

POLITICAL SCIENCE

From public policies and laws to the broader concept of how societies are governed, politics influence many things. They play a big part in everyday activity. The political science degree program at Wayne State concentrates on five major areas related to politics: the operation of the government, political behavior, political theory, public policy, and international relations. A political science degree can prepare you well for additional study in law, economics, geography, and social sciences. Or, because of your solid understanding of politics' influence on the people, a political science degree can prepare you for a successful career in business, leadership, or public administration.

Fast facts

Hours:

36 hours for concentration
30 hours in general education

At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College. You may add electives or a minor to help meet these requirements.

Degrees offered: B.A. or B.S.

Department: History, Politics, and Geography

School: Arts and Humanities

Internship: Encouraged but not required

Popular minors: Public Administration, Pre-Law, History, Economics, Sociology, Spanish, Journalism

focus on results

What You'll Learn

- American politics
- Constitutional law
- Comparative politics
- Public administration and policy
- Public budgeting and finance
- Research
- Writing
- Critical thinking

Possible Careers

- Politician
- Policy analyst / advocate
- Lobbyist
- Political correspondent
- Lawyer or paralegal
- Senate secretary
- Political science teacher
- Economic development coordinator
- Journalist
- Non-profit management
- City administration

Types of Employers

- Law firms
- State government offices
- Federal government offices
- Non-profit organizations
- Congressional offices
- Social services
- Court systems
- Urban planning agencies
- Foreign service agencies
- Television and news channels
- Newspapers and magazines
- Schools, colleges, and universities

outside the classroom

Activities / Opportunities

- Constitution Day
- Multicultural events
- Peer mentoring and tutoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad
- Voter registration drive

Clubs / Organizations

- Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honorary)
- Political Science Club
- Student Senate



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

Sample program of study

2020-21 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 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 and Policy, International Relations/Comparative.

Students should consult a political science advisor to select appropriate electives.

Freshman - 1st semester

ENG 102 English Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1).....	3
Math or Science by advisement (General Studies CAT 3 or CAT 7).....	3
HIS 120 World History (General Studies CAT 10).....	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
Math or Science by advisement (General Studies CAT 3 or CAT 7).....	3
POS 110 Introduction to World Politics or POS 100 American National Government	3
General Studies by advisement.....	6

Sophomore - 1st semester

POS upper level major course(s) by advisement.....	3-6
Minor course(s).....	3-6
General Studies by advisement.....	3

Sophomore - 2nd semester

POS upper level major courses by advisement	6
Minor course	3
General Studies by advisement.....	6

Junior - 1st semester

POS major courses by advisement	6
Minor course(s).....	3-6
Elective	3

Junior - 2nd semester

POS major courses by advisement.....	6-9
Minor course(s).....	3-6
Elective	3

Senior

POS 490 Junior/Senior Research Seminar or POS 499 Senior Honors Colloquium	3
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Continue coursework to fulfill remaining major, minor, and graduation requirements.

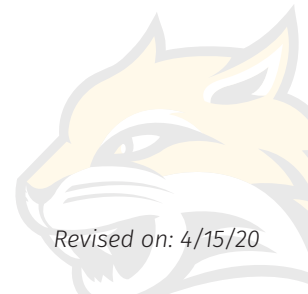
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