

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 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
Junior Year	Credits
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
Senior Year	Credits
PSCI 498-Internship and/or remaining electives, minor, double major requirements	30
Year Total:	30
<hr/> Total Program Credits:	<hr/> 120

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 all lower division courses required for the political science major. To be credited toward graduation, a student must earn a "C" or better in any upper division political science course required 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.

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