

# POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

Minor Code: PSC

## Political Science, Public Administration and Planning

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Political science is the study of government and politics. The Political Science Minor is divided into three areas: a required introductory course; distribution courses selected from American government, politics, and public law courses, International Relations and Comparative Government courses, and Political Theory; and elective courses. The program offers a variety of courses in each of these areas.

Students gain an understanding of government and politics through a combination of directed reading and writing exercises. A minor in Political Science may help students to prepare for an array of career options in both the public and private sectors.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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### Required Courses (18 credit hours)

Select one from the following: 3

PSC 101 INTRODUCTION TO GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

PSC 102 INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

### Distribution Requirements (9 credit hours)

Select one from each category: 9

*American Government, Politics, and Public Law*

PSC 210 THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY

PSC 218 AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL CULTURE

PSC 225 WOMEN IN AMERICAN POLITICS

PSC 250 INTRODUCTION TO LAW

PSC 312 LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

PSC 317 U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

PSC 320 U.S. CIVIL LIBERTIES

PSC 321 CIVIL PROCEDURE

PSC 360 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

PSC 410 POLITICAL BEHAVIOR AND PUBLIC OPINION

PSC 421 DISCRIMINATION AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

PSC 485 MOCK TRIAL

### *International Relations and Comparative Government*

PSC 104 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PSC 240 EUROPEAN POLITICAL SYSTEMS

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 341 GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, AND POLICIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

PSC 345/ HIS 313 POLITICS AND HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST

### *Political Theory*

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

### General Electives in Political Science (6 credit hours)

Note: Courses not used to fulfill Required Courses or Distribution Requirements may also be used as general electives in Political Science

Select two from the following: 6

PSC 203 POLITICAL ANALYSIS

PSC 204 POLITICAL STATISTICS

PSC 215 URBAN GOVERNMENT

PSC 360 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

PSC 364 AMERICAN PUBLIC POLICY

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	
<hr/> <b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>