The Political Science major provides students with a general education in the liberal arts and an introduction to the complexities of the political process. The major offers students the opportunity to develop an advanced understanding of American politics, politics of other nations, and political theory. The major is designed to offer students maximum flexibility when selecting classes. Courses transferred from your study abroad experience may possibly be used either in the advanced courses and related are of the major.

In addition to General Educations and Bachelor of Arts Degree requirements, you will need to meet the following department requirements with a grade of “C” or better to graduate with a major in the Political Science Bachelor of Arts.

Courses transferred from your study abroad experience may possibly be used as support in your major. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undergraduate advisers in the department.

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#### Distribution of Political Science Courses

**American Politics**
- PLSC 7, 10, 17W, 111, 112, 300H, 309H, 308, 404, 409, 410, 430W, 431, 432, 433, 435W, 462, 467, 491, 497 (if International Relations)

**Comparative Politics**

#### Introductory Courses

- Select 12 credits from below the 400-level in Political Science
- Select 15 credits from above the 400-level in Political Science

### Advanced Courses

- Select 9 credits in additional Political Science or related disciplines. Other courses may be used with the written permission of the department's advisers. These classes cannot be simultaneously used for General Education, Bachelor of Arts, or Electives requirements
- Select 12 credits from below the 400-level in Political Science
- Select 15 credits from above the 400-level in Political Science

#### Related Courses *

-Select 9 credits in additional Political Science Courses or related disciplines. Other courses may be used with the written permission of the department's advisers. These classes cannot be simultaneously used for General Education, Bachelor of Arts, or Electives requirements

**General Education Requirements**

- Writing/Speaking Skills (GWS)
  - ENGL 15 or 30
  - ENGL 202
- Quantification (GQ)
  - (6 credits)
  - PLSC 4

**Bachelor of Arts Requirements**

- Foreign Language Requirement
  - (Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one foreign language. Select 0-12 credits, depending on placement)
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**Advanced Courses**

- Select 9 credits in additional Political Science Courses or related disciplines. Other courses may be used with the written permission of the department's advisers. These classes cannot be simultaneously used for General Education, Bachelor of Arts, or Electives requirements

**Distribution of Political Science Courses**

- American Politics
- Comparative Politics

**List of approved course for the 9 credits in Political Science or in related disciplines:**

- African Studies and African American Studies – all courses at the 400-level and above
- Anthropology – all courses at the 300-level and above
- Communication – 403, 405, 409, 410
- Communication Arts & Sciences – 404, 478
- Criminology – 422, 433, 451, 467
- Economics – all courses at the 300-level and above
- Geography – all courses at the 300-level and above
- History – all courses at the 400-level and above
- Philosophy – all courses at the 200-level and above
- Political Science – all courses at the 300-level and above
- Psychology – all courses at the 400-level and above
- Sociology – all courses at the 400-level and above
- Women’s Studies – all courses at the 400-level and above

**Total Credits: 123**

*Additional University requirements: Students must also complete one course from each: US Cultures, Writing Across the Curriculum, First Year Seminar, and International Cultures. *

*May double count to meet Gen Ed, major, B.A. Requirement, or as an elective.