

POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA)

Political Science serves students whose primary interest is in some phase of public affairs (law, politics, government service) or international relations (foreign service), in gaining a better understanding of the entire field of governmental organization and functions.

Major Courses

Course	Title	Credits
Political Science 1000-Level Courses		
Select a minimum of nine credits from the following subdivisions: ¹		9
<i>Theory and Methodology</i>		
POLS 1002	Introduction to Political Theory	
<i>Comparative Politics</i>		
POLS 1202	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
or POLS 1207	Introduction to Nonwestern Politics	
<i>International Relations</i>		
POLS 1402/1402W	Introduction to International Relations	
<i>American Politics</i>		
POLS 1602/1602W	Introduction to American Politics	
Political Science Numbered 2000 or Higher²		
Select at least one course in four of the following six subdivisions:		12
Theory and Methodology (p. 1)		
Comparative Politics (p. 1)		
International Relations (p. 1)		
American Politics (p. 2)		
Public Administration, Policy and Law (p. 2)		
Intersectional Indigeneity, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (p. 2)		
Other 2000 level (or higher) Political Science courses totaling a minimum of 12 credits		12
Total Credits		33

¹ It is recommended that these courses be taken during the first two years of study.

² A minimum of 24 credits (none on a pass-fail basis).

Students must take at least one three credit W course within the major. Advanced information literacy exit requirements are incorporated into all W courses in the major, and students who successfully complete political science W courses will have met this requirement.

Subdivisions

Theory and Methodology

Course	Title	Credits
POLS 2023	Political Theory in Film	3
POLS 2062/2062W	Privacy in the Information Age	3
POLS 2072Q	Quantitative Analysis in Political Science	3
POLS 2073Q	Advanced Quantitative Methods in Political Science	3

POLS 3002	Classical and Medieval Political Theory	3
POLS 3012	Modern Political Theory	3
POLS 3017	Contemporary Political Theory	3
POLS 3019W	Black Political Thought	3
POLS 3022W	Western Marxist Tradition	3
POLS 3025	Political Theory and Popular Music	3
POLS 3032	American Political Thought and Ideology	3
POLS 3040	Power, Politics and Art	3
POLS 3042	Theories of Human Rights	3
POLS 3062	Democratic Theory	3
POLS 3072	Political Protest and Ideology	3
POLS 3082	Critical Race Theory as Political Theory	3
POLS 3672	Women and Politics	3

Comparative Politics

Course	Title	Credits
POLS 2221/2221W	Introduction to Government and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa	3
POLS 2222	Political Institutions and Behavior in Western Europe	3
POLS 3202/3202W	Comparative Political Parties and Electoral Systems	3
POLS 3203	Environmental Policy and Institutions	3
POLS 3205	Voting Behavior and Public Opinion Around the World	3
POLS 3206	Comparative Political Economy	3
POLS 3208W	Politics of Oil	3
POLS 3209	Sustainable Energy in the 21st Century	3
POLS 3212	Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights	3
POLS 3214	Comparative Social Policy	3
POLS 3216	Women in Political Development	3
POLS 3228	Politics of Russia and the Former Soviet Union	3
POLS 3235	Latin American Politics	3
POLS 3245	Chinese Politics and Economy	3
POLS 3249	Gender Politics and Islam	3
POLS 3250/3250W	The Political Economy of East Asia	3
POLS 3252	Politics In Africa	3
POLS 3256W	Politics and Human Rights in Global Supply Chains	3

International Relations

Course	Title	Credits
POLS 2429	Political Violence	3
POLS 2450	Nuclear Security	3
POLS 2460E	Maritime Politics	3
POLS 3247	Gender and War	3
POLS 3402	Contemporary International Politics	3
POLS 3406/3406W	Globalization and Political Change	3
POLS 3410	International Political Economy	3
POLS 3412	Global Environmental Politics	3
POLS 3413/3413W	International Security	3
POLS 3414	National and International Security	3

POLS 3418/3418W	International Organizations and Law	3
POLS 3426	Politics, Propaganda, and Cinema	3
POLS 3428	The Politics of Torture	3
POLS 3430	Evaluating Human Rights Practices of Countries	3
POLS 3434W	Honors Core: Excavating the International in Everyday Practices	3
POLS 3437	Recent American Diplomacy	3
POLS 3442	The Politics of American Foreign Policy	3
POLS 3450	War and Technological Change	3
POLS 3462	International Relations of the Middle East	3
POLS 3464/3464W	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3
POLS 3710	Political Science Fiction	3

