

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (B.A.)

## Bachelor of Arts Program

Program Code: BA-AS

Major Code: PSC

## Political Science, Public Administration and Planning

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Political science is the study of government and politics. The major is divided into five areas: American government and politics, international politics, comparative government and politics, political theory, and public law.

Students gain an understanding of government and politics through classes distributed among the five areas and a combination of directed research and experiential learning, e.g. participation in scholarly conferences and/or internships at the national, state or local level. Students are thus prepared for an array of career options in both the public and private sectors.

The Bachelor of Arts program in Political Science enables students to concentrate their studies in Public Legal Studies or commit to a broader program of study under the General Political Science concentration.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Education 23 Requirements ( <a href="http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses">http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses</a> )		
		33 credit hours
<b>Political Science Major Requirements (39 credit hours)</b>		
Students will select one of the following concentrations:		39
General Political Science Concentration (p. )		
<i>Required Core Courses (18 Credits)</i>		
PSC 101	INTRODUCTION TO GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	
PSC 102	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	
PSC 203	POLITICAL ANALYSIS	
PSC 204	POLITICAL STATISTICS	
PSC 399	RESEARCH SKILLS	
PSC 470	SENIOR SEMINAR	

or PSC 48:INTERNSHIP

*Political Science Distribution - Select one course from four of the five distribution areas (12 Credits)*

American Government and Politics	
PSC 210	THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY
PSC 218	AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL CULTURE
PSC 225	WOMEN IN AMERICAN POLITICS
PSC 310	AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES
PSC 312	LEGISLATIVE PROCESS
PSC 315	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
PSC 323	NEW YORK STATE GOVERNMENT AND BUDGET
PSC 410	POLITICAL BEHAVIOR AND PUBLIC OPINION
International Relations	
PSC 104	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
PSC 302	INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT AND PEACEFUL RESOLUTION
PSC 305	ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
PSC 308	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW
PSC 309	INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY
PSC 330	AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY
PSC 333	AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
PSC 335	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST
PSC 337	POLITICS OF GLOBALIZATION
PSC 338	POLITICS AND HISTORY OF MODERN TERRORISM I
PSC 339	POLITICS AND HISTORY OF MODERN TERRORISM II
PSC 430	UN AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS
Comparative Government and Politics	
PSC 240	EUROPEAN POLITICAL SYSTEMS
PSC 340	POLITICS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
PSC 341	GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, AND POLICIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

PSC 344	COMPARATIVE DEMOCRACY
PSC 345/ HIS 313	POLITICS AND HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST
<b>Political Theory</b>	
PSC 351	HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT I
PSC 352	HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT II
PSC 355	AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
PSC 375	RACE, SEX, AND POLITICS OF MYTH AND STORY
PSC 450	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT
<b>Public Law</b>	
PSC 221	JUDICIAL PROCESS AND POLITICS
PSC 223	SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH THE LAW
PSC 250	INTRODUCTION TO LAW
PSC 317	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
PSC 320	U.S. CIVIL LIBERTIES
PSC 321	CIVIL PROCEDURE
PSC 368	COMPARATIVE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
PSC 420	CONTEMPORARY CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES
PSC 421	DISCRIMINATION AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION
PSC 485	MOCK TRIAL
<i>General Electives in Political Science - Courses NOT used to fulfill Political Distribution Requirements may also be used as Political Science electives (9 credit hours)</i>	
PSC 215	URBAN GOVERNMENT
PSC 319	GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUESTIONING POLITICS
PSC 327	PRACTICAL POLITICS
PSC 360	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
PSC 364	AMERICAN PUBLIC POLICY
PSC 368	COMPARATIVE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
PSC 389	TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
PSC 390	THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: POLITICS, SOCIETY, & IDENTITY
PSC 415	URBAN PUBLIC POLICY
PSC 495	SPECIAL PROJECT
PSC 497	WASHINGTON SEMESTER
PSC 499	INDEPENDENT STUDY
Public Legal Studies Concentration (p. )	
<i>Required Core Courses (30 Credits)</i>	
PSC 101	INTRODUCTION TO GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
PSC 102	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
PHI 103	INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC

or PHI 107		INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL LOGIC
PHI 112	PROFESSIONAL ETHICS	
PSC 203	POLITICAL ANALYSIS	
PSC 204	POLITICAL STATISTICS	
PSC 221	JUDICIAL PROCESS AND POLITICS	
or PSC 250		INTRODUCTION TO LAW
PSC 317	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	
or PSC 320		U.S. CIVIL LIBERTIES
PSC 399	RESEARCH SKILLS	
PSC 470	SENIOR SEMINAR	
or PSC 488		INTERNSHIP
<i>Political Science Distribution - Select one course from each of the following distribution areas (9 Credit Hours)</i>		
<b>American Government and Politics</b>		
PSC 312	LEGISLATIVE PROCESS	
PSC 321	CIVIL PROCEDURE	
PSC 420	CONTEMPORARY CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES	
PSC 421	DISCRIMINATION AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION	
PSC 485	MOCK TRIAL	
<b>International Relations/Comparative Gov't &amp; Pol</b>		
PSC 302	INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT AND PEACEFUL RESOLUTION	
PSC 308	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW	
PSC 344	COMPARATIVE DEMOCRACY	
<b>Political Theory &amp; Philosophy</b>		
PHI 301	JUSTICE: LIBERTY VS. EQUALITY	
PHI 304	PHILOSOPHY OF LAW	
PHI 314	RIGHTS AND RESPECT	
PSC 351	HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT I	
PSC 355	AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 450	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT	
<b>All College Electives</b>		
48-51 credit hours		48-51
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

Students will:

- Appraise the existing literature in a given topic area of political science and how the major historical schools of thought explain that topic
- Implement skills to generate scientific hypothesis in a given topic area of political science
- Implement appropriate statistical techniques for research design in a given topic area of political science
- Defend valid conclusions concerning political science topic area based on analysis of literature, theory development, hypothesis generation, statistical analysis of data, and discussion of study outcomes

- Demonstrate an understanding of the civic dispositions and skills conducive to democratic involvement and global awareness