

# Political Science

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## Department Information

- **Department Location:**  
Putnam Hall
- **Department Phone:**  
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[www.ndsu.edu/politicalscience/](http://www.ndsu.edu/politicalscience/) (<http://www.ndsu.edu/politicalscience/>)
- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:**  
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## Major Requirements

### Major: Political Science - Pre-Law 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/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/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 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 or POLS 446	International Law International Criminal Law	3

**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	
POLS 445	Ethnic Conflicts	
POLS 453	Environmental Policy and Politics	
POLS 444	International Law	
or POLS 446	International Criminal Law	
Area Three:		
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	
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	

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**Total Credits**
**54-55**

## Degree Requirements and Notes

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