



Political Science - B.S.

College of Arts and Sciences

Political Science focuses on the manner by which values and resources are authoritatively allocated in societies and in international relations.

Political Science courses at UK cover a wide range of topics, e.g., classic and modern political theory; the governments of foreign nations; international law and organizations; relations between different countries; public opinion, political parties, campaigns and electoral behavior; public policy in the U.S. and other countries; the functioning of legislative, executive and judicial institutions; state government; and urban politics.

Political Science courses are designed not only to convey information to students, but to develop their skills in analyzing political arguments and in resolving political and governmental policy questions.

120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree must complete a minimum of 60 hours in natural, physical, mathematical, and computer science. Please note: courses with a PS prefix are generally not accepted towards fulfilling this 60-hour requirement.

University Studies Program Requirements

- I. Math 0-3
II. Foreign Language (placement exam recommended) 0-8
III. Inference-Logic 3-6
IV. Written Communication 3-6
V. Oral Communication 3
VI. Natural Sciences 6
VII. Social Sciences (partially completed by Premajor Requirement) 3
VIII. Humanities 6
IX. Cross-Cultural (can be completed by Premajor Requirement)
X. Electives (choose two Natural Science courses) 6

USP hours: 30-47

College Requirements

- I. Foreign Language (placement exam recommended) 0-8
II. Disciplinary Requirements
a. Natural Science (completed by USP Elective Requirement)
b. Social Science (completed by Premajor Requirements)
c. Humanities 3
III. Laboratory or Field Work (completed by Premajor Requirement)
IV. Electives 6

College Requirement hours: 9-17

Premajor Requirements

- *PS 101 American Government 3
PS 202 Orientation to Political Science 1

plus two of the following:

PS 210 Introduction to European Politics: East and West

or

*PS 212 Culture and Politics in the Third World

PS 235 World Politics

PS 240 Ideology, Political Change, and Contemporary Industrial Society

*PS 245 Introduction to Political Analysis

PS 255 State Government

PS 271 Introduction to Political Behavior

PS 280 Issues in Public Policy 6

Premajor hours: 10

Major Requirements

Course Work Required for the Major

From the Major Department:

Area Courses

At least one course must be taken in each of the areas 1, 2, and 3 listed below and at least one course must be taken in another field; and 9 additional hours from the Areas listed below or PS 395, 490, and 491. At least 15 hours must be at the 300+ level

Note: Courses used to satisfy the premajor cannot be used to satisfy the area requirements. 21

Area 1 - Theory and Methodology

PS 240, 245, 441G, 442G, 545, 549

Area 2 - Comparative Politics

PS 210, 212, 411G, 412G, 417G, 419G, 420G, 421G, 427G, 428G, 429G, 538

Area 3 - International Relations

PS 235, 430G, 431G, 433G, 436G, 437G, 439G, 532, 538, 539

Area 4 - Political Process

PS 271, 470G, 472G, 473G, 474G, 476G, 479, 480G, 571, 584

Area 5 - Public Administration

PS 280, 487G, 489G, 580, 584

Area 6 - Public Law and Judicial Behavior

PS 461G, 463G, 465G, 467G, 566

Area 7 - State and Local Politics

PS 255, 453G, 456G, 557

Other Courses

Choose 6 hours of PS courses (including 1-6 hours of PS 399) or approved courses from outside political science (see list below) 6

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From Outside the Major Department

Choose 15 hours outside Political Science at the 300+ level. 200+ level courses used to satisfy USP and College requirements can also be counted here. The courses must be chosen from the list that follows, or approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies and must include at least 6 hours from 2 different departments 15

AAS 200, 254, 260, 261, 328, 336, 417G, 431G, 432, 585, 587, 657

AEC 309, 324, 445G, 471, 479, 532

ANT – all 200+ level courses

APP 200

COM 249, 281, 319, 381, 419, 449, 452, 453, 482, 483, 525

CS – all 200+ level courses

ECO – all 200+ level courses

EPE 301, 555

FAM 354, 509, 544, 550, 551, 563

FIN 423, 480

GEO – all 200+ level courses

GLY 430

GER 317, 319

HIS – all 200+ level courses

HON 201, 202, 301

JOU 204, 301, 499, 531, 532

TEL 319, 320, 453, 510

LAS 201, 395, 401

MGT 340, 341, 441, 450

PHI – all 200+ level courses

PSY – all 200+ level courses

RAE 270, 280, 340, 342, 430G

SOC – all 200+ level courses

SW 222, 430, 523, 560, 571

SPA 312, 314, 438G, 512, 513, 514

STA – all 200+ level courses

WS 200, 300, 350, 416

Major hours: 42

Electives

Electives should be selected by the student to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation 4

Total Minimum Hours Required for Degree 120

**Course used towards completion of a USP or College Requirement.*