POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

The minor in political science offers students the opportunity to acquire a foundation in the discipline as well as significant exposure to advanced courses.

Students may want to choose courses that complement and deepen their major area of study. For example, economics majors may want to focus on political economy courses, history majors may study contemporary politics in their area of focus, and philosophy majors may study political theory. Alternatively, students can choose to broaden their knowledge of political science in areas unrelated to their majors. Students should consult with a department advisor to develop an individual program of study.

Course Title
Minor Requirements (6 units)
At least two 200-level courses chosen from:
- POLI_SCI 201-0 Introduction to Political Theory
- POLI_SCI 220-0 American Government and Politics
- POLI_SCI 230-0 Introduction to Law in the Political Arena
- POLI_SCI 240-0 Introduction to International Relations
- POLI_SCI 250-0 Introduction to Comparative Politics

Four additional political science courses, including at least three at the 300 level.

1 At most one unit of Chicago Field Studies (chosen from CFS 391-0, CFS 394-0, or CFS 397-0) may substitute for one course.

Notes about substitutions and restrictions:
- At most one course from study abroad may count toward the minor.
- At most two units of POLI_SCI 399-0 Independent Study may count towards the minor.
- Courses taken P/N cannot be counted toward the minor (this is a Weinberg College rule; for details see Grade Requirements (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#schoolrequirementstext)).
- Receiving a 5 on an AP exam (either American Government or Comparative Politics) can place students out of the equivalent 200-level course, but test credit awarded cannot be substituted for the 6 courses required to complete the minor. Thus, instead of taking POLI_SCI 220-0 or POLI_SCI 250-0 , the student must take an additional 300-level course. Students receiving 5’s on the AP exams in both American Government and Comparative Politics can place out of both equivalent 200-level courses and thus need to take two additional 300-level courses. Students wishing to use their AP credit in this fashion must contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies to place the request.

Courses

American Politics Courses
These courses examine political behavior, power, and politics in American society and in the institutions of US government at the national, state, and local levels.

Course Title
- POLI_SCI 220-0 American Government and Politics
- POLI_SCI 230-0 Introduction to Law in the Political Arena
- POLI_SCI 240-0 Introduction to International Relations
- POLI_SCI 250-0 Introduction to Comparative Politics

International Relations Courses
This field includes the study of major actors and arenas in the world scene, global processes through which cooperation and conflict are managed in the international system, and ways in which change occurs and resources become allocated in the global system.

Course Title
- POLI_SCI 240-0 Introduction to International Relations
- POLI_SCI 340-0 International Relations Theory
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POLI_SCI 341-0  
International Political Economy

POLI_SCI 342-0  
International Organizations

POLI_SCI 343-0  
Politics of International Law

POLI_SCI 344-0  
U.S. Foreign Policy

POLI_SCI 345-0  
National Security

POLI_SCI 346-0  
European Union in International Affairs

POLI_SCI 347-0  
Ethics in International Relations

POLI_SCI 348-0  
Globalization

POLI_SCI 349-0  
International Environmental Politics

POLI_SCI 376-0  
Civil Wars

POLI_SCI 377-0  
Drugs and Politics

POLI_SCI 378-0  
America and the World

POLI_SCI 382-0  
Politics of Religious Diversity

POLI_SCI 383-0  
War and Change in International Politics

POLI_SCI 384-0  
International Responses to Mass Atrocities

Political Theory Courses
These courses examine the ideas that inform the thinking of today’s citizens, representatives, and political scientists. They are organized by historical periods and conceptual similarity.

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Research Methodology Courses
Courses in this field help students engage in the research they may encounter in their 300 level courses and help prepare students to conduct original research on the causes and consequences of political phenomena. The methodological techniques are often transferable to research problems in government and business.

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