

PROPOSAL FOR A POLITICAL SCIENCE B.S. MAJOR
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1. General Information

- Name of proposed major: Political Science
- Degree students completing the major will receive: Bachelor of Science
- Proposed implementation date: Fall semester 2014
- Academic units (e.g., department, college) responsible for administrating the major program: Political Science

2. Rationale

- Describe the rationale/purpose of the major; it is important to justify any credit increases to an existing major:

To offer a Political Science degree that provides more rigorous training in social scientific methodology and thereby better equips students to study and produce empirical research about politics. We believe, and have evidence (see below), that there is untapped demand both among current Political Science majors and among mathematically-inclined and/or STEM-oriented students elsewhere at the University for such a degree program.

- Describe how assessment data has served as an impetus for the proposal (i.e., program review, reaccreditation data, majors, or student data gathered):

In order to gauge the potential appeal of a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, an online survey was distributed to all current Political Science majors and to every student who took a 1000- or 2000-level Political Science course between summer 2012 and summer 2013; about 2,700 unique students in all. More than 600 students completed the survey, for a response rate of about 23%. The response rate for Political Science majors was above 30%. About 39% of majors (108 students) and 19% of non-majors (65 students) reported that they would consider pursuing a Political Science B.S. as a first or second major. This is consistent with what we see in the other SBS units that offer a B.S. (Anthropology, Economics, Geography, and Psychology), where between roughly 1/5 and 1/3 of majors are pursuing that degree option.

- Identify any unique characteristics or resources that make it particularly appropriate for Ohio State to offer the proposed major.

The main difference between this program and the existing Political Science B.A. degree program is the emphasis on methodological training. The Department of Political Science at Ohio State is well-known for its strength in political methodology, being ranked among the top ten programs nationally in that subfield in the most recent survey by US News & World Report. Our faculty are producing cutting-edge work in this field, and our graduate program is already well-known for the quality and rigor of its methodological training. We therefore believe that this degree program is well suited to the strengths of our department.

- Cite the benefits for students, the institution, and the region or state.

The creation of this major is consistent with, and will help to advance, the various ongoing initiatives at Ohio State and in the state of Ohio having to do with data analytics and the promotion of STEM education. The major will also better prepare students for a variety of career opportunities, and serve as a springboard for students who wish to seek an advanced degree in Political Science or one of the other social science disciplines.

- Describe career opportunities and/or opportunities for graduate or professional study available to persons who complete the major.

The data analysis skills that this major provides will enhance students' ability to pursue the careers opportunities that are traditionally associated with a Political Science degree, such as law, business, political analysis and consulting, public policy, secondary and higher education, and journalism.

- Describe any licensure or certification for which this major will prepare students.

n/a

3. Goals/Objectives and Evaluation of Program

- Provide a learning outcomes assessment plan for the major program:
- State the general and specific educational goals and student learning objectives of the major: What knowledge, skills, and/or values should students attain who graduate with this major? Goals should be broad goals, not detailed ones; a list of 3 to 11 goals is recommended. If the program has multiple Specializations / Sub-plans, multiple lists of goals may be presented if Specialization / Sub-Plan learning goals are different from, or in addition to, program learning goals.
 1. Students have a fundamental understanding of the theories, research methods, and substantive issues that guide the study of politics.
 2. Students have basic knowledge across the four major fields of political science: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.
 3. Students have deeper knowledge of the scholarly literature in one of the four major fields.
 4. Students have the analytic and critical thinking skills that are needed to rigorously evaluate competing arguments and to appraise value-based claims.
- Indicate the methods that will be used to assess whether the educational goals and learning objectives are being met: How will you determine whether or not students are attaining the knowledge and skills being taught? (See Appendix 8 for examples of direct and indirect assessment measures for programs.)

Embedded testing, graduating senior survey; post-baccalaureate survey; review of syllabi; student evaluation of instruction (SEI) data.

- Align an evaluation method with each educational objective and expected learning outcome students should achieve: Which methods match up with which objectives? A method may match up with multiple objectives.
 - Embedded testing: Learning Goals ##1-4.
 - Graduating senior survey: Learning Goals ##2 and 4; evaluates delivery of instruction and adequacy of student support.
 - Post-baccalaureate survey: evaluates delivery of instruction and extent to which post-graduate employment and/or education is in a field and/or industry related to the undergraduate program specialization.
 - Review of syllabi: all Learning Goals; evaluates delivery of instruction.
 - SEI data: evaluates delivery of instruction and adequacy of student support.
- Specify the criteria that will be used to evaluate successful student learning: What are the measurements for success (e.g., 95% graduation rate, 80% placement rate within field in 5 years, 90% licensure rate)?
 - Embedded testing: 80% correct responses.
 - Graduating senior survey: 80% of respondents agree or strongly agree that Learning Goals #2 & #4 were met; 80% of respondents agree or strongly agree that many faculty-taught courses were available to them, that instructors offered reasonably available office hours, that academic advising was reasonably available and helpful, etc.

- Provide a timeline over which the assessment plan will be implemented.
 - Embedded testing will begin in the 2nd year following the launch of the major. Selected courses will be assessed for at least 2 years, although this schedule may change as the DUGS, Chair, and Undergraduate Studies Committee evaluate the results.
 - Graduating senior survey: assessed annually beginning with the first graduating students.
 - Post-baccalaureate survey: beginning in the 5th year of the program and every 5 years thereafter.
 - Review of syllabi: every 2-3 years.
 - SEI data: annually.
- Describe how outcomes information will be used to improve student learning and program effectiveness: How could the data you propose to collect (or have collected) over time be useful for improving the program in the future? Who will examine the data, when, and how will decisions be made based on the data collected?
 - Meet with students directly to discuss their performance.
 - Analyze and discuss trends with the unit's faculty.
 - Analyze and report to college/school.
 - Make improvements in curricular requirements (e.g. add, subtract courses).
 - Make improvements in course content.
 - Make improvements in course delivery and learning activities within courses.
 - Periodically confirm that current curriculum and courses are facilitating student attainment of program goals.

4. Relationship to Other Programs / Benchmarking

- Describe current major and minor programs in the department(s) and how they relate to the proposed major.

This degree program is similar in design to the existing Political Science B.A., with the exception that it requires a core sequence of 3 courses in political methodology and at least one additional elective methodology course. The structure of the major with a complete list of courses is attached (see Appendix A).

- Identify any overlaps with other programs or departments within the university. Append letters of concurrence or objection from related units.

n/a

- Indicate any cooperative arrangements with other institutions and organizations that will be used to offer this major.

n/a

- Specify any articulation arrangements (direct transfer opportunities) with other institutions that will be in effect for the major.

n/a

- Provide information on the use of consultants or advisory committees in the development of the major. Describe any continuing consultation.

n/a

- Indicate whether this major or a similar major was submitted for approval previously. Explain at what stage and why that proposal was not approved or was withdrawn.

n/a

- Indicate where students will be drawn from, e.g., existing academic programs, outside of the university. Estimate the mix of students entering the major internally and externally.

We expect that this degree program will attract current and prospective Political Science B.A. students who prefer the additional rigor and perceived marketability of a B.S. degree, as well as students who are interested in politics but want a B.S. degree and so are currently obliged to look elsewhere. Over time, we expect the preponderance of majