

Academic Fact Sheet

Wayne State College

POLITICAL SCIENCE (36 Hours)

The Political Science major is administered by the History, Politics and Geography Department.

Facts about the Program

Degrees Offered:

B.A.
B.S.

Faculty:

Joseph Blankenau, Ph.D.
Mark Leeper, Ph.D.

Career Opportunities

The Political Science major prepares students for academic and professional careers in government and in politics-related fields.

Wayne State College Political Science graduates work in national, state and local governmental agencies, non-profit and interest group organizations, and the private sector - many as lawyers.

There are many opportunities in the job market for political science graduates including the international fields, the electoral systems, city government, and the entire scope of the private sector.

Program Description

Political Science concentrates on five basic major areas: the actual operation of the government, political behavior, political theory, public policy and international relations..

Minors in Political Science, Public Administration and Pre-Law are available. Students are urged to pursue supporting coursework in history, economics, geography, sociology and computer science.

Special Offerings

There are three Departmental Student Organizations:

- Wayne Political Union
- Phi Alpha Theta, History Honorary & History Club
- Pi Gamma Mu, Social Sciences Honorary

Internships/Co-ops - many students also participate in internships and/or co-operative education opportunities with area Criminal Justice/Government/Social Service agencies.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Wayne State College is committed to providing a quality, affordable education for its students. There are several types of financial assistance available for Wayne State students, including grants, loans, work-study and scholarships. The aid packages are composed of money from Pell grants, SEOG grants, SSIG grants, Perkins loans, Stafford student loans, PLUS loans and a variety of scholarships. Contact the Financial Aid Office at (402) 375-7230 for further information.

Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships associated with their major/minor. The awards are based on past achievements, predicted successes, special abilities, and/or financial need.

For more information contact:

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Wayne State College
Wayne, NE 68787
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FRESHMAN YEAR

1st Semester

ENG 102	English Composition Skills	3
	Math OR Science	3
HIS 120	World History	3
POS 100	American National Government OR	
POS 110	Intro to World Politics	3
	General Education	<u>3</u>
		15

2nd Semester

CNA 100	Prin. of Human Communication	3
	Math OR Science	3
POS 110	Introduction to World Politics OR	
POS 100	American National Government	3
	General Education	<u>6</u>
		15

GST 110 Succeeding in College (2) may be recommended during the freshmen year

SOPHOMORE YEAR

3rd Semester

	Math OR Science	3
POS	200 Level Major course(s)	
	By advisement	3-6
	Minor course	3
	General Education	<u>3</u>
		15-18

4th Semester

POS	200-300 Major courses	
	By advisement	6
	Minor course	3
	General Education	<u>6</u>
		15

JUNIOR YEAR

5th Semester

	Upper level Gen Ed	3-6
POS	Major courses by advisement	6
	Minor course(s)	3-6
	Elective	<u>3</u>
		15-18

6th Semester

	Upper level Gen Ed	3-6
POS	Major courses by advisement	6-9
	Minor course(s)	3-6
	Elective	<u>3</u>
		15-18

SENIOR YEAR

POS 490	Junior/Senior research seminar	3	OR	POS 499	Senior Honors Colloquium	3
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Continue coursework to fulfill remaining major, minor and graduation requirements.

NOTE: The above sequence is only a suggestion. Final decision rest with the student and the academic advisor(s) and will vary depending on the schedule, major/minor requirements, etc.

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Students should plan to complete some courses during summer school if they wish to complete graduation requirements in a four-year period.

Students are encouraged to consider taking a foreign language as part of their general education program. (See appropriate section of catalog.) Please see catalog for a complete listing of program requirements.

Students select 9 hours of electives in the program from any of the following three areas: American Politics, Public Administration & Policy, International Relations/Comparative.

Students should consult a Political Science Advisor to select appropriate electives.