

POLITICAL SCIENCE, MINOR

This minor may only be completed by students admitted to the Elementary Education (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-bse/>) or the Elementary Education and Special Education (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/rehabilitation-psychology-special-education/elementary-education-special-education-bse/>) programs. A minor is not required to complete either program.

Minors provide a depth of study in a particular area of interest and also inform classroom instruction. The completion of a minor is required to teach middle school in some states and may benefit students particularly interested in teaching at this level.

The Department of Political Science (<https://polisci.wisc.edu/>) is housed in the College of Letters & Science. Students may wish to consult with an undergraduate advisor (<https://polisci.wisc.edu/advising-and-major-information/#advising>) in the department to discuss course selection and other issues related to this field of study.

Upon completion, the subject area of the minor will be posted on the UW-Madison transcript. Students will not receive an additional certification or license in the subject area. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction does not offer content licenses in association with the Elementary Education or Special Education teaching licenses.

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This minor may only be declared by students completing the Elementary Education or the Elementary Education and Special Education programs. To declare the minor, contact your academic advisor in Education Student Services any time after program admission.

REQUIREMENTS

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Complete a minimum of 24 credits. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 is required, based on all Political Science minor coursework taken on the UW-Madison campus.

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Complete any Political Science course numbered 100-199 (one course)		3-4
POLI SCI 205 or POLI SCI 405	Introduction to State Government State Government and Public Policy	3-4
Research Methods		
Complete one of the following:		3-4
POLI SCI 170	Research Methods in Political Science	
POLI SCI 270	Understanding Political Numbers	
POLI SCI 274	Political Choice and Strategy	

POLI SCI 348	Analysis of International Relations
POLI SCI/ JOURN/ URB R PL 373	Introduction to Survey Research

DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Complete at least one course from each of the four political science groups. Courses taken to meet the requirements above may be applied toward the course distribution.

Political Theory

Code	Title	Credits
POLI SCI 160	Introduction to Political Theory	3-4
POLI SCI 360	History of American Political Thought	3-4
POLI SCI 361	Contemporary American Political Thought	3-4
POLI SCI/ CLASSICS/ HISTORY 362	Athenian Democracy	3
POLI SCI 363	Literature and Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 364	Christian Political Thought	3-4
POLI SCI/ ILS/ITALIAN/ LITTRANS 365	Machiavelli and His World	3
POLI SCI 366	Continental Political Thought	3-4
POLI SCI 460	Topics in Political Philosophy	3-4
POLI SCI/ILS 463	Deception and Politics	4
POLI SCI/ GEN&WS 469	Women and Politics	3-4
POLI SCI/ AFROAMER 519	African American Political Theory	3-4
POLI SCI 590	Study Abroad Topics in Political Science: Political Theory	1-4

American Government

Code	Title	Credits
POLI SCI 104	Introduction to American Politics and Government	3-4
POLI SCI 205	Introduction to State Government	3-4
POLI SCI 206	Introduction to Political Psychology	3-4
POLI SCI/ LEGAL ST 217	Law, Politics and Society	3-4
POLI SCI/ CHICLA 231	Politics in Multi-Cultural Societies	3-4
POLI SCI 272	Introduction to Public Policy	3-4
POLI SCI/AFRICAN/ AFROAMER/ HISTORY 297	African and African-American Linkages: An Introduction	4
POLI SCI/ CHICLA 302	Mexican-American Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 304	The Political Economy of Race in the United States	3-4
POLI SCI 305	Elections and Voting Behavior	3-4
POLI SCI 306	American Political Parties	3-4
POLI SCI 311	United States Congress	3-4
POLI SCI 314	Criminal Law and Justice	3-4

