



PennState

College of the Liberal Arts

Political Science

Bachelor of Science

(Revised Spring 2015)

The Bachelor of Science offers a technical approach to the study of Political Science. Students will gain practical experience applying skills in research design and methods combined with an expertise in substantive topics such as public opinion, elections, foreign policy, legislatures, and courts. The major synthesizes coursework in the social sciences with supplementary coursework in mathematics, statistics, and upper level political science courses that employ quantitative research skills. In addition, students will have the opportunity to complete either a research practicum within the Political Science Department, an internship, or a TA-ship.

Admission to the major requires a grade of C or better in MATH 110 or 140, and a grade of B or better in PLSC 309. These courses must be completed by the end of the semester during which the admission to major procedure is carried out.

You will need to meet major requirements with a grade of C or better on graduate in the Political Science, Bachelor of Science.

The Department of Political Science
<http://polisci.la.psu.edu>

Foundational Courses	Advanced Courses	Supporting Courses	General Education Requirements
<p><u>Required Courses</u> (Take all of the following)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 010</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 308 or 300**</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 309</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MATH 110 or 140 (GQ)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CMPSC 101, 121, or 203 (GQ)</p> <p><u>Foundational PLSC Courses</u> (Choose 9 credits from PLSC 1, 3, 7, 14, or 17)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC _____</p> <p><i>**Paterno Fellows/Schryer students should plan to take PLSC 300 in Fall of Junior year</i></p>	<p><u>Advanced PLSC Courses</u> (Select 9 credits of 400-level PLSC courses)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 4 _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 4 _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 4 _____</p> <p><u>Data Intensive PLSC Courses</u> (Select 9 credits from PLSC 404, 429, 447, or 476. Some PLSC 497 courses may also be approved as data intensive. Please speak with an academic adviser for details.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 4 _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 4 _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 4 _____</p> <p><u>Capstone Experience</u> (Select 3 credits from LA 495 or PLSC 494, 496, 404, 429, 447, or 476)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 4 _____ OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LA 495</p>	<p><u>Methodology Courses</u> (Select 9 credits from STAT 380, 461, 462, 463, 466, GEOG 363, 364, or PLSC 410)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><u>Supporting Courses</u> (Select 12 credits in supporting courses from the approved list below in humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and related fields. 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 free electives) *</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>	<p><u>Writing/Speaking Skills (GWS)</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 15 or 30</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CAS 100</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 202</p> <p><u>Quantification (GQ)</u> (6 credits)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CMPSC 101, 121, or 123 (GQ)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MATH 110 or 140 (GQ)</p> <p><u>Natural Sciences (GN)</u> (9 credits)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><u>Arts (GA)</u> (6 credits)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><u>Humanities (GH)</u> (6 credits)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><u>Social and Behavior Sciences (GS)</u> (6 credits)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><u>Health and Physical Activity (GHA)</u> (3 credits)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>
<p><u>*List of approved courses for the 12 credits in PLSC or related areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, 404, 405, 409, 410, 484, 489W, 492, 493 • Communication Arts & Sciences – 404, 409, 422, 426, 452, 455, 471, 475, 478, 483 • Criminology – 422, 433, 451, 453, 467, 469, 423 • 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 • IST 234, 235, 250 <p><i>*Other courses may be used with the written permission of the department's advisers.</i></p>			
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Total Credits: 120</p>			