

Political Science - Standard

Major Requirements

Major: Political Science - Standard

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degree

- A list of approved general education courses is available here (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2017-18/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).
- General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review the major, minor, and program emphases requirements for minimum grade restrictions, should they apply.

Code	Title	Credits
Communication (C)		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing [†]		
Quantitative Reasoning (R) [†]		3
Science and Technology (S) [†]		10
Humanities and Fine Arts (A) [†]		6
Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) [†]		6
Wellness (W) [†]		2
Cultural Diversity (D) ^{**†}		
Global Perspectives (G) ^{**†}		
Total Credits		39

* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† May be satisfied with courses required in the major. Review major requirements to determine if a specific upper division writing course is required.

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree – The completion of a minor program of study, a second major, or a second degree is required.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree – Second year language proficiency at college level required.

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences College Requirements

An additional 9 credits are required by the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for all Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree programs of study, except the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, the Bachelor of Music degree, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree, and the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree:

Code	Title	Credits
AH&SS College Requirements		
Courses used to satisfy any general education requirement cannot be used to also count toward the AH&SS College Requirements. A minimum of three credits is required in each of the 3 following areas for a total of 9 credits. Choose only those courses with the prefixes listed for each area. A course with the WGS prefix can only be used in one area.		
Area One: Humanities		3
ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, or WGS		
Area Two: Social Sciences		3
ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS		
Area Three: Fine Arts		3

ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA

Total Credits

9

Major Requirements

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Core Requirements		
POLS 110 or POLS 115	Introduction to Political Science (May satisfy general education category B) American Government	3
POLS 220 or POLS 225	International Politics Comparative Politics	3
POLS 240	Political Ideologies	3
POLS 325 or CJ 325	Applied Research Methods Applied Research Methods	4
POLS 489	Senior Seminar	3
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics (May satisfy general education category R)	3
Select a minimum of one course from each of the four areas listed below:		12
Area 1:		
POLS 420	Political Behavior-Executive-Legislative Process	
POLS 421	Political Behavior-Political Parties	
POLS 422	State and Local Politics	
POLS 423	Public Policy Analysis	
Area 2:		
POLS 430	Constitutional Law-Civil Liberties	
POLS 431	Constitutional Law-Criminal Justice	
Area 3:		
POLS 442	Global Policy Issues	
POLS 444	International Law	
POLS 445	Ethnic Conflicts	
POLS 453	Environmental Policy and Politics	
POLS 446	Current Topics in International Law	
Area 4:		
POLS 442	Global Policy Issues	
POLS 450	Politics of the Developing Countries	
POLS 451	Politics of the Industrialized Countries	
POLS 452	Comparative Political Economy	
POLS 453	Environmental Policy and Politics	
Political Science Electives: At least 9 credits must be from permanently numbered courses.		9
Courses which are eligible to fulfill this requirement may come from any of the following courses, or from Special Topic classes offered by the Political Science department (requires a substitution form to be submitted to the Office of Registration and Records signed by dept. chairperson), or from classes not selected to meet area requirements.		
POLS 120	Terrorism	
POLS 210	Current Politics	
POLS 215	Problems and Policies In American Government	
POLS 216	Campaigns and Elections	
POLS 230	Judicial Process	
POLS 350	Gender Issues and the Law	
POLS 351	Women and Politics	
POLS 360	Principles of Public Administration	

Total Credits

40

Degree Requirements and Notes

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 required in courses with the POLS prefix.