Political Science

Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science

The Bachelor's (BA) Degree in Political Science will develop knowledge of American political institutions, world politics, political theory, public administration, and public 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, leadership, post-graduate study and diverse employment possibilities. Political Science is an excellent background for students preparing for careers 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 programs, complimentary majors and minors, and study abroad opportunities. Students will take a lower division foundation block of four courses that introduces them to the sub-fields of Political Science and their modes of inquiry. After completion of the four-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 four Political Science lower division foundation courses;
2. Completion of eight Political Science upper division courses with at least one course in each of the sub-fields: American political institutions, political theory, world politics, and public administration/policy;
3. Completion of either STAT 216Q - Introduction to Statistics OR three credits of a foreign language at a second semester first year level, or higher;
4. Completion of PSCI 390R - Research Methods in Political Science your Junior year;
5. 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

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

PSCI 210S 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

Second: Take either Introduction to Statistics or three credits of a foreign language at second semester first year, or higher.

STAT 216Q Introduction to Statistics 3
or one of the following sequences leading to first year second semester of foreign language
ARAB 102D Elementary Modern Arabic II 3
ARAB 201D Intermediate Modern Arabic I 3
ARAB 202D Intermediate Modern Arabic II 3
CHIN 102D Elementary Chinese II 3

Third: Take Research Methods

PSCI 390R Research Methods 3

Fourth: Take eight of the following upper division courses, at least one from each of the four subfields:

Upper Division Electives by Subfield

American Political Institutions

PSCI 302 Media and Politics 3
PSCI 306 Legislative Process 3
PSCI 341 Political Parties and Elections 3
PSCI 346 American Presidency 3
PSCI 348 Multicultural Politics in the United States 3
PSCI 429 National Security Policy Decision-Making 3
PSCI 446 Congressional Campaign 3
PSCI 470 Rural Politics 3
PSCI 471 American Constitutional Law 3

Political Theory

PSCI 323 Modern Political Thought 3
PSCI 331 International Relations Theory 3
PSCI 339 Culture and Ideology: The Development of the Modern Prison 3
PSCI 354 Contemporary Issues in Political Theory 3
PSCI 356 Classical Political Thought 3
PSCI 454 Cinema and Political Theory 3
PSCI 455 Politics & Virtue 3

International Relations/Comparative Politics

PSCI 331 International Relations Theory 3
PSCI 336 European Union 3
PSCI 337 Model United Nations 3
PSCI 338 Comparative Politics 3
PSCI 353 British Politics 3
PSCI 414 Drug Trafficking and Governance in the Americas 3
PSCI 418 The Politics of War & Peace 3
PSCI 423 Politics of Development 3
PSCI 429 National Security Policy Decision-Making 3
PSCI 434 International Law 3
PSCI 436  Politics of Food & Hunger  3
PSCI 437  International Political Econ  3
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**Public Administration/Policy**
PSCI 362  Natural Resource Policy  3
PSCI 407  Public Policy Analysis  3
PSCI 415  The Political Economy of Energy  3
PSCI 447  Politics of Community Development  3
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### B.A. in Political Science course trajectory

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B.A. in Political Science course trajectory

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A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation; 42 of these credits must be in courses numbered 300 and above. No political science course may be counted in more than one upper division sub-field requirement. Political Science majors must fulfill Social Science Inquiry (IS) and Diversity (D) University Core requirements outside of the PSCI rubric. Before a Political Science major may enroll in any upper division political science course, the student must have achieved a grade of “C” or better in PSCI 201-Scope and Methods and have taken the associated introductory sub-field prerequisite as indicated for the major.

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.