

POLITICAL SCIENCE EDUCATION

Subject endorsement to teach grades 7-12

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.

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: Arts and Humanities; Education and Behavioral Sciences

Clinical practice: One semester of student teaching required

Popular pairings: History Education (7-12), Sociology Education (7-12), Geography Education (7-12)

focus on results

What you'll learn

- American politics
- Constitutional law
- Public administration and policy
- Research
- Writing
- Critical thinking
- Classroom management and curriculum development
- Public speaking and presentation

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

outside the classroom



Visit www.wsc.edu/clubs to learn more about clubs and organizations on campus.

Activities / Opportunities

- Multicultural events
- Voter registration drive
- Constitution Day
- Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA)

Clubs / Organizations

- Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) Aspiring Educators
- Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honorary)
- Political Science Club
- Student Senate

Sample program of study

2023-24 Academic Year

Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. There is no substitute for developing a careful course registration plan in consultation with your advisor. The class sequence listed is suggested only. The final decision rests with the student and academic advisor.

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 Introduction to Professional Education.....	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.....	6

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.....	6
General Studies by advisement.....	3
Second endorsement course(s).....	6

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.

political science faculty



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