

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF ARTS/MASTER OF ARTS

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 144
 Major Hours: 36
 Minimum Upper-Division Hours: 48
 Overall GPA - Combined: 3.50 OU: 3.00
 Major GPA - Combined: 3.50 OU: 3.00

Program Code: A790/F789 Q528

- 48 Upper-Division Hours Required.
- The Department of Political Science does *not* permit major coursework to also fulfill General Education or College of Arts and Sciences requirements.

Major Requirements

P SC 1113 does not count for major credit.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Research Methods		
P SC 2013	Introduction to Political Analysis	3
Distribution Requirements		
Choose four courses, one course each from 4 of the following 6 groups: ¹		12
Group I: American Politics		
Group II: Comparative Politics		
Group III: International Relations		
Group IV: Public Administration		
Group V: Public Policy		
Group VI: Political Theory		
Electives		
Choose 6 hours of upper-division Political Science electives		6
Capstone		
P SC 4093	Capstone Seminar in Political Science ²	3
Total Credit Hours		24

¹ A list of the courses approved for each group may be obtained in the Political Science Department or on the departmental website.

² This course should be taken during the senior year. (The capstone course must be completed with a grade of C or better.)

- A minimum of 30 undergraduate upper-division free elective hours is needed to bring the total applicable hours to 144, including 48 upper-division hours.

M.A. Component

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Graduate Core ¹		
P SC 5923	Introduction to Analysis of Political Data	3
P SC 5933	Intermediate Analysis of Political Data	3
P SC 6003	Political Science: Survey of a Discipline	3

Choose one of the following: 3-6

P SC 5950	Research Problems (Non-Thesis option, 3 hours)	
P SC 5980	Research for Master's Thesis (Thesis option, 6 hours)	

Major Emphasis		
Choose at least 9 hours in the emphasis ²		9
Secondary Emphasis		
Choose at least 9 hours in the emphasis ²		9
P SC Graduate Electives		
Choose Graduate-level electives to bring total applicable hours to 144		3-6
Total Credit Hours		36

¹ These 12 hours are shared with undergraduate degree.

² American Government and Politics, Political Theory, Comparative Government and Politics, International Relations, Public Administration, Public Policy.

General Education and College Requirements

Courses graded P/NP will not apply

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Arts & Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at <http://www.ou.edu/gedn/courses>.

University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication		
<i>English Composition (6 hours)</i>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition or EXPO 1213 Expository Writing	3
<i>Foreign Language (0-13 hours in the same language)</i>		
The College of Arts and Sciences requirement cannot be met by high school coursework.		
Beginning Course		0-5
Beginning Course, continued		0-5
Intermediate Course (2000 level) ^{1,2}		0-3
<i>Mathematics (3 hours)</i>		
Choose one course from the General Education Mathematics list		3
Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, including one laboratory component)		
<i>Biological Science</i>		
Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO ¹		3-4
<i>Physical Science</i>		

Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS ¹	3-4
Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours)	
P SC 1113 American Federal Government	3
Choose one course from the General Education Social Science list	3
Core Area IV: Humanities (18 hours)	
<i>Understanding Artistic Forms</i>	
Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list	3
<i>Western Civilization and Culture</i>	
HIST 1483 United States, 1492 to 1865 or HIST 1493 United States, 1865 to the Present	3
Choose one course from the General Education Western Civilization & Culture list ³	3
<i>Non-Western Culture</i>	
Choose one course from the General Education Non-Western Culture list	3
<i>Additional Core IV Upper-Division Humanities courses⁴</i>	
Choose one course from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization & Culture, or Non-Western Culture ¹	3
Choose one course from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization & Culture, or Non-Western Culture ¹	3
Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours)	
Choose one General Education Capstone course	3
Total Credit Hours	56

¹ College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.

² One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level

³ Excluding HIST 1483 and HIST 1493

⁴ 6 upper-division hours, 2 courses, at the 3000- 4000-level. **Must be outside the major.**

Free Electives

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree including 48 upper-division hours.

Information Concerning General Rules, Regulations and Minimum Requirements

Arts and Sciences Hours: At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

Pass/No Pass Enrollment: A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

Individual Studies (e.g., courses titled "Independent Study"): A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

P.E. Courses: No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

Senior Institution Hours: A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

Residency:

- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are **not** considered resident credit.

Grade Point Averages: Students must earn a minimum over all 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

Special Degrees: Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

Suggested Semester Plan of Study

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checklist for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Political Science academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Political Science major requirements.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Freshman		
First Semester		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3
HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States, 1492 to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3
P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3
Social Science (Core III)		3
Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)		3
Credit Hours		15
Second Semester		
ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213	Principles of English Composition (Core I) or Expository Writing	3
Math (Core I)		3
Natural Science without lab (Core II)		3
Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)		3
Non-Western Culture (Core IV)		3
Credit Hours		15
Sophomore		
First Semester		
P SC 2013	Introduction to Political Analysis	3
Distribution Requirement		3
Distribution Requirement		3
Natural Science with lab (Core II)		4
Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)		5
Credit Hours		18

Second Semester	
P SC Major Elective	3
Distribution Requirement	3
Distribution Requirement	3
Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)	5
Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
Free Elective	1
Credit Hours	18

Graduate-level Elective	3-6
Credit Hours	15
Total Credit Hours	144

Junior

First Semester

P SC Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Intermediate Foreign Language	3
Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
Credit Hours	15

Second Semester

P SC 4093 Capstone Seminar in Political Science	3
Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
Credit Hours	15

Senior

First Semester

P SC 5923 Introduction to Analysis of Political Data (shared)	3
P SC 5933 Intermediate Analysis of Political Data (shared)	3
P SC 6003 Political Science: Survey of a Discipline (shared)	3
Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
Credit Hours	12

Second Semester

Graduate Major Emphasis	3
Graduate Secondary Emphasis	3
Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
Graduate-level Elective	3
Credit Hours	12

Fifth Year

First Semester

Graduate Major Emphasis	3
Graduate Secondary Emphasis	3
Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level)	3
Upper Division Free Elective (3000-4000-level) ³	
Credit Hours	9

Second Semester

Choose one of the following:	3-6
P SC 5950 Research Problems	
P SC 5980 Research for Master's Thesis (3 hrs shared)	
Graduate Major Emphasis	3
Graduate Secondary Emphasis	3