



PennState
College of the Liberal Arts

Political Science

*Bachelor of Arts
(Revised Fall 2013)*

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.

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



Distribution Requirements	Introductory Courses	Advanced Courses	General Education Requirements	Bachelor of Arts Requirements
<p><u>Distribution Areas</u> (Select at least one course from each of the following fields. May double count with Introductory Courses, Advanced Courses, or Related Courses. A complete list of courses in each field is listed below.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Theory/Methodology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Politics</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> American Politics</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Relations</p>	<p><u>Introductory Courses</u> (Select 12 credits from below the 400-level in Political Science)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC _____</p>	<p><u>Advanced Courses</u> (Select 15 credits from above the 400-level in Political Science).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 4 _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 4 _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 4 _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 4 _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PLSC 4 _____</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 (GO)</u> (6 credits)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>	<p><u>Foreign Language Requirement</u> (Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one foreign language. Select 0-12 credits, depending on placement)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____ 003</p>
Distribution of Political Science Courses				
<p><u>American Politics</u> PLSC 1(H), 2, 110, 123, 125, 130, 135, 177, 178, 403, 404, 405, 417, 419, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 438, 442, 444, 445Y, 447, 460, 466, 468, 470W, 471, 472, 473, 474, 476, 477, 480W, 482, 489, 490, 497(if American)</p> <p><u>Comparative Politics</u> PLSC 3(U), 20, 22, 60, 123, 155, 408, 413, 414, 420, 422, 423, 424, 428, 434, 436, 439, 440, 443, 446, 450H, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 458, 459, 460, 461, 463, 464, 465Y, 466, 469, 484W, 486, 488, 497(if Comparative)</p>	<p><u>International Relations</u> PLSC 14, 091, 132, 137, 140, 410, 411W, 412, 415, 418(W), 420, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 442, 443, 450H, 451, 453, 459, 461, 464, 465Y, 466, 467, 481, 484W, 486, 487, 491, 497(if International Relations)</p> <p><u>Theory/Methodology</u> PLSC 7, 10, 17(W), 111, 112, 300H, 306H, 308, 309(H), 404, 409, 410, 430(W), 431, 432, 433, 435(W), 462, 497 (if Theory/Methodology)</p>	<p><u>Related Courses *</u> (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)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</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>B.A. Knowledge Domains</u> (9 additional credits in GH, GS, GA, GN, GQ, or Foreign Language)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>*List of approved course for the 9 credits in Political Science or in related disciplines:</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, 405, 409, 410 • Communication Arts & Sciences – 404, 478 • Criminology – 422, 433, 451, 453, 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 			<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>Other Cultures</u> (May double count with major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except US/IL requirement)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.