

Political Science (POS)
History, Politics & Geography Department
School of Natural & Social Sciences
Connell Hall

Objectives: Political Science involves the study of how societies are governed and the consequences of that activity. The programs and curriculum in political science presented below are designed to (1) provide courses of general study of the field, (2) prepare students for careers in public administration, (3) prepare students for teaching careers at the junior and senior high school levels, (4) provide supporting work for related programs, and (5) prepare students for graduate work in the field. Political Science at WSC is grouped into three general areas, American Politics, Public Administration and Policy, and International Relations.

Major/Subject Endorsement in Political Science (BA or BS) 36 hours

Political Science Core: 12 hours

POS	100 American National Government.....	3
	110 Intro to World Politics or	
	260 Comp Govt & Politics.....	3
	315 Seminar in Political Theory.....	3
	Capstone Experience (choose one).....	3
POS	490 Junior/Senior Research Seminar (3)	
	499 Senior Honors Colloquium (3)	

American Politics (choose 6 hrs from the following).....6

POS	350 The American Presidency (3)	
	355 Politics of the Supreme Court (3)	
	360 Congressional Politics (3)	
	420 American Constitutional Law (3)	
	425 Rights & Liberties (3)	
	.444 Topics in Political Science-by advisement (3)	

Public Administration and Policy (choose 6 hrs from the following).....6

POS	300 State & Local Politics (3)	
	340 Public Admin & Mgt (3)	
	380 Public Policy (3)	
	390 Public Budgeting & Finance (3)	
	410 Public Policy Analysis & Program Eval (3)	
	444 Topics in Political Science-by advisement (3)	

SSC 319 Statistics for the Social Sciences (3) (for the major only)

International Relations/Comparative (choose 3 hrs).....3

POS	444 Topics in Political Science-by advisement (3)	
	Electives*(as specified below).....	9

***Political Science Major:** The 9 hours of electives may be selected at the student's discretion from any of the three areas above in consultation with the academic advisor. An approved internship or co-op may qualify for 3 hours of elective credit. Also, if the student uses POS 110 to satisfy the core requirements, POS 260 may count as 3 hours of elective credit.

***Political Science Subject Endorsement:** The 9 hours of electives for the endorsement must include 6 hours from the approved list of Social Sciences courses below and 3 hours from the Political Science areas above selected at the student's discretion in consultation with the academic advisor.

ECO	350 Economic Development (3)	
	360 Global Economics (3)	
	430 International Economics (3)	
GEO	300 Human Geography (3)	
	305 Political Geography (3)	
HIS	320 The Twentieth Century (3)	
	360 Colonial & Revolutionary America (3)	
	370 Early National America (3)	
	380 America, Civil War through the Great Depression (3)	
	385 America, 1941 to the Present (3)	
PSY	316 Social Psychology (3)	
SOC	320 Social Welfare (3)	
	other courses by advisement that meet state certification requirements.	

No course with a grade below "C" will be accepted as part of the minimum requirements for the endorsement. EDU 409 Social Sciences Content Area Methods and Materials must be taken as part of the professional education requirements.

Minor in Political Science: 21 hours

A minor must include a minimum of 12 hours unduplicated by the student's major(s) and minor(s).

POS	100 American National Government.....	3
	110 Introduction to World Politics.....	3
	315 Seminar in Political Theory.....	3
	Political Science electives.....	12
	9 of the 12 elective hours must be upper level courses.	
	Includes three hours of the Social Sciences General Education requirement.	

Minor in Public Administration: 21 hours

The minor in public administration is intended to prepare students in the public and/or non-profit sectors. There are three key objectives:

1. To enhance student preparation in written and spoken communication.
2. To provide students with the opportunity to critically consider the policy-making and policy-implementing institutions, which shape our society.
3. To expose students ideas related to public administration.

A minor must include a minimum of 12 hours unduplicated by the student's major(s) and minor(s). There are 9 hours of required courses.

POS	100 American National Government.....	3
	340 Public Admin and Management.....	3
	380 Public Policy.....	3

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Electives from the following.....12
 No more than 9 hours from one area. These electives must be chosen in consultation with an advisor.

- BUS 350 Managing Behavior in Organizations (3)
- 360 Management Theory and Practice (3)
- 446 Government Accounting (3)
- 367 Foundatns of Human Resource Management (3)
- CJA 375 Criminal Justice Management (3)
- 425 Substance Abuse Management (3)
- ECO 202 Princ of the National Econ System (3)
- 203 Principles of Market System (3)
- GEO 320 Urban Geography (3)
- 325 Geo. of Rec., Tourism, & Sports (3)
- 430 Geographic Information Systems (3)
- POS 300 State and Local Politics (3)
- 390 Budget & Finance (3)
- 420 American Constitutional Law (3)
- 444 Topics (by advisement) (3)
- PSY 316 Social Psychology (3)
- SSC 300 Social Science Research Methods (3)
- 319 Statistics for the Social Sciences (3)
- 419 Adv. Social Sci. Res. Methods (3)

Minor in Pre-Law: 21 hours

The Pre-Law minor is designed to enhance the preparation of students interested in attending law school while also encouraging students to choose a major they find intellectually stimulating. The Pre-Law minor is also designed to provide students with the skills necessary to successfully compete for admission to law school and to do well once enrolled. The minor requires 21 hours of course work.

