

Political Science Minor

Division of Social Sciences - Adm

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- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2008.
- Required credits in this minor: 20.

~~Objectives—Students in political science are able to critically analyze not only the behavior of political actors, but also their respective political institutions and political systems. Students learn to use strong analytical skills and critical thinking in their analysis of theories, institutions, and processes in political science.~~

Objectives—Political science is the study of the political world in a comprehensive sense, including the behaviors, organizations, institutions and philosophical foundations of political life from the level of individuals to the international setting in both contemporary and historical contexts. In addition, political science makes the connection between theory and practice at the ground level by preparing students for active lifelong participation and leadership in democratic society. The political science major curriculum stresses the development of strong analytical skills and critical thinking and prepares students for further academic training in political science, law, public administration and other graduate programs as well as for work in public affairs, business, journalism, interest groups and a wide range of other careers.

Students who complete the political science major are able to critically analyze and interpret political processes, problems and challenges; understand, synthesize and contribute imaginatively to the major research and theoretical debates prevalent in the study of American and comparative politics, international relations and political thought; present their evidence and arguments in clear, precise language; and participate thoughtfully, knowledgeably and ethically in civic life.

Minor Requirements

No grades below C- are allowed.

A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required in the minor to graduate. The GPA includes all, and only, University of Minnesota coursework. Grades of "F" are included in GPA calculation until they are replaced.

~~The Political Science minor requires at least 20 credits within the discipline.~~

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Required Courses

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

- POL 1101 - Introduction to Political Inquiry ~~Theory ; Thinking about Politics~~, E/CR (4.0 cr)
- POL 1201 - American Government and Politics, E/CR (4.0 cr)
- POL 1301 — Comparative Politics, IP (4.0 cr)
- POL 1401 - World Politics, IP (4.0 cr)

Elective Courses

Take no more than 8 credit(s) from the following:

- POL 1101 - Introduction to Political Inquiry ~~Theory~~ : Thinking about Politics, E/CR (4.0 cr)
- POL 1201 - American Government and Politics, E/CR (4.0 cr)
- ~~· POL 1301 - Comparative Politics, IP (4.0 cr)~~
- POL 1401 - World Politics, IP (4.0 cr)
- POL 1xxx
- POL 2xxx

PCAS will read "Take 8 or more credit(s) from the following:"

Take the remaining 8 or more credit(s) from the following:

- POL 3xxx
- POL 4xxx
- ~~· POL 3101 - Political Science Analysis, SS (4.0 cr)~~
- POL 3201 - Legislative Process, SS (4.0 cr)
- POL 3231 - Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights, HDIV (4.0 cr)
- POL 3232 - Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers and Constraints, SS (4.0 cr)
- POL ~~3251~~ 4251 - Political Participation and Voting Behavior, SS (4.0 cr)
- ~~· POL 3261 - State and Local Politics, SS (4.0 cr)~~
- POL 3262 - Minorities and Public Policy, HDIV (4.0 cr)
- POL 3263 - Political Psychology, SS (4.0 cr)
- ~~· POL 3267 - Courtroom Proceedings in American State Courts, SS (4.0 cr)~~
- POL 3351 - Ancient and Medieval Political Thought: Ancient and Middle Ages, HUM (4.0 cr)
- POL 3352 - Modern Political Thought : Modern, HUM (4.0 cr)
- ~~· POL 3353 - American Political Thought, HUM (4.0 cr)~~
- ~~· Pol 3354 - Political Ethic, E/CR (4.0 cr)~~
- ~~· Pol 3355 - Environmental Political Theory, ENVT (4.0 cr)~~
- POL 3401 - U.S. Foreign Policy, SS (4.0 cr)
- POL 3411 - International Law, E/CR (4.0 cr)
- ~~· POL 3421 - International Organizations, E/CR (4.0 cr)~~
- POL 3453 - Russian Politics and Foreign Policy, IP (4.0 cr)
- POL 3461 - Diplomatic Negotiations, IP (4.0 cr)
- POL 3501 - Government and Politics of Asia, SS (4.0 cr)
- POL 3502 - Government and Politics of Europe, SS (4.0 cr)
- ~~· POL 3504 - Latin American Politics, IP (4.0 cr)~~
- ~~· POL 3505 - Military and Political Development, IP (4.0 cr)~~
- ~~· POL 3506 - Government and Politics of Africa, IP (4.0 cr)~~
- POL 3996 - Field Study in Political Science (1.0-16.0 cr)
- POL ~~4211~~ 3211 - The American Presidency, SS (4.0 cr)
- POL 4221 - Judicial Politics, SS (4.0 cr)
- POL 4264 - American Political Culture, HIST (4.0 cr)
- POL 4266 - Media and Politics, SS (4.0 cr)
- POL 4301 - Contemporary Political Thoughts Ideologies, HUM (4.0 cr)
- ~~· Pol 4302 - International Comparative Political Theory~~
- POL 4451 - Comparative Foreign Policy, IP (4.0 cr)
- POL 4452 - International Relations Theory, IP (4.0 cr)
- POL ~~4503~~ 3503 - Women in Politics Worldwide, IP (4.0 cr)
- ~~· POL 4507 - Politics, Violence, Terrorism, and Peace, IP (4.0 cr)~~
- ~~· POL 4901 - Senior Research Seminar in American Government, SS (4.0 cr)~~
- ~~· POL 4902 - Senior Research Seminar in International Relations and Comparative Politics, IP~~

(4.0 cr)

— POL 4903— Senior Research Seminar in Political Theory, HUM (4.0 cr)