

# Political Science

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## Department Information

- **Department Location:**  
Putnam Hall
- **Department Phone:**  
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- **Department Web Site:**  
[www.ndsu.edu/politicalscience/](http://www.ndsu.edu/politicalscience/) (<http://www.ndsu.edu/politicalscience/>)
- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:**  
[bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/political-science/#planofstudystandardtext](http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/political-science/#planofstudystandardtext) (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/political-science/#planofstudystandardtext>)

## Major Requirements

### Major: Political Science - Standard

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

**Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate:** 120

### University Degree Requirements

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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>

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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

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<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 325 or CJ 325	Applied Research Methods Applied Research Methods	3
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics	3
<b>Select a minimum of five courses from at least three of the four areas listed below (Area 1-4):</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Area 1:</b>		
POLS 420	Political Behavior-Executive-Legislative Process	
POLS 421	Political Behavior-Political Parties	
POLS 422	State and Local Politics	
POLS 423	Public Policy Analysis	
<b>Area 2:</b>		
POLS 430	Constitutional Law-Civil Liberties	
POLS 431	Constitutional Law-Criminal Justice	
<b>Area 3:</b>		
POLS 442	Global Policy Issues	

POLS 444	International Law
POLS 445	Ethnic Conflicts
POLS 453	Environmental Policy and Politics
POLS 446	International Criminal Law
<b>Area 4:</b>	
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 9

Courses which are eligible to fulfill this requirement may come from the following list of 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 1-4 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** **39**

## Degree Requirements and Notes

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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) **†	
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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
<b>Pre-Law Emphasis Requirements:</b>		
A single International Law course satisfies either a core requirement or an Area 2 requirement, but not both.		
POLS	100 or 200 level	3

POLS 230	Judicial Process	3
POLS 430	Constitutional Law-Civil Liberties	3
POLS 431	Constitutional Law-Criminal Justice	3
POLS 444	International Law	3
or POLS 446	International Criminal Law	

**Additional Program Requirements: Complete requirements as indicated from each of the three professional areas listed below for the Pre-Law Option (I, II, & III)**

Professional Area I: One course from each of the following three areas. 9

Area One:

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 Two:

POLS 442 Global Policy Issues

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POLS 450 Politics of the Developing Countries

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Professional Area II: Communication Component - Select 2 courses from the following: 6

COMM 214 Persuasive Speaking

or COMM 308 Business and Professional Speaking

COMM 216 Intercultural Communication

COMM 318 Argumentation and Advocacy

or COMM 383 Organizational Communication I

ENGL 358 Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences

Professional Area III: Law Related Courses - Select 2 courses from the following: 5-6

ACCT 410 Fraud Examination

BUSN 430 Legal and Social Environment of Business

BUSN 431 Business Law I-Contracts, Property and Torts

BUSN 432 Business Law II-Business Organization and Commercial Transactions

CJ 201 Introduction to Criminal Justice

CJ 230 Criminology

CJ 330 Criminal Law and Procedure

COMM 433 Legal Communication

COMM 434 Communication Law

**Total Credits**

**54-55**

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POLS 422	State and Local Politics	3
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POLS 442 or POLS 444 or POLS 446	Global Policy Issues International Law International Criminal Law	3
POLS 450 or POLS 451 or POLS 452	Politics of the Developing Countries Politics of the Industrialized Countries Comparative Political Economy	3
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

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## Minor Requirements

### Minor: Political Science

Required Credits: 21

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<b>Required Courses</b>		
POLS 110 or POLS 115	Introduction to Political Science American Government	3
POLS 220 or POLS 225	International Politics Comparative Politics	3
POLS 240	Political Ideologies	3
<b>Electives: Areas of law, behavior, international relations or comparative politics (at 400 level)</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Additional Electives: Selected in consultation with adviser</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>

### Minor Requirements and Notes

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