

# Political Science

## Bachelors of Arts in Political Science

The Bachelors (BA) Degree in Political Science will develop knowledge of American political institutions, world politics, political theory, public administration, and policy. Our students learn to analyze, interpret, and explain political phenomena through the lens, and with the methods, of a political scientist. Our integrated curriculum challenges students to develop their critical thinking, communication, and research skills, preparing our graduates for citizenship and leadership, post-graduate study and diverse employment possibilities. Political Science is an excellent background for students preparing for degrees in government, politics, civil society, the law, and the private sector.

As a Political Science major, you will construct an individualized course of study drawing on our rich curriculum, internship program, complimentary majors and minors, and study abroad opportunities. Students will take a lower division foundation block of five courses that introduces them to the sub-fields of Political Science and their modes of inquiry. After completion of the five-class foundation block, students individualize their course of study while fulfilling their upper division coursework requirements and a research design class.

Requirements for a degree in Political Science include:

1. Completion of five Political Science lower division foundation courses;
2. Completion of seven Political Science upper division courses;
3. Completion of PSCI 390R-Research Methods in Political Science your Junior year;
4. Completion of MSU general graduation requirements of 120 credits, including 42 upper division credits, and the MSU core.

\*All Major requirements must be completed with a grade of "C" or better

### Curriculum

Before a Political Science Major may enroll in any upper division course, the student is expected to have achieved a grade of "C" or better in the five Political Science foundation courses.

#### First: Take all of the following lower division foundation courses:

PSCI 201-Scope and Methods of Political Science-**Fall Only**  
 PSCI 210IS-Introduction to American Government  
 PSCI 230D-Introduction to International Relations  
 PSCI 240-Introduction to Public Administration-**Spring Only**  
 PSCI 250-Introduction to Political Theory-**Fall Only**

#### Second: Take seven of the following upper division courses:

PSCI 302-Media and Politics  
 PSCI 306-Legislative Process  
 PSCI 323-Modern Political Thought  
 PSCI 331-International Relations Theory  
 PSCI 337-Model United Nations  
 PSCI 338-Comparative Politics  
 PSCI 341-Political Parties and Elections  
 PSCI 346-American Presidency  
 PSCI 353-British Politics  
 PSCI 354-Contemporary Issues in Political Theory  
 PSCI 356-Classical Political Thought  
 PSCI 362-Natural Resource Policy  
 PSCI 407-Public Policy Analysis

PSCI 418-The Politics of War and Peace  
 PSCI 423-The Politics of Developing Countries  
 PSCI 434-International Law  
 PSCI 436-The Politics of Food and Hunger  
 PSCI 437-International Political Economy  
 PSCI 439-International Human Rights  
 PSCI 444-Congressional Campaigns  
 PSCI 451-State and Local Government  
 PSCI 454-Cinema and Political Thought  
 PSCI 455-Politics and Virtue  
 PSCI 461-Administrative Law  
 PSCI 465-Public Administration and Policy  
 PSCI 471-American Constitutional Law  
 PSCI 491-National Security Policy

### Third: Take your Senior Research Methods class

PSCI 390R-Research Methods in Political Science

### Political Science Non-Teaching Minor

To earn a Political Science Non-Teaching Minor, a minimum of 21 credit hours are required, with 9 credits from upper division classes, 300-level and above.

PSCI 201	Scope and Methods of Political Science	3
PSCI 210IS	Introduction to American Government	3
PSCI 230D	Introduction to International Relations	3
PSCI 240	Introduction to Public Administration	3
PSCI 250	Introduction to Political Theory	3
3 upper division Political Science classes 300- or 400- level (Internships not included)		
Total Credits		21

For previous catalog years and curriculum's, please click here (<http://catalog.montana.edu/archived-catalogs>). Please reach out to the department at either [politicalscience@montana.edu](mailto:politicalscience@montana.edu) or (406) 994-4141 for more information or questions.

### Undergraduate Curriculum in Political Science

Freshman Year	Credits
PSCI 201 - Scope and Methods of Political Science	3
PSCI 210IS - Introduction to American Government	3
PSCI 230D - Introduction to International Relations	3
PSCI 240 - Introduction to Public Administration	3
PSCI 250 - Introduction to Political Theory	3
WRIT 101W - College Writing I	3
CLS 101US - Knowledge and Community or US 101US - First Year Seminar	3
M 105Q - Contemporary Mathematics (formerly M 145Q, Math for Liberal Arts) or M 121Q - College Algebra	3
University Core	6
Year Total:	30
Sophomore Year	Credits
Remaining PSCI Foundation and/or University CORE	12
Three PSCI Upper Division Courses	9
PSCI 498-Internship and/or remaining electives, minor, double major requirements	9

Year Total:	30
<b>Junior Year</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Four PSCI Upper Division Courses	12
PSCI 390R - Research Methods	3
Remaining PSCI Electives and/or University CORE	9
PSCI 498-Internship and/or remaining electives, minor, double major requirements	6
Year Total:	30
<b>Senior Year</b>	<b>Credits</b>
PSCI 498-Internship and/or remaining electives, minor, double major requirements	30
Year Total:	30
<hr/> Total Program Credits:	<hr/> 120

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree is a professional degree designed to prepare both pre- and mid-career professionals and administrators for supervisory, analytical support and policy-making positions in public sector agencies, and non-profit organizations, at local, state and federal levels. The program stresses sound preparation in wide range of administrative competencies. MPA coursework includes studies in public administration theory, human resource management, public budgeting, leadership, ethics, organization dynamics, and research methods for public administrators. Information on this program can be found at the MPA Graduate Program (<http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/letters-science/political-science>) page.

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