WHY STUDY POLITICAL SCIENCE?

There are many definitions of political science. But whether a definition focuses on the analysis of governmental structures, or influences on voter choice, or the relationship between national governments, or the best form of government, at base, political science is about the systematic study of power. Whether power is exercised formally, as is the case between government and the individual, or informally, as is the case between individuals, it is the systematic study of power relationships that provides the subject matter for the discipline. Majors in political science obtain not only an understanding of the workings of government, but they also develop important skills in critical thinking and analysis. These skills make them ideal candidates for careers in law; in government at the state, national, and international levels; in business; in journalism; and in politics.

WHAT CAREERS DO POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS PURSUE?

Poli Sci majors learn quickly, work well in teams, and have basic understanding of the policy process and the operations of government. Poli Sci majors understand that for every endeavor, no matter how important, there is a mountain of ordinary grunt work that has to be done. Poli Sci majors can be counted on to do the foot-work, put in the face-time, and endure the slog necessary of everything of consequence.

Poli Sci majors go on to work in all levels of government. Local and state governments have a direct impact on the quality of life of all Americans. Courses on state and urban government, public policy, administrative law, and public administration are especially valuable. Quantitative and statistical skills developed in these courses and applied in the internships many of our students do provide a powerful combination.

Poli Sci majors go on to work in a wide range of International careers, in business, Foreign Service, and non-governmental organizations. Political Science offers a wide variety of courses in comparative politics, international relations and organizations, public policy, political development, and interest group politics. These courses in combination with economics, statistics, computer science, and international trade.

Poli Sci majors pursue careers in campaign management, political polling, national political committees, and consulting. They will have taken multiple courses in the American political system, comparative political parties, elections, public opinion, and voting behavior; as well as committing themselves to developing their writing and data analysis. There are over half a million campaigns in the United States annually, and while entry level jobs have long hours, low pay, and enormous demands, they are places where you can ‘cut your political teeth’. Local campaigns lead to statewide or national campaigns, and then perhaps to consulting and polling if that strikes your interest.

Poli Sci majors have also traditionally gone into law. Some lawyers are litigators while others are employed by corporations, government, and other organizations. Political Science track fits nicely for students seeking law degrees as official credentials to ‘practice law’ and those students who seek a law degree as an additional ‘tool’ to make positive impacts in their professional areas of interest. Some individuals with legal training work in other areas such as corporate or public management. The department offers a wide variety of political theory, constitutional law, and public policy courses that will help you explore the interaction between law, politics, and society.

HOW TO GET IN

Students in the College of Letters & Science can declare Political Science by completing a form on the department website (https://polisci.wisc.edu/).

Students in other schools and colleges interested in adding the Political Science major to their primary degree program need a declaration form signed by the Political Science advisor in order to obtain permission from their home school/college to add the additional major.

Students declared in the Political Science certificate may not be declared in the Political Science major at the same time. Students who do wish to declare this major must first cancel their declaration in the certificate.

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudystext) section of the Guide.

General Education

• Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits
• Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
• Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits
• Communication Part A & Part B *
• Ethnic Studies *
• Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.
BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics  Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

Foreign Language  • Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR
• Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language.

L&S Breadth  • 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and
• 12 credits of Social Science; and
• 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.

Liberal Arts and Science Coursework  Complete at least 108 credits.

Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work  Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.

Major  Declare and complete at least one major.

Total Credits  Complete at least 120 credits.

UW-Madison Experience  • 30 credits in residence, overall; and
• 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.

Quality of Work  • 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison
• 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison

NON–L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

30 credits are required in the following areas:

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International Relations

POLI SCI 140  Introduction to International Relations
POLI SCI 340  The European Union: Politics and Political Economy
POLI SCI 343  Theories of International Security
POLI SCI 345  Conflict Resolution
POLI SCI 346  China in World Politics
POLI SCI 347  Terrorism
POLI SCI 348  Analysis of International Relations

POLI SCI 350  International Political Economy
POLI SCI 354  International Institutions and World Order
POLI SCI 356  Principles of International Law
POLI SCI 359  American Foreign Policy
POLI SCI 377  Nuclear Weapons and World Politics
POLI SCI/GEN&WS 429  Gender and Politics in Comparative Perspective
POLI SCI/ECON/ENVIR ST/URB R PL 449  Government and Natural Resources

American Government

POLI SCI 104  Introduction to American Politics and Government
POLI SCI 184  Introduction to American Politics
POLI SCI 205  Introduction to State Government
POLI SCI 206  Introduction to Political Psychology
POLI SCI/LEGAL ST 217  Law, Politics and Society
POLI SCI 272  Introduction to Public Policy
POLI SCI/AFRICAN/AFROAMER/HISTORY 297  African and African-American Linkages: An Introduction

