

# Political Science

## Department Information

- **Department Location:**  
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- **Department Phone:**  
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- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:**  
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## Major Requirements

### Major: Political Science - Public Service Option

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

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

### University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
  - a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU resident credits as defined in #7.
  - b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2021-22/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section of this Bulletin.

### University General Education Requirements

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

- \* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.
- † 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 major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.
- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2021-22/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

## Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

### Degree Requirements

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree** – The completion of a minor program of study.

**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 a student whose primary degree is a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree in a major from the College of AHSS. These additional 9 credits are not required for the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree, Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Environmental Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, Bachelor of Music degree, for any student whose primary major or degree is not in the College of AHSS, or the student is earning two majors or two different degrees.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>AH&amp;SS College Requirements</b>		
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.		
<b>Area One: Humanities</b>		<b>3</b>
ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, or WGS		
<b>Area Two: Social Sciences</b>		<b>3</b>
ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS		
<b>Area Three: Fine Arts</b>		<b>3</b>
ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
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 Elective	100 or 200 level	3
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics (May satisfy general education category R)	3
<b>Political Science - Public Service Emphasis:</b>		
POLS 215	Problems and Policies In American Government	3
POLS 325 or CJ 325	Applied Research Methods Applied Research Methods	3
POLS 420	Political Behavior-Executive-Legislative Process	3
POLS 422	State and Local Politics	3
POLS 423	Public Policy Analysis	3
POLS 430 or POLS 431	Constitutional Law-Civil Liberties Constitutional Law-Criminal Justice	3
POLS 442 or POLS 444 or POLS 446	Global Policy Issues International Law International Criminal Law	3

POLS 450	Politics of the Developing Countries	3
or POLS 451	Politics of the Industrialized Countries	
or POLS 452	Comparative Political Economy	
POLS 489	Senior Seminar	3
POLS 496	Field Experience	9
Supplemental Requirements: Pre-requisites apply to all courses. Select 5 courses from the following:		15
ACCT 200	Elements of Accounting I	
ACCT 201	Elements of Accounting II	
MGMT 320	Foundations of Management	
COMM 383	Organizational Communication I	
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	
EMGT 101	Emergencies, Disasters, and Catastrophes	
ENGL 320	Business and Professional Writing	
SOC 115	Social Problems	
HDFS 353	Children, Families and Public Policy	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>66</b>

## Degree Requirements and Notes

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