**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 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 394-1, 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 at [catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#schoolrequirementstext](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 POLI_SCI 220-0 or POLI_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.

### 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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POLL SCI 240-0 | Introduction to International Relations
POLL SCI 340-0 | International Relations Theory
POLL SCI 341-0 | International Political Economy
POLL SCI 342-0 | International Organizations
POLL SCI 343-0 | Politics of International Law
POLL SCI 344-0 | U.S. Foreign Policy
POLL SCI 345-0 | National Security
POLL SCI 346-0 | European Union in International Affairs
POLL SCI 347-0 | Ethics in International Relations
POLL SCI 348-0 | Globalization
POLL SCI 349-0 | International Environmental Politics
POLL SCI 372-0 | The Middle East in International Politics
POLL SCI 376-0 | Civil Wars
POLL SCI 377-0 | Drugs and Politics
POLL SCI 378-0 | America and the World
POLL SCI 380-0 | Refugee Crises and Human Rights
POLL SCI 382-0 | Politics of Religious Diversity
POLL SCI 383-0 | War and Change in International Politics
POLL 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.

Course | Title
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POLL SCI 201-0 | Introduction to Political Theory
POLL SCI 301-0 | Classical Political Theory
POLL SCI 302-0 | Subjects, Citizens, Revolutionaries: Early Modern Political Thought
POLL SCI 303-0 | Modernity and Its Discontents
POLL SCI 304-0 | Human Rights Between East and West
POLL SCI 306-0 | American Political Thought
POLL SCI 307-0 | Deportation Law and Politics
POLL SCI 308-0 | Critical Theory and the Study of Politics
POLL SCI 308-SA | Critical Theory and the Study of Politics
POLL SCI 309-0 | Political Theories of the Rule of Law

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.

Course | Title
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POLL SCI 210-0 | Introduction to Empirical Methods in Political Science
POLL SCI 211-0 | Introduction to Interpretive Methods in Political Science
POLL SCI 310-0 | Methods of Political Inference
POLL SCI 311-0 | Logics of Political Inquiry
POLL SCI 312-0 | Statistical Research Methods

Seminars and Independent Study

Course | Title
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POLL SCI 390-0 | Special Topics in Political Science
POLL SCI 394-LK | Professional Linkage Seminar