

Political Science Major Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

Fall 2019-Current Catalog

Major requirements (39 units)

Lower-Division Core (6 units):

_____ PLSI 1 Modern Politics (prerequisite for PLSI 140)

_____ PLSI 90 Methods of Analysis of Quantitative Political Data (recommended prior to PLSI 150)

(Complete these courses prior to or concurrently with enrollment in the first 6 units of upper-division core.)

Upper-Division Core (12 units):

_____ PLSI 110 Political Thought to Machiavelli **or** PLSI 111 Political Thought Since Machiavelli

_____ PLSI 120 International Politics (**CAN NOT DOUBLE COUNT FOR MI**)

_____ PLSI 140 Approaches to Comparative Politics

_____ PLSI 150 Public Policy Making

Upper-Division Political Science Electives (18 units):

Courses used as Upper Division Electives:

_____ (1)

_____ (2)

_____ (3)

_____ (4)

_____ (5)

_____ (6)

All upper division (100-level) courses not part of the upper division core, including "T" (Topics) courses, may be used towards the upper division electives requirement with the exception of PLSI 102 (1 unit).

Capstone course (3 units): choose from PLSI 158 (internship in Political Science), PLSI 192 (capstone study abroad), PLSI 193 (senior research capstone), SSCI 102H (College of Social Sciences Honors Research II)

General Education requirements (49 units)

University electives and remaining degree requirements, including Multicultural/International (MI) course* in field other than PLSI and upper-division writing skills requirement

Total (120 units)

Advising Notes:

* Capstone course is required for students in catalog year 2019-2020 and later. Students in catalog year 2018-2019 may use PLSI 120 to fulfill their MI requirement.

(1) CR/NC grading is not permitted in the political science major.

(2) General Education and university elective units may be used toward a double major or minor (in something other than political science; see Double Major or departmental minor). Consult the appropriate department chair, program coordinator, or faculty adviser for further information.

(3) Grading Requirement. Students majoring in political science must earn a grade of C or better in each of the six core courses in the major: PLSI 1, 90 (lower-division) and PLSI 110 or 111, 120, 140, and 150 (upper-division) and capstone course.