POLI SCI 302  Mexican-American Politics

POLI SCI 304  The Political Economy of Race in the United States
POLI SCI 305  Elections and Voting Behavior
POLI SCI 309  Civil Liberties in the United States
POLI SCI 311  United States Congress
POLI SCI 314  Criminal Law and Justice
POLI SCI 315  Legislative Internship
POLI SCI 402  Wisconsin in Washington Internship Course

POLI SCI 405  State Government and Public Policy
POLI SCI 408  The American Presidency
POLI SCI 410  Citizenship, Democracy, and Difference

POLI SCI 411  The American Constitution: Powers and Structures of Government
POLI SCI 412  The American Constitution: Rights and Civil Liberties
POLI SCI 414  The Supreme Court as a Political Institution
POLI SCI 416  Community Power and Grass Roots Politics

POLI SCI 417  The American Judicial System
POLI SCI/PUB AFFR 419  Administrative Law

POLI SCI 470  The First Amendment
POLI SCI 481  Honors Seminar on Race and Politics in the United States
POLI SCI 490  Study Abroad Topics in Political Science: American Government
POLI SCI 510  Politics of Government Regulation
POLI SCI 511  Campaign Finance
POLI SCI 514  Interest Group Politics
POLI SCI 515  Public Opinion
POLI SCI 516  Political Communications
POLI SCI/AFRICAN/AFROAMER 519  African American Political Theory
POLI SCI 602  Wisconsin in Washington Advanced Public Policy Course

Political Theory

POLI SCI 160  Introduction to Political Theory
POLI SCI 265  Development of Ancient and Medieval Western Political Thought
POLI SCI 266  The Development of Modern Western Political Thought
POLI SCI 360  History of American Political Thought
POLI SCI 361  Contemporary American Political Thought
POLI SCI 363  Literature and Politics
POLI SCI/ILS/ITALIAN/LITTRANS 365  Machiavelli and His World
POLI SCI 460  Topics in Political Philosophy
POLI SCI 463  Deception and Politics
POLI SCI/GEN&WS 469  Women and Politics
POLI SCI/AFRICAN/AFROAMER 519  African American Political Theory
POLI SCI 561  Radical Political Theory
POLI SCI 590  Study Abroad Topics in Political Science: Political Theory

Comparative Politics

POLI SCI 120  Introduction to Comparative Politics
POLI SCI 182  Introduction to Comparative Politics (Honors)
POLI SCI/CHICLA 231  Politics in Multi-Cultural Societies
POLI SCI/ASIAN/GEOG/HISTORY/SOC 244  Introduction to Southeast Asia: Vietnam to the Philippines
POLI SCI/GEOG/HISTORY/SLAVIC 253  Russia: An Interdisciplinary Survey
POLI SCI/GEOG/HISTORY/SLAVIC 254  Eastern Europe: An Interdisciplinary Survey
POLI SCI/ASIAN/HISTORY 255  Introduction to East Asian Civilizations

POLI SCI/AFRICAN/AFRICAN/AFROAMER/HISTORY/LACIS/SOC/SOC 277  Africa: An Introductory Survey
POLI SCI 320  Governments and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa
POLI SCI 321  Latin-American Politics
POLI SCI 322  Politics of Southeast Asia
POLI SCI 324  Chinese Politics
POLI SCI/AFRICAN/AFRICAN/AFROAMER/HISTORY/LACIS/SOC/SOC 297  Social Movements and Revolutions in Latin America
POLI SCI/AFRICAN/AFRICAN/AFROAMER/HISTORY/LACIS/SOC/SOC 325  Indian Politics in Comparative Perspective
POLI SCI 328  Politics of East and Southeast Asia
POLI SCI 329  African Politics
POLI SCI 330  Political Economy of Development
POLI SCI 332  German Politics
POLI SCI 334  Russian Politics
POLI SCI 336  Democracy (and Its Uncertain Future)
POLI SCI 338  The Civil-Military Paradox in U.S. Politics and Society
POLI SCI 339  Non-Democracies
POLI SCI/JEWISH 341  Israeli Politics and Society
POLI SCI/CHICLA/HISTORY/LACIS 355  Labor in the Americas: US & Mexico in Comparative & Historical Perspective
POLI SCI/HISTORY 370  Islam and Politics
POLI SCI 421  The Challenge of Democratization
POLI SCI/CHICLA/HISTORY 422  Latino History and Politics
POLI SCI/INTL ST 423  Social Mobilization in Latin America
POLI SCI/INTL ST 431  Contentious Politics
POLI SCI 432  Comparative Legal Institutions
POLI SCI/RELIG ST 433  Religion and Politics
POLI SCI/INTL ST 434  The Politics of Human Rights
POLI SCI/GEN&WS 435  Politics of Gender and Women’s Rights in the Middle East
POLI SCI/INTL ST 436 Political Inequality: Measures, Causes, Effects and Remedies
POLI SCI 437 Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict
POLI SCI 438 Comparative Political Culture
POLI SCI/INTL ST 439 The Comparative Study of Genocide
POLI SCI 529 Arab-Israeli Conflict
POLI SCI 534 Socialism and Transitions to the Market
POLI SCI 537 Electoral Systems and Representation
POLI SCI 538 Politics and Policies in the European Union
POLI SCI 635 Comparative Politics of Sport
POLI SCI 690 Study Abroad Topics in Political Science: Comparative Politics

