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

Notes about substitutions and restrictions:

- 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.

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

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.

Course Title
POPSCI 250-0 Introduction to Comparative Politics
POPSCI 350-0 Social Movements
POPSCI 351-0 Politics of the Middle East
POPSCI 352-0 Global Development
POPSCI 353-0 Politics of Latin America
POPSCI 354-0 Politics of Southeast Asia
POPSCI 355-0 Politics of China
POPSCI 356-0 Constitutional Challenges in Comparative Perspective
POPSCI 358-SA Contemporary South Africa: A Political Economy/Policy Perspective
POPSCI 359-0 Politics of Africa
POPSCI 361-0 Democracy and Autocracy
POPSCI 362-0 Politics of Europe
POPSCI 363-SA The Political Economy of the European Union
POPSCI 364-SA France: Politics, Culture, & Society
POPSCI 365-SA Decision Making in the European Union
POPSCI 366-SA The Dynamics of Law Making in the European Union
POPSCI 368-0 Political Economy of Development
POPSCI 369-0 Politics of Post-Soviet Russia
POPSCI 373-0 Chinese Foreign Policy
POPSCI 374-0 Politics of Capitalism
POPSCI 379-SA China in Transition: Ideology, Political Economy, Law, and Relations with the US
POPSCI 381-SA Political Economy of Contemporary China
POPSCI 385-SA Institutions and Society
POPSCI 389-0 Understanding Genocide

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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