American Politics

Course	Title	Credits
POLS 2602W	Religion and Politics in America	3
POLS 2607/2607W	American Political Parties	3
POLS 2622	State and Local Government	3
POLS 3027W	Historical Women Political Thinkers	3
POLS 3600	Making the Modern American Presidency	3
POLS 3601	Modern American Presidency	3
POLS 3602	The Presidency and Congress	3
POLS 3603WQ	Congressional Apportionment and Redistricting	3
POLS 3604	Congress in Theory and Practice	3
POLS 3606	How to Fix an Election: The Politics of Election Administration in the United States	3
POLS 3608	The Art, Science, and Business of Political Campaigns	3
POLS 3610W	American Politics in Film	3
POLS 3612	Electoral Behavior	3
POLS 3613	Congressional Elections	3
POLS 3617	American Political Economy	3
POLS 3618	Politics of Inequality	3
POLS 3622	American Political Leadership	3
POLS 3625/3625W	Public Opinion	3
POLS 3632/3632W	Urban Politics	3
POLS 3642	African-American Politics	3
POLS 3647	Black Leadership and Civil Rights	3
POLS 3652	Black Feminist Politics	3
POLS 3662	Latino Political Behavior	3
POLS 3667	Puerto Rican Politics and Culture	3
POLS 3850	Politics and Ethics	3

Public Administration, Policy and Law

Course	Title	Credits
POLS 2062/2062W	Privacy in the Information Age	3
POLS 2803W	Legal Reasoning and Writing	3
POLS 2807/2807W	Women and the Law	3
POLS 2827W	Criminal Justice in Practice	3
POLS 3802	Constitutional Law	3
POLS 3807	Constitutional Rights and Liberties	3

POLS 3812	Judiciary in the Political Process	3
POLS 3815	United States Constitutional Dictatorships	3
POLS 3817	Law and Society	3
POLS 3822/3822W	Law and Popular Culture	3
POLS 3827	Politics of Crime and Justice	3
POLS 3832	Maritime Law	3
POLS 3842	Public Administration	3
POLS 3847	The Policy-making Process	3
POLS 3857	Politics, Society, and Education Policy	3

Intersectional Indigeneity, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics

Course	Title	Credits
POLS 2602W	Religion and Politics in America	3
POLS 3019W	Black Political Thought	3
POLS 3082	Critical Race Theory as Political Theory	3
POLS 3216	Women in Political Development	3
POLS 3247	Gender and War	3
POLS 3249	Gender Politics and Islam	3
POLS 3252	Politics In Africa	3
POLS 3418/3418W	International Organizations and Law	3
POLS 3464/3464W	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3
POLS 3632/3632W	Urban Politics	3
POLS 3633	Race and Policy	3
POLS 3642	African-American Politics	3
POLS 3647	Black Leadership and Civil Rights	3
POLS 3652	Black Feminist Politics	3
POLS 3662	Latino Political Behavior	3
POLS 3667	Puerto Rican Politics and Culture	3
POLS 3672	Women and Politics	3
POLS 3807	Constitutional Rights and Liberties	3

Notes

A W or Q may be substituted for the same numbered course. Cross-listed courses may only be counted once. All POLS 2998 Variable Topics in Contemporary Political Issues/POLS 2998W Variable Topics in Contemporary Political Issues and POLS 2995 Special Topics in Political Issues courses apply to the major and may count towards the subdivision requirement. The subdivisions assigned to these courses can be found at polisci.uconn.edu/undergraduate/advising (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts-sciences/political-science-ba/polisci.uconn.edu/undergraduate/advising/>). POLS 3995 Special Topics courses may be counted towards part one only with the consent of the advisor.

May not be counted towards part one:

Course	Title	Credits
POLS 3991	Supervised Field Work	1-12
POLS 3993	Foreign Study	1-15
POLS 3999	Independent Study	1-6
POLS 4994	Senior Seminar	3
POLS 4997W	Senior Thesis	3

Interdepartmental (INTD and UNIV) courses may not be included in the 24 credits. No more than six credits of independent study, colloquium (POLS 4894 Political Science Colloquium), and/or field work (of which no

more than three credits may be for POLS 3991 Supervised Field Work) can be counted toward the 24 credits.

Related Courses

At least 12 credits in courses related to Political Science taken from one or more other departments. These courses must be numbered 2000 or higher and cannot be taken on a pass-fail basis. All 2000-level (or higher) courses in Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Human Rights, Philosophy, Public Policy and Sociology will meet this requirement. Any course within these departments that is cross-listed with POLS will count towards the major and not as a related. Certain other courses have been approved and are listed on polisci.uconn.edu (<http://polisci.uconn.edu>). Courses not in the departments listed above or included on the pre-approved list may be approved as related courses at the discretion of the advisor.

A minor in Political Science is described in the “Minors” section.

University General Education Requirements

Every student must meet a set of core requirements to earn a baccalaureate degree, in addition to those required by the student’s major course of study and other requirements set by the student’s school or college. For more information about these requirements, please see General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/gen-ed-requirements/>).

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree Requirements

Students must meet a set of requirements established by the college in addition to the University’s General Education requirements. For more information, see the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts-sciences/#requirementstext>) section of this catalog.

Accelerated Political Science 5th Year Master of Arts

Up to 12 credits of approved graduate coursework included on the student’s undergraduate plan of study can also be used toward both the B.A. and M.A. Plans of Study.