

Political Science

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Chair of the Department

The Political Science major seeks to maximize students' ability to analyze and interpret the significance of political events, institutions, behavior, and governmental processes at the local, national, and international levels. The major is designed to equip students to play more effective roles as citizens of a democratic nation and of the world and to prepare them for careers in public service, politics, diplomacy, law, business, journalism, and college teaching.

Major

Requirements for a Major

Either POSC 150 Roots: Government, POSC 153 Roots:Government - FYS or POSC 201 Introduction to Government and Politics is a prerequisite for the Political Science major. In addition, majors must take a total of ten courses (30 credits) distributed as follows:

Gateway courses – all required. These courses should be completed during the first two years after declaring the major.

1. POSC 203 United States Government and Politics
2. POSC 209 Comparative Politics
3. POSC 210 Research Methods in Political Science
4. POSC 251 Global Issues
5. POSC 270 Introduction to Political Theory or POSC 271 American Political Thought

Upper Division courses:

6. Any 300 level class
7. Any 300 level class
8. Any 300 level class
9. Senior Seminar 400-level (to be taken in senior year)

Free Elective

10. Any class any level (200-400 level) or internship

A minimum grade of C in departmental courses is necessary to fulfill the requirements for the major. Majors intending to apply to law school are expected to take at least one term of POSC 323 Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers or POSC 324 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties.

Minor

Requirements for a Minor

The minor is available to students in all schools. POSC 150 Roots: Government, POSC 153 Roots:Government - FYS or POSC 201 Introduction to Government and Politics is required for the Political Science minor. Students are required to take 12 additional credits, including POSC 203 United States Government and Politics and a choice of one other gateway course: either POSC 209 Comparative Politics, POSC 251 Global Issues or POSC 270 Introduction to Political Theory and two other political science courses, and receive a grade of C or better in each.

Minors are advised to start with POSC 150 Roots: Government, POSC 153 Roots:Government - FYS or POSC 201 Introduction to Government and Politics and take POSC 203 United States Government and Politics and the other gateway course before selecting other courses.

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| POSC 150 | Roots: Government | 3 |
| POSC 153 | Roots:Government - FYS | 3 |
| POSC 201 | Introduction to Government and Politics | 3 |
| POSC 205 | Political Geography | 3 |
| POSC 207 | Introduction to Peace Studies | 3 |
| POSC 210 | Research Methods in Political Science | 3 |

United States Government

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| POSC 203 | United States Government and Politics | 3 |
| POSC 221 | Urban Govt & Politics | 3 |
| POSC 222 | Power in the City | 3 |
| POSC 303 | The United States Congress | 3 |
| POSC 306 | The United States Presidency | 3 |
| POSC 315 | State and Local Government in the United States | 3 |
| POSC 318 | Community Organizing for Social Change | 3 |
| POSC 319 | Government and Business: Political Economy | 3 |
| POSC 320 | United States Parties, Public Opinion and Elections | 3 |
| POSC 322 | Public Administration | 3 |
| POSC 323 | Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers | 3 |
| POSC 324 | Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties | 3 |
| POSC 325 | Special Topics: United States Government | 3 |
| POSC 405 | Special Topics: Senior Seminar: United States Government and Politics | 3 |
| POSC 412 | Senior Seminar: Women in Politics | 3 |
| POSC 426 | Senior Seminar: The Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Class in the United States | 3 |

Comparative Politics

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| POSC 209 | Comparative Politics | 3 |
| POSC 310 | Special Topics: in Comparative Politics | 3 |
| POSC 330 | Government and Politics of Western Europe | 3 |
| POSC 331 | Government and Politics of Russia and Selected Soviet Successor States | 3 |
| POSC 332 | Government and Politics of Central and Eastern Europe | 3 |
| POSC 340 | Government and Politics of Asia | 3 |
| POSC 343 | Government and Politics of the Middle East | 3 |
| POSC 344 | Government and Politics of the Caribbean | 3 |
| POSC 345 | Government and Politics of Latin America | 3 |
| POSC 346 | Government and Politics of Africa | 3 |
| POSC 348 | Government and Politics of the European Union | 3 |
| POSC 440 | Seminar: European Politics | 3 |
| POSC 452 | Special Topics Senior Seminar: Comparative Politics | 3 |

Global Politics

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| POSC 223 | Environmental Politics | 3 |
| POSC 251 | Global Issues | 3 |
| POSC 254 | Global Cities | 3 |
| POSC 350 | Special Topics: Global Politics | 3 |
| POSC 351 | International Relations | 3 |
| POSC 352 | International Organizations | 3 |
| POSC 353 | Technology and Society | 3 |
| POSC 357 | United States Foreign Policy | 3 |
| POSC 420 | Senior Seminar: Conflict Resolution | 3 |
| POSC 450 | Senior Seminar: Politics of International Economics | 3 |
| POSC 455 | Seminar: Diplomacy | 3 |

Political Theory

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| POSC 270 | Introduction to Political Theory | 3 |
| POSC 271 | American Political Thought | 3 |
| POSC 370 | Special Topics: Political Theory | 3 |
| POSC 374 | Western Political Thought | 3 |
| POSC 473 | Senior Seminar: Contemporary Western Political Thought | 3 |
| POSC 480 | Special Topics Senior Seminar: Political Theory | 3 |

Special Programs

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| POSC 212 | Wall Street | 3 |
| POSC 367 | Model United Nations | 3 |
| POSC 368 | Model United Nations II | 3 |

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| POSC 375 | Internship | 3 |
| POSC 475 | Internship | 3 |
| POSC 490 | Albany Session Internship | 6-12 |
| POSC 491 | SUNY Washington Internship Program | 15 |
| POSC 492 | Washington D.C. Seminar Internship | 3 |
| POSC 493 | SUNY Summer Washington Internship Program | 6 |
| POSC 494 | American University Seminar Program | 15 |