



Twin Cities Campus

Political Psychology Minor

School of Journalism & Mass Communication, Political Science Department, Psychology

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

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- Program Type: Graduate free-standing minor
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2022
- Length of program in credits (Doctorate): 13
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Political psychology is a rapidly advancing field of scientific inquiry concerned with psychological aspects of political behavior. It encompasses a variety of interdisciplinary research perspectives, drawing on the theories and methods of core disciplines such as psychology, political science, law, and sociology, as well as interdisciplinary fields such as mass communication and decision sciences. The minor's structured curriculum provides a foundation in basic areas of political psychology: ideology, partisanship, and political attitudes; political cognition; judgment and decision making; racial and ethnic attitudes and the psychology of intergroup relations in unequal societies; personality and leadership; mass communication; public opinion and mass political behavior; and political socialization. In addition to providing a background in political psychology, the program trains students in the theory and methods useful to this field, such as content analysis, survey analysis, and experimental design. The faculty is drawn from across the University.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

Special Application Requirements:

Students interested in the minor are strongly encouraged to confer with their major field advisor and director of graduate studies, and the Political Psychology director of graduate studies regarding feasibility and requirements.

Knowledge of quantitative methods, gained prior to or during the course of graduate studies, is strongly encouraged.

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

The minimum cumulative GPA for minor field coursework is 3.30.

Core Coursework (9 credits)

Take the following courses. Other courses may be substituted with approval of the Political Psychology director of graduate studies.

[JOUR 8661](#) - Seminar: Mediated Political Communication in the Digital Age (3.0 cr)

[POL 8311](#) - Political Psychology and Socialization (3.0 cr)

[PSY 8201](#) - Social Cognition (3.0 cr)

Political Psychology Proseminars (4 credits)

Select 1 of the following proseminar sequences in consultation with the Political Psychology director of graduate studies:

[POL 8307](#) - Proseminar in Political Psychology I (2.0 cr)

[POL 8308](#) - Proseminar in Political Psychology II (2.0 cr)



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or [PSY 8211](#) - Proseminar in Political Psychology I (2.0 cr)

[PSY 8212](#) - Proseminar in Political Psychology II (2.0 cr)

Program Sub-plans

Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.

Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Doctoral