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, an economics major may want to focus on political economy courses. A history major might study contemporary politics in an area on which he or she is focusing. A philosophy major 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 member of the departmental undergraduate advising team to develop an individual program of study.

### 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.

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#### Comparative Politics Courses

Some of these courses concentrate on understanding the politics of specific national systems, while others focus on certain types of political phenomena and make cross-national comparisons.

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#### International Politics 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.

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### Notes about substitutions and restrictions:

- At most one course from study abroad may count toward the minor.
- At most two units of POLL_SCI 399-0 Independent Study may count toward 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 courses (6) required to complete the minor. Thus, instead of taking POLL_SCI 220-0 or POLL_SCI 250-0, the student must take an additional 300-level course. Students wishing to use their AP credit in this fashion must meet with the Director of Undergraduate Studies to place the request.

### Course Requirements

- At least 2 200-level courses chosen from:
  - POLL_SCI 201-0 Introduction to Political Theory
  - POLL_SCI 220-0 American Government and Politics
  - POLL_SCI 230-0 Introduction to Law in the Political Arena
  - POLL_SCI 240-0 Introduction to International Relations
  - POLL_SCI 250-0 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- At most two units of Comparative Politics can be substituted for the courses (6) required to complete the minor.
- At most one course from study abroad may count toward the minor.
- At least 4 additional political science courses, including at least 3 at the 300 level.

1. At most 1 unit of Chicago Field Studies (chosen from CFS 391-0, CFS 394-1, CFS 396-0, or CFS 397-0) may substitute for one course.
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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.

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.

Seminars and Independent Study

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