

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (B.A.)

BA-AS PSC

## Political Science Department Bachelor of Arts (HEGIS 2207)

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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 politics, political theory, and public law. The program offers a variety of courses in each of these areas. Minors are offered in public administration, political science, legal studies and international relations.

Students gain an understanding of government and politics through 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 may prepare 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 either in Public Legal Studies, or Urban Civic Engagement, or to develop a more individualized broader program of study under the General Political Science concentration.

### Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Intellectual Foundations 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> )		
	30-33 credit hours	30-33
<b>Political Science Major Requirements (39 credit hours)</b>		
Students will select one of the following concentrations:		39
General Political Science Concentration (p. 1)		
Urban Civic Engagement Concentration (p. 2)		
Public Legal Studies Concentration (p. 3)		
<b>All College Electives</b>		
48-51 credit hours		48-51
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

### General Political Science Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses (18 credit hours)</b>		
PSC 101	INTRODUCTION TO GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	3
PSC 102	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	3
PSC 203	POLITICAL ANALYSIS	3
PSC 204	POLITICAL STATISTICS	3
PSC 399	RESEARCH SKILLS	3
PSC 470	SENIOR SEMINAR	3
	or PSC 488 INTERNSHIP	
<b>Political Science Distribution Requirements (12 credit hours)</b>		
Students choose one course from four of five of the distribution areas (American Government, International Relations, Comparative Government, Political Theory, Philosophy and Public Law)		
<i>American Government and Politics (3 credit hours)</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
PSC 210	THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY	
PSC 218	AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL CULTURE	
PSC 225	WOMEN IN AMERICAN POLITICS	
PSC 310	AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES	
PSC 311	INTEREST GROUPS	
PSC 312	LEGISLATIVE PROCESS	
PSC 315	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	
PSC 326	POLITICS AND MEDIA	
PSC 410	POLITICAL BEHAVIOR AND PUBLIC OPINION	
<i>International Relations (3 credit hours)</i>		
Select one from the following:		3
PSC 230	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 336	LATIN AMERICA IN WORLD POLITICS
PSC 337	POLITICS OF GLOBALIZATION
PSC 338	POLITICS AND HISTORY OF MODERN TERRORISM I
PSC 339	POLITICS AND HISTORY OF MODERN TERRORISM II

*Comparative Government (3 credit hours)*

Select one from the following: 3

PSC 240	EUROPEAN POLITICAL SYSTEMS
PSC 340	POLITICS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
PSC 341	GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, AND POLICIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
PSC 342	RUSSIAN POLITICS
PSC 344	COMPARATIVE DEMOCRACY
PSC 345/ HIS 313	POLITICS AND HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST

*Political Theory and Philosophy (3 credit hours)*

Select one from the following: 3

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

*Public Law (3 credit hours)*

Select one from the following:

PSC 250	INTRODUCTION TO LAW
PSC 317	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
PSC 320	U.S. CIVIL LIBERTIES
PSC 321	CIVIL PROCEDURE
PSC 420	CONTEMPORARY CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES
PSC 421	DISCRIMINATION AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION
PSC 485	MOCK TRIAL

**General Electives in Political Science (9 credit hours)**

Courses NOT used to fulfill Political Distribution Requirements may also be used as Political Science electives. 9

PSC 103	GREAT POLITICAL ISSUES
PSC 215	URBAN GOVERNMENT
PSC 306	POLITICS OF ENERGY
PSC 313	CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
PSC 316	URBAN ETHNIC POLITICS

PSC 318	DEMOCRACY AND PEACE: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES IN THE URBAN EXPERIENCE
PSC 319	GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUESTIONING POLITICS
PSC 325	POLITICS OF WELFARE
PSC 327	PRACTICAL POLITICS
PSC 360	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
PSC 364	AMERICAN PUBLIC POLICY
PSC 368	COMPARATIVE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
PSC 370	CANADIAN 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

Urban Civic Engagement Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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**Required Courses (24 credit hours)**

PSC 101	INTRODUCTION TO GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	3
PSC 102	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	3
PSC 203	POLITICAL ANALYSIS	3
PSC 204	POLITICAL STATISTICS	3
PSC 215	URBAN GOVERNMENT	3
PSC 313	CIVIC ENGAGEMENT	3
PSC 399	RESEARCH SKILLS	3
PSC 470	SENIOR SEMINAR	3
or PSC 488	INTERNSHIP	

**Political Science Distribution Requirements (9 credit hours)**

*American Government and Politics (3 credit hours)*

Must take one of the following: 3

PSC 315	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
PSC 410	POLITICAL BEHAVIOR AND PUBLIC OPINION

*International Relations/Comparative Government (3 credit hours)*

Must take one of the following: 3

PSC 309	INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY
PSC 337	POLITICS OF GLOBALIZATION
PSC 340	POLITICS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

*Political Theory and Philosophy (3 credit hours)*

Must take one of the following: 3

PSC 355	AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
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PSC 375 RACE, SEX, AND POLITICS OF MYTH AND STORY

**Electives: Urban Civic Engagement Concentration (6 credit hours)**

Select two from the following: 6

- PSC 305 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
- PSC 306 POLITICS OF ENERGY
- PSC 311 INTEREST GROUPS
- PSC 317 U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
- PSC 318 DEMOCRACY AND PEACE: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES IN THE URBAN EXPERIENCE
- PSC 320 U.S. CIVIL LIBERTIES
- PSC 325 POLITICS OF WELFARE
- PSC 326 POLITICS AND MEDIA
- PSC 327 PRACTICAL POLITICS
- PSC 360 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
- PSC 364 AMERICAN PUBLIC POLICY
- PSC 415 URBAN PUBLIC POLICY
- PSC 420 CONTEMPORARY CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES
- PSC 421 DISCRIMINATION AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION
- SPF/SOC 366 CULTURAL PROFICIENCY AND PUBLIC ACHIEVEMENT
- SWK 301 POVERTY AND PUBLIC POLICY

*International Relations/Comparative Government (3 credit hours)*

Must take one of the following: 3

- PSC 308 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW
- PSC 309 INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY
- PSC 344 COMPARATIVE DEMOCRACY

*Political Theory and Philosophy (3 credit hours)*

Must take one of the following: 3

- PSC 351 HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT I
- PSC 355 AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
- PSC 450 CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT

**Public Legal Studies Concentration**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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**Required Courses (27 credit hours)**

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| PSC 101    | INTRODUCTION TO GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS          | 3 |
| PSC 102    | INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS | 3 |
| PSC 203    | POLITICAL ANALYSIS                               | 3 |
| PSC 204    | POLITICAL STATISTICS                             | 3 |
| PSC 250    | INTRODUCTION TO LAW                              | 3 |
| PSC 317    | U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW                          | 3 |
| or PSC 320 | U.S. CIVIL LIBERTIES                             |   |
| PSC 398    | LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING                       | 3 |
| PSC 399    | RESEARCH SKILLS                                  | 3 |
| PSC 470    | SENIOR SEMINAR                                   | 3 |
| or PSC 488 | INTERNSHIP                                       |   |

**Political Science Distribution Requirements (12 credit hours)**

*American Government and Politics (6 credit hours)*

Must take one of the following: 6

- PSC 210 THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY
- 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