

# Political Science Minor

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## About

Today, no less than in the past, it is essential for citizens in a democracy to be educated about the political system in which they live and to know how that system relates to other governments and international issues. The study of political science will educate you about timely and important political issues on a national and global scale while helping you develop a set of analytical, reasoning and research skills to last a lifetime. As a political science major, you will learn about American politics, comparative politics, international relations and political theory; become familiar with the methodology of social science inquiry and learn how to conduct research; build competence in oral and written expression; develop reasoning and analytical skills; become a politically engaged citizen-leader; prepare for any number of politically-oriented careers or for [graduate or professional training](#). As a political science major, you will learn how political leaders operate; governments make decisions; politics shapes public policy; governments respond to internal and international conflicts; people develop political attitudes and preferences; groups attempt to influence government; and governments can best serve their people.

**Program:** [Political Science](#)  
**Type:** Minor

## MINOR: Political Science (18 credits)

A minor is open to all students and requires 6 courses and 18 credits.

### *Program Notes:*

- Courses that fulfill minor requirements may be used to fulfill other requirements (i.e., primary major, core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives).
- Students completing the minor are encouraged to focus on one or two subfields, although they are not required to do so.
- Internship credit will not be applied to the Political Science minor.

Course	Title	Credits
	PSC Foundational Elective	6
	Upper-Level PSC Electives for Minor	12

## Category Descriptions

### PSC Foundational Elective

Credits: 6

Choose at least two of the following foundational courses.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
PSC 1100	American Government	3
PSC 1200	International Relations	3
PSC 1300	Comparative Politics	3
PSC 1400	Political Theory	3

### Upper-Level PSC Electives for Minor

Credits: 12

Select any four courses with the PSC attribute or courses numbered from PSC 2000:6899 except PSC 6503 (12 cr).