Morris Campus

Political Science Minor

Division of Social Sciences - Adm

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- Program Type: Undergraduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2017
- Required credits in this minor: 20

Objectives--Political science is the study of the political world in a comprehensive sense, including the behaviors, organizations, institutions, and philosophical foundations of political life from the level of individuals to the international setting in both contemporary and historical contexts. In addition, political science makes the connection between theory and practice at the ground level by preparing students for active lifelong participation and leadership in democratic society. The political science major curriculum stresses the development of strong analytical skills and critical thinking and prepares students for further academic training in political science, law, public administration, international relations, and other graduate programs, as well as for work in public affairs, business, journalism, interest groups, and a wide range of other careers.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

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

Minor Requirements

The political science minor requires 20 credit hours of political science courses.

No grades below C- are allowed. Courses may not be taken S-N, unless offered S-N only.

A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required in the minor to graduate. The GPA includes all, and only, University of Minnesota coursework. Grades of "F" are included in GPA calculation until they are replaced.

Required Courses

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

- POL 1101 - Introduction to Political Theory [E/CR] (4.0 cr)
- POL 1201 - American Government and Politics [E/CR] (4.0 cr)
- POL 1202 *{Inactive}*[SS] (4.0 cr)
- POL 1401 - World Politics [IP] (4.0 cr)

Elective Courses

Courses used to satisfy electives are exclusive of any used to complete the required courses.

Take 12 or more credits from 2xxx, 3xxx or 4xxx. At least 4 credits must be from 3xxx or 4xxx level.

Take at most 4 credit(s) from the following:

- POL 1101 - Introduction to Political Theory [E/CR] (4.0 cr)
- POL 1201 - American Government and Politics [E/CR] (4.0 cr)
- POL 1202 *{Inactive}*[SS] (4.0 cr)
- POL 1401 - World Politics [IP] (4.0 cr)

Take at most 8 credit(s) from the following:

- POL 2001W - Political Science Research Methods [SS] (4.0 cr)
- POL 2221 - The American Judicial Process [SS] (2.0 cr)
- POL 2222 - The U.S. Supreme Court [SS] (2.0 cr)
- POL 2234 - Race, Class and Power: Social Movements in U.S. Politics [HDIV] (2.0 cr)
- POL 2235 - Race, Class and Power: Interest Groups in U.S. Politics [HDIV] (2.0 cr)
- POL 2261 - States: Laboratories of American Democracy [E/CR] (2.0 cr)
- POL 2262 - Power and Politics in American Cities and Communities [E/CR] (2.0 cr)
- POL 2301 *{Inactive}*[HUM] (2.0 cr)
- POL 2302 *{Inactive}*[SS] (2.0 cr)
- POL 2354 *{Inactive}*[E/CR] (4.0 cr)
- POL 2401 - U.S. Foreign Policy [IP] (4.0 cr)
- POL 2411 - Model United Nations [IP] (4.0 cr)
- POL 2461 - Diplomatic Negotiation [IP] (4.0 cr)
- POL 2501 - East Asian Society and Politics [SS] (4.0 cr)

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Take 4 or more credit(s) from the following:

- POL 3201 - Legislative Process [SS] (4.0 cr)
- POL 3211 - The American Presidency [SS] (4.0 cr)
- POL 3231 - Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- POL 3232 - Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers and Constraints [SS] (4.0 cr)
- POL 3251 - American Democracy in Action: Campaigns, Elections, and Political Behavior [SS] (4.0 cr)
- POL 3263 - Political Psychology [SS] (4.0 cr)
- POL 3266 *{Inactive}*[SS] (4.0 cr)
- POL 3272 - Making Environmental Public Policy [ENVT] (4.0 cr)
- POL 3302 *{Inactive}*[SS] (2.0 cr)
- POL 3303 - Gender, Sexuality, and Political Theory [SS] (2.0 cr)
- POL 3351 - Ancient and Medieval Political Thought [HUM] (4.0 cr)
- POL 3352 - Modern Political Thought [HUM] (4.0 cr)
- POL 3355 *{Inactive}*[ENVT] (4.0 cr)
- POL 3411 - International Law [IP] (4.0 cr)
- POL 3451 - Comparative Foreign Policy (4.0 cr)
- POL 3453 - Russian Politics and Foreign Policy [IP] (4.0 cr)
- POL 3475 - International Human Rights (4.0 cr)
- POL 3504 - Latin American Politics (4.0 cr)
- POL 3996 - Field Study in Political Science (1.0 - 16.0 cr)
- POL 3xxx
- POL 4205 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
- POL 4305 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
- POL 4405 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)

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