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) (satisfies GE Area 4B/formerly D2)
_____ 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 *
_____ 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 and PLSI 100W.

Capstone Course (3 units):

_____ PLSI 158 (Internship in Political Science), PLSI 192 (Study Abroad Capstone), PLSI 193 (Senior Research Capstone), or SSCI 102H (Social Sciences Honors 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:

* Students in catalog years 2018 & 2021+ may use PLSI 120 to fulfill their MI requirement. Students in catalog years 2019-2021, in addition to PLSI 120, one MI course (3 units) will be taken outside of the PLSI Dept. Capstone course is required for students in catalog year 2019-2020 and later.

(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.