The Pre-Law minor has three objectives: (1) To enhance student preparation in written and spoken communication; (2) To provide students with the opportunity to critically consider the institutions and values which shape our society; and, (3) To expose students to many of the ideas and issues related to the study of law.

A minor must include a minimum of 12 hours unduplicated by the student's major(s) and minor(s).

- POS 100 American National Government.....3
- 420 American Constitutional Law.....3

Choose one of the following:.....3

- ENG 200 Expository Writing (3)
- CNA 317 Argumentation (3)
- CNA 342 Persuasion (3)*
- PHI 310 Logic (3)

Choose one of the following:.....3

- BUS 222 Business Law I (3)
- BUS 223 Business Law II (3)
- CJA 200 Criminal Law (3)*
- CNA 475 Communication Law (3)

Choose three of the following:.....9

- ECO 202 Princ of the National Econ System (3)
- ECO 203 Principles of Microeconomics (3)
- GEO 305 Political Geography (3)*
- HIS 465 The American Civil Rights Movement (3)
- PHI 201 Origins of Western Philosophy (3)
- PHI 202 History of Modern Philosophy (3)
- POS 315 Seminar in Political Theory (3)
- POS 350 The American Presidency (3)
- POS 355 Politics of the Supreme Court (3)
- POS 360 Congressional Politics (3)
- SOC 460 Social Stratification (3)*

* indicates that prerequisites in these choices are waived for students in this minor.

Law schools do not require a specific major for admission, however they do recommend broad preparation in a liberal arts program. Students should seek to develop a competency in (a) comprehension and expression in writing, (b) critical understanding of the human institutions and values with which the law deals, and (c) creative power in thinking.

Students are encouraged to select liberal arts majors that will allow them to acquire the skills necessary for successful application to law school. To aid students in that endeavor, WSC has a pre-law advisor. Students interested in pre-law should contact History, Politics and Geography department chair.

Undergraduate Courses

POS 100 American National Government (3) The study of the institutions and political processes of the national government.

POS 110 Introduction to World Politics (3) An introduction to the basic concepts of world political activity, offering a broad overview of the application of political science to world politics and international relations.

POS 260 Comparative Government and Politics (3) Analysis and comparison of the political systems and processes of selected countries.

POS 300 State and Local Politics (3) The study of the political institutions and process at state and local levels.

POS 315 Seminar in Political Theory (3) This seminar allows detailed examination of one or more of the historical and current theoretical positions in political science. Among the possible topics are: classical theory of government, nonwestern theories, revolutionary theory, American political theory, and the European political tradition.

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POS 345 Public Administration and Management (3) Concepts of public administration and management processes, introduction to administrative processes of personnel, budgeting, and program management; analysis of public bureaucracy's function from a public policy perspective.

POS 350 The American Presidency (3) The study and analysis of the development of the contemporary presidency, presidential powers, responsibilities, and political relationships.

POS 355 Politics of the Supreme Court (3) This course focuses on the political forces that shape the Supreme Court's decision-making process. Landmark cases will be closely examined and placed in their political, cultural, and historical context. In addition, students will examine different theories of adjudication, the selection process, and the Supreme Court's relationship with the other political branches.

POS 360 Congressional Politics (3) Analysis of the decision-making structure and process in Congress with a focus upon the organizational constraints on legislative behavior, recruitment of congressional candidates, congressional elections, legislative voting behavior and presidential influence in Congress.

POS 380 Public Policy (3) The study of domestic policy making processes and institutions at all levels, taught from an intergovernmental relations perspective.

POS 390 Public Budgeting and Finance (3) Study of the public budgetary process, public revenue sources, and financial processes of government at all levels, with emphasis on local agency processes.

POS 410 Public Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation (3) Prerequisite: POS 380. Public policy analysis consists of systematically exploring alternatives to defined public policy problems. Program evaluation consists of post hoc examination of the process and impact of public policy. This course is an introduction to the basic concepts and practice of public policy and program evaluation. Students will learn qualitative and quantitative methodological skills used in these processes and employ these skills in research.

POS 420 American Constitutional Law (3) A study of the U.S. Constitution and the impact of the Supreme Court's interpretations of the Constitution: judicial review, governmental powers and rights of citizens, including both civil and criminal rights.

POS 425 Rights and Liberties (3) A study of the Bill of Rights and the impact of the Supreme Court's interpretations on its provisions. Subjects include freedoms of religion, freedoms of speech, freedom of the press, the right to keep and bear arms, search and seizure, the right to counsel, cruel and unusual punishment, discrimination, and the right to privacy.

POS 444 Topics in Political Science (3) Current or special issues in Political Science will be examined. The course offers students the opportunity to discuss relevant issues facing society. The course may be repeated for credit, by advisement, when no duplication of topics exists.

POS 490 Junior/Senior Research Seminar (3) Prerequisite: Junior standing. A study of the techniques and methodology of political science and social sciences research. Students will complete a major research project on a topic of their choice and present the results.

Eligible seniors may enroll in 500 level graduate courses.
Graduate Courses

POS 500 Seminar in Political Science (3) Reading and discussion of selected topics in political science. Content and title will vary. May be repeated if topic and title are different.