Total Credits 9-12

RESEARCH METHODS

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ELECTIVES

Additional POLI SCI courses to attain 30 credits in the major.2

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all POLI SCI courses and courses that count toward the major
- 2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level credits in the major, taken in residence3
- 15 credits in POLI SCI, taken on campus

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

To declare Honors in the Major, students must have at least one POLI SCI course for Honors, at least a 3.300 University GPA, and meet with the major advisor to discuss the requirements.

To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy the requirements for the major (above) and these additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 or higher University GPA
- Earn 3.500 GPA or higher in all POLI SCI courses
- Complete at least 15 credits in POLI SCI for Honors to include:4

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FOOTNOTES

1. Courses may only meet one Distribution area. A course may meet both a Distribution and the Research Methods requirement, but will only be applied once toward the 30 credits required in the major.

2. No more than 6 total credits of Directed Study (POLI SCI 199, POLI SCI 698, POLI SCI 699) and Internship (POLI SCI 315) may count in the major.

3. POLI SCI courses numbered 300 and higher count as upper-level in the major.

4. A grade of B or higher is required to earn Honors credit.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree To receive a bachelor’s degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Develop an understanding of and appreciation for the methods and approaches of diverse subfields in Political Science—American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory—and their relevance to important theoretical and pragmatic questions.

2. Analyze different forms and practices of governance both democratic and non-democratic.

3. Argue effectively and defend propositions with intellectual integrity, while considering a range of alternative points of view and evidence.

4. Analyze relations among individuals, civil society, political institutions, and states.
5. Analyze the motivations and consequences of political decision-making and activities.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

This Sample Four-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their advisor(s). Students should use it—along with their DARS report, the Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools—to make their own four-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests. As students become involved in athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, volunteer experiences, and/or work, they might adjust the order of their courses to accommodate these experiences. Students will likely revise their own four-year plan several times during college.

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Students wishing to write a senior thesis (with or without Honors) should apply in the spring of their third year.

THREE-YEAR PLAN

SAMPLE THREE-YEAR PLAN

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DEPARTMENTAL EXPECTATIONS

Students planning to graduate within three years with a Political Science major should enter the University with a minimum of 18 advanced standing credits, and have satisfied the following requirements with course credit or via placement examination:

• Communication Part A
• Quantitative Reasoning Part A
• 18 credits of any elective coursework
• 3-4 units of foreign language

Students missing one or more of these requirements upon entering the University should talk to their advisor about completing coursework over Summer terms to stay on track for a three year timeline.

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Information about scheduling appointments and the current walk-in schedule can be found here (https://polisci.wisc.edu/advising-and-major-information/#advising). Please note that no advising appointments are scheduled via email.

**ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

Political science majors who wish to enroll in the following course(s) must obtain prior consent/authorization:

- Directed Study (note that after the sixth week of class students adding a Directed Study must obtain permission from the department chair)
- Thesis
- Proseminars (varies by specific course; check footnotes in the class schedule)
- Specific Topic
- Other advanced-level coursework with consent of the instructor in lieu of other required courses

Information and course descriptions are posted on the department website prior to each enrollment period. POLI SCI 315 Legislative Internship is available by application only. Specific deadlines will be announced each semester. Students with a classification making them ineligible for certain courses due to retroactive or AP credits may see the instructor for possible permission to enroll on a space available basis. Students who wish to enroll in a course that is closed may use the online wait list available through the Student Center in MyUW. The number of credits for variable credit courses is determined by course format and contact periods for a specific semester as noted in the class schedule. For graduate programs, see the Graduate section of this Guide.

**CAREER ADVISING**

**L&S CAREER RESOURCES**

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (https://successworks.wisc.edu/) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/)
- Set up a career advising appointment (https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/)
- Enroll in a Career Course (https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/) - a great idea for first- and second-year students:
  - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
  - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/)

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| ¹ Students wishing to write a senior thesis (with or without Honors) should apply in the spring of their second year.

**ADVISING AND CAREERS**

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The Department of Political Science has academic advisors who are available to meet with you to offer guidance on:

- Course selection
- Program planning
- Internship opportunities
- Study abroad programs
- Scholarship opportunities
- Student research interests
- Transfer and study abroad credits

SuccessWorks (https://successworks.wisc.edu/) - a great idea for first- and second-year students:

- INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
- INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/)
• Activate your Handshake account (https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
• Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students’ lives (https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/)

PEOPLE

Please see the Faculty (https://polisci.wisc.edu/faculty-2/) and Administration and Staff (https://polisci.wisc.edu/administration-staff/) sections of the Political Science website.