principles of scholarly research.
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the values, beliefs, and ideas that constitute the western political tradition.
- Recognize the complex nature of the political community and the role of social, economic, cultural, and environmental factors in political life.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of American political institutions and processes and be able to compare them with those of other political systems.
- Understand the patterns of interaction among members of the world community and the sources of international cooperation and conflict.
- Be able to evaluate conflicting political arguments, assemble empirical evidence, and make reasoned conclusions from available evidence.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED CORE (18 credits)

HI 125	Power, Politics, and History
PO 112	American Politics and Government
PO 274	Modern Political Theory
PH 211	Ancient Greek Thought
PO 380	Internship
PO 391	Political Science Seminar

Select seven (21 credits)

PO 115	Introduction to Urban Studies
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PO 203	Urban Gardens Studio
PO 230	State and Local Government
PO 231	Constitutional Law
PO 251	Topics in Political Science
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PO 253	Topics in Political Science
PO 257	International Relations
PO 322	Politics Through Film
PO 325	Democracy and Its Critics
PO 329	Global Social Movements
PO 331	Jurisprudence
PO 333	Theory and Practice of Public Administration

WRITING IN THE DISCIPLINE DESIGNATED COURSE

PO 391	Political Science Seminar
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