



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 2018
- 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.

Note: This minor is available to doctoral students only.

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: social attitudes and cognition, judgment and decision making, group relations, personality and leadership, mass communication, public opinion, 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

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.

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

Core Courses

With the approval of the minor DGS, students may substitute an alternative course of at least 3 credits for one of the three core courses listed below. This option may only be utilized if the student takes all three core courses listed below but wishes to count one of the three core courses towards their PhD major rather than their PhD minor.

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

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

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

Political Psychology Proseminar

Take at least two semesters of the proseminar.

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



[POL 8308](#) - Proseminar in Political Psychology II (2.0 cr)
or [PSY 8211](#) - Proseminar in Political Psychology I (2.0 cr)
[PSY 8212](#) - Proseminar in Political Psychology II (2.0 cr)

Methodology Requirement

Students are advised to do a sequence of methods courses appropriate for their own research plans in political psychology. Generally, this is the standard quantitative method sequence within their major field (e.g. PSY 8814/8815; POL 8106/8107), but may include other courses depending on the students research goals. Students should consult with the minor DGS, especially if they do not plan to complete the standard quantitative method sequence in their major field.