Duluth Campus

Political Science Minor

History, Political Science & International Studies

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Undergraduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2018
- Required credits in this minor: 20 to 21

The political science minor can be designed specifically to supplement major programs in related disciplines or more broadly develop the political awareness, background, and critical faculties requisite to responsible citizenship.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

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

Minor Requirements

Requirements (20-21 credits)

Across the lower division and elective areas a total of 20-21 credits is required. Students are required to take a minimum of 14 credits of POL 3xxx-4xxx. Within these 14 credits, no more than one course may be from the 'Electives From Outside the Department' area. A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at UMD. Students may satisfy this requirement by taking all POL courses at the 3xxx or higher course level.

Lower Division (0-7 cr)

Most POL 1xxx-2xxx courses apply here. If students elect to take a methodology course, POL 2700 is preferred.
Take at most 7 credit(s) from the following:

- POL 1011 - American Government and Politics [LE CAT6, SOC SCI] (3.0 cr)
- POL 1015 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- POL 1050 - International Relations [LE CAT, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- POL 1500 - Introduction to Comparative Politics [LE CAT, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- POL 1610 - Introduction to Political Theory [LE CAT, HUMANITIES] (3.0 cr)
- POL 1800 - Mock Trial (3.0 cr)
- POL 2700 - Methodology and Analysis [LOGIC & QR] (4.0 cr)

Electives (14 cr)

Most POL 3xxx-4xxx courses apply here. Students are required to take a minimum of 14 credits of POL 3xxx-4xxx within the minor. One course from the 'Electives From Outside the Department' area may apply.
Take 14 or more credit(s) from the following:

- POL 3001 - American Public Policy (3.0 cr)
- POL 3015 - State and Local Government (4.0 cr)
- POL 3025 - Popular Culture and Politics [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- POL 3040 - Women and Politics (3.0 cr)
- POL 3080 - Environment and Politics (3.0 cr)
- POL 3097 - Government Internship (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
- POL 3120 - Congress and the Presidency (4.0 cr)
- POL 3131 - Judicial Politics and Policy Making (3.0 cr)
- POL 3141 - Pol Parties & Polarization (3.0 cr)
- POL 3142 - Voting, Campaigning, and Elections (3.0 cr)
- POL 3143 - Political Psychology (3.0 cr)
- POL 3150 - American Constitutional Law I (3.0 cr)
- POL 3151 - American Constitutional Law II (3.0 cr)
- POL 3170 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- POL 3195 - Special Topics: (various titles to be assigned) (3.0 cr)
- POL 3197 - Nongovernmental Internship (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
- POL 3311 - Public Opinion and Polling Methods (3.0 cr)
- POL 3400 - Contemporary Issues in World Politics (4.0 cr)
- POL 3403 - American Foreign Policy (3.0 cr)
- POL 3420 - International Organization and Global Governance (3.0 cr)
- POL 3426 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
- POL 3430 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

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- POL 3451 - Theories of International Relations (4.0 cr)
- POL 3456 - International Security: War and More (4.0 cr)
- POL 3511 - Politics of South Asia (3.0 cr)
- POL 3515 - Theories of Comparative Politics (3.0 cr)
- POL 3517 - Western European Political Systems (4.0 cr)
- POL 3518 - Transitional Politics of Asia (3.0 cr)
- POL 3525 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- POL 3530 - Comparative Constitutional Law and Judicial Politics (3.0 cr)
- POL 3570 - Politics of Developing Nations (3.0 cr)
- POL 3575 - Latin American Politics and Development (3.0 cr)
- POL 3580 - Central American Politics (3.0 cr)
- POL 3600 - Political Concepts (3.0 cr)
- POL 3610 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- POL 3651 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- POL 3652 - Modern Political Thought (4.0 cr)
- POL 4190 - Senior Seminar (4.0 cr)
- POL 4191 - Independent Study (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- POL 4910 - Teaching Assistantship in Political Science (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

Electives From Outside the Department (one course)

Take no more than 1 course(s) from the following:

- AMIN 3206 - Federal Indian Policy [LE CAT8, LECD CAT08, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3230 - American Indian Tribal Government and Law [SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4230 - Introduction to Federal Indian Law [SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- BLAW 2001 - The Legal Environment [LE CAT8, HUMANITIES] (3.0 cr)
- CRIM 3324 - Sociology of Criminal Law (3.0 cr)
- CRIM 3380 - Death Penalty (3.0 cr)
- ECON 2030 - Applied Statistics for Business and Economics [LOGIC & QR] (3.0 cr)
- ECON 4213 - Mathematical Economics (3.0 cr)
- ECON 3570 - Public Finance (3.0 cr)
- GEOG 4393 - Political Geography (3.0 cr)
- HIST 3265 - The Soviet Experiment: Russia, the USSR, and Contemporary Russia [LE CAT7, LEIP CAT07, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3243 - Europe in Crisis in the 20th Century (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3386 - The United States and the World since 1898 (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3465 - Twentieth Century China Politics (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3615 - Modern Africa (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3616 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
- HIST 3726 - Modern Middle East: 18th Century-Present [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- INTS 4100 - Seminar in International Studies (4.0 cr)
- PHIL 3231 - Law and Punishment (4.0 cr)
- PHIL 3291 - Current Social Political Philosophy (4.0 cr)
- SOC 3155 - Quantitative Research Methods and Analysis (4.0 cr)
- SOC 3156 - Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis (4.0 cr)
- WS 3100 - Feminist Thought [HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)
- WS 3600 - Ecofeminism: Theories and Sustainable Practices [SUSTAIN] (3.0 cr)
- **STAT option**
  - STAT 1411 - Introduction to Statistics [LE CAT, LOGIC & QR] (3.0 cr)
  or STAT 2411 - Statistical Methods [LE CAT, LOGIC & QR] (3.0 cr)
  or STAT 3611 - Introduction to Probability and Statistics (4.0 cr)
  or STAT 5411 - Analysis of Variance (3.0 cr)
  or STAT 5511 - Regression Analysis (3.0 cr)

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