POLI SCI 315	Legislative Internship	3	POLI SCI/AFRICAN/ AFROAMER/ ANTHRO/GEOG/ HISTORY/SOC 277	Africa: An Introductory Survey	4
POLI SCI 402	Wisconsin in Washington Internship Course	4	POLI SCI/AFRICAN/ AFROAMER/ HISTORY 297	African and African-American Linkages: An Introduction	4
POLI SCI 405	State Government and Public Policy	3-4	POLI SCI 320	Governments and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3-4
POLI SCI 408	The American Presidency	3-4	POLI SCI 324	Chinese Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 411	The American Constitution : Powers and Structures of Government	4	POLI SCI/ INTL ST 325	Social Movements and Revolutions in Latin America	3-4
POLI SCI 412	The American Constitution: Rights and Civil Liberties	4	POLI SCI 328	Politics of East and Southeast Asia	3-4
POLI SCI 414	The Supreme Court as a Political Institution	3	POLI SCI 329	African Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 416	Community Power and Grass Roots Politics	3	POLI SCI 330	Political Economy of Development	3
POLI SCI 417	The American Judicial System	3-4	POLI SCI 332	German Politics	3-4
POLI SCI/ PUB AFFR 419	Administrative Law	3-4	POLI SCI 334	Russian Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 425	The Political Psychology of Polarization	3	POLI SCI 335	Social Identities	3
POLI SCI/ LEGAL ST 445	Legal Writing, from Counselor to Advocate	3	POLI SCI 336	Democracy (and Its Uncertain Future)	4
POLI SCI 470	The First Amendment	3-4	POLI SCI 338	The Civil-Military Paradox in U.S. Politics and Society	3
POLI SCI 481	Honors Seminar on Race and Politics in the United States	3	POLI SCI 339	Non-Democracies	3
POLI SCI 490	Study Abroad Topics in Political Science: American Government	1-4	POLI SCI/ JEWISH 341	Israeli Politics and Society	3-4
POLI SCI 511	Campaign Finance	3-4	POLI SCI 342	State-Building: How States Are Formed, Function, and Influence Society	3-4
POLI SCI 515	Public Opinion	3-4	POLI SCI 344	The Russian War on Ukraine: Causes and Consequences	3
POLI SCI/ AFROAMER 519	African American Political Theory	3-4	POLI SCI 349	Global Access to Justice	3
POLI SCI 602	Wisconsin in Washington Advanced Public Policy Course	4	POLI SCI/CHICLA/ HISTORY/LACIS 355	Labor in the Americas: US & Mexico in Comparative & Historical Perspective	3
Comparative Politics			POLI SCI 358	States in the World: Comparative Foreign Policy	3-4
Code	Title	Credits	POLI SCI 370	Islam and Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 120	Introduction to Comparative Politics	4	POLI SCI/CHICLA/ HISTORY 422	Latino History and Politics	3
POLI SCI 182	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Honors)	3	POLI SCI/ GEN&WS 429	Gender and Politics in Comparative Perspective	3-4
POLI SCI/ CHICLA 231	Politics in Multi-Cultural Societies	3-4	POLI SCI/ INTL ST 431	Contentious Politics	3-4
POLI SCI/ASIAN/ GEOG/HISTORY/ SOC 244	Introduction to Southeast Asia: Vietnam to the Philippines	4	POLI SCI/ RELIG ST 433	Religion and Politics	3-4
POLI SCI/ GEOG/ HISTORY/ SLAVIC 253	Russia: An Interdisciplinary Survey	4	POLI SCI/ INTL ST 434	The Politics of Human Rights	3-4
POLI SCI/ GEOG/ HISTORY/ SLAVIC 254	Eastern Europe: An Interdisciplinary Survey	4	POLI SCI/ GEN&WS 435	Politics of Gender and Women's Rights in the Middle East	3
POLI SCI/ASIAN/ HISTORY 255	Introduction to East Asian Civilizations	3-4	POLI SCI 437	Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict	3-4
POLI SCI/ AFROAMER/ ANTHRO/C&E SOC/ GEOG/HISTORY/ LACIS/SOC/ SPANISH 260	Latin America: An Introduction	3-4	POLI SCI/ INTL ST 439	The Comparative Study of Genocide	3-4
			POLI SCI 442	Honors Seminar on State-Building	3
			POLI SCI 529	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3-4
			POLI SCI 635	Comparative Politics of Sport	3-4

POLI SCI 690	Study Abroad Topics in Political Science: Comparative Politics	1-4
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International Relations

Code	Title	Credits
POLI SCI 140	Introduction to International Relations	3-4
POLI SCI/CHICLA/ HISTORY/ LACIS 268	The U.S. & Latin America from the Colonial Era to the Present: A Critical Survey	3
POLI SCI 340	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	3-4
POLI SCI 343	Theories of International Security	3-4
POLI SCI 345	Conflict Resolution	3-4
POLI SCI 346	China in World Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 347	Terrorism	3
POLI SCI 348	Analysis of International Relations	3-4
POLI SCI 350	International Political Economy	3-4
POLI SCI/ LEGAL ST 352	Transitional Justice in World Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 354	International Institutions and World Order	3-4
POLI SCI 356	Principles of International Law	3-4
POLI SCI 359	American Foreign Policy	3-4
POLI SCI 377	Nuclear Weapons and World Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 390	Study Abroad Topics in Political Science: International Relations	1-4
POLI SCI/ECON/ ENVIR ST/ URB R PL 449	Government and Natural Resources	3-4

ELECTIVES

Complete additional coursework, if necessary, to reach the minimum of 24 credits.