As politics are constantly influencing how we are governed and laws that are made, it’s important for the next generation to understand the concepts behind them. You might have a good understanding of how politics work; let Wayne State help you develop a deeper understanding. Then you can take that knowledge and pass it on by teaching political science courses in a school setting. The political science education program at WSC concentrates on five major areas: the operation of government, political behavior, political theory, public policy, and international relations. With a political science education degree, you’ll be ready to teach government and politics classes to grades 7-12.

In addition to choosing the political science subject endorsement, you will also need to select a second subject endorsement to receive your B.A. or B.S.

**Possible Careers**
- Political science teacher
- U.S. government teacher
- Law teacher
- History teacher
- Politician
- Policy analyst / advocate
- Political correspondent
- Lawyer or paralegal
- Journalist
- Political advisor

**Types of Employers**
- Middle schools
- High schools
- Education and learning centers
- Law firms
- State government offices
- Federal government offices
- Non-profit organizations
- Congressional offices
- Social services
- Court systems

**Activities / Opportunities**
- Multicultural events
- Voter registration drive
- Constitution Day
- Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA)

**Clubs / Organizations**
- Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honorary)
- Political Science Club
- Wayne Student Education Association of Nebraska (WSEAN)

**Fast Facts**
- Hours: 36 hours for endorsement
  - 27-33 hours in education core classes
  - 30 hours in general education
  - At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College.
- Degrees offered: B.A. or B.S.
- Departments: History, Politics, and Geography, Educational Foundations and Leadership
- Schools: Natural and Social Sciences, Education and Counseling
- Clinical practice: One semester of student teaching required
- Popular pairings: History Education (7-12), Sociology Education (7-12), Geography Education (7-12)
SAMPLE PROGRAM OF STUDY

The listed sequence is only a suggestion. Final decisions rest with the student and the academic advisor(s) and will vary depending on the current course offerings, major/minor requirements, etc.

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

Students seeking endorsements in education need to work closely with their advisors regarding the required coursework in the subject endorsements and in professional education. Please see catalog for a complete listing of program requirements.

Students are encouraged to consider taking a foreign language as part of their general education program. (See appropriate section of catalog.) No course with a grade below "C" will be accepted as part of the minimum requirements for the political science endorsement.

FRESHMAN - 1st semester
ENG 102 Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1)..........................3
HIS 120 World History (General Studies CAT 10)...............................3
Math or Science by advisement (General Studies CAT 3 or CAT 7) . . 3
POS 100 American National Government or
POS 110 Intro to World Politics ..................................................3
General Studies by advisement ..................................................3

FRESHMAN - 2nd semester
CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication (General Studies CAT 2) ..........................................................3
EDU 150 Professional Education in a Diverse Society .......................3
Math or Science by advisement (General Studies CAT 3 or CAT 7) . . 3
POS 110 Intro to World Politics or
POS 100 American National Government .......................................3
General Studies by advisement ..................................................3

SOPHOMORE - 1st semester
EDU course(s) by advisement ......................................................3
POS upper level course(s) by advisement ......................................3-6
Second endorsement course ......................................................3
General Studies by advisement ..................................................3

SOPHOMORE - 2nd semester
EDU courses by advisement ......................................................6
POS upper level course by advisement .........................................3
Second endorsement course ......................................................3
General Studies by advisement ..................................................3-6

JUNIOR - 1st semester
POS/SSC course by advisement ..................................................3
General Studies by advisement ..................................................3
Second endorsement course ......................................................3

JUNIOR - 2nd semester
EDU course(s) by advisement ......................................................3-6
POS/SSC courses by advisement ................................................3
Second endorsement course(s) ..................................................3-6

SENIOR
EDU 409 Social Science Content Area Methods and Assessment ... 3
EDU 414 Content Area Clinical Experience ..................................1
POS 490 Junior/Senior Research Seminar or POS 499 Senior Honors Colloquium ..................................................3

Continue coursework to fulfill remaining endorsement, second endorsement, education, and graduation requirements.

All persons seeking Nebraska certification are required to provide proof of a passing score on the Praxis II content test designated for the area(s) of endorsement. For information about the test requirements, please visit the Nebraska Department of Education website at www.education.ne.gov.