Political Science - B.A.

Political Science focuses on the manner by which values and resources are authoritatively allocated in societies and in international relations. In addition to providing a good liberal arts preparation, the discipline is particularly helpful in preparing for careers such as law, government administration, diplomatic service, public planning, policy analysis, journalism, political activity and the like. Also, the department’s courses provide the necessary background and skills for pursuing graduate work in political science and related fields.

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. Students may also take special reading courses and be placed in internships through the department.

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 Arts (BA) degree must complete a minimum of 39 hours at the 300+ level. These hours are generally completed by the major requirements. However, keep this hour requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. A complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree can be found on pages 93-95 of the 2005-2006 UK Bulletin.

University Studies Program Requirements

| I. Math ................................................................. | 0-3 |
| II. Foreign Language \(\text{placement exam recommended}\) | 0-8 |
| III. Inference–Logic ............................................. | 3-6 |
| IV. Written Communication ...................................... | 0-4 |
| VI. Natural Sciences ............................................. | 6 |
| VII. Social Sciences \(\text{partially completed by Premajor Requirement}\) | 3 |
| VIII. Humanities .................................................. | 6 |
| IX. Cross-Cultural \(\text{can be completed by Premajor Requirement}\) | 6 |
| X. Electives ....................................................... | 6 |

USP hours: ........................................................................ 24-42

Graduation Writing Requirement

After attaining sophomore status, students must complete a Graduation Writing Requirement course. See “University Writing Requirement” on page 66 of the 2005-2006 UK Bulletin.

Graduation Writing Requirement Hours: ........................................ 3

College Requirements

| I. Foreign Language \(\text{placement exam recommended}\) | 0-8 |
| II. Disciplinary Requirements | |
| a. Natural Science | |
| b. Social Science \(\text{completed by Premajor Requirements}\) | |
| c. Humanities \(\text{choose 300+ level courses}\) | 6 |
| III. Laboratory or Field Work \(\text{can be completed by PS 245 or PS 372}\) | |
| IV. Electives | 6 |

College Requirement hours: ............................................... 12-20

Premajor Requirements

*PS 101 American Government .......................................................... 3

plus two of the following:

PS 235 World Politics
PS 240 Introduction to Political Theory
PS 210 Introduction to Comparative Politics

or

*PS 212 Culture and Politics in the Third World .............................. 6

Premajor hours: ........................................................................ 9

Major Requirements

Course Work Required for the Major

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

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 nine additional hours from the Areas listed below or PS 395, 490, and 491. At least 15 hours must be at the 300+ level .......................... 21

Area 1 – Theory and Methodology
PS 240, 245 \(\text{(or 372)}\), 441G, 442G, 545, 549

Area 2 – Comparative Politics

Area 3 – International Relations

Area 4 – Political Process

Area 5 – Public Administration
PS 487G, 489G, 580, 584

Area 6 – Public Law and Judicial Behavior

Area 7 – State and Local Politics
PS 453G, 456G, 458, 557

Other Courses

Choose six hours of PS courses (including 1-6 hours of PS 399) or approved courses from outside political science \(\text{see list below}\) .................................................. 6

From Outside the Major Department

Choose 15 hours outside political science from the following list. At least 9 hours must be at the 300+ level. You must take at least 6 hours from two different departments. Special topics courses and other offerings related to the concentration may be substituted, subject to the approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies ...................................... 15

AAS 200, 420
ACC 407
AEC 324, 471, 479, 510, 532
AIS 328, 330
ANT – 220, 221, 323, 324, 327, 340, 375, 401, 431G, 433, 435, 532, 534
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APP 200
BSC – all 200+ level courses
COM 249, 449, 453
DIS 300
ECO – all 200+ level courses
EDA 401
EDC 326, 346
ENG 204
EPE – all 200+ level courses
FAM 509, 544, 563
FIN 423
FR 350, 550
GEO – 222, 240, 260, all 300+ level courses
GER 264, 317, 319
HIS – all 200+ level courses
HJS 324, 325
HON – all 200+ level courses (except independent work)
HSM 354
JOU 204, 531, 535
JPN 320, 321, 334, 451G, 461G
LAS 201
MGT 340, 341
MKT 310, 340, 450
NRC – all 300+ level courses
PHI – all 200+ level courses
PSY – all 200+ level courses
RUS 270, 271
SOC – all 200+ level courses
SPA 312, 314
ST 500
STA – all 200+ level courses
SW 222, 320, 420, 430, 505, 523, 571
TEL 310, 319, 453, 510, 520
WS 200, 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 ................................................................. 1

Total Minimum Hours Required for Degree ........................................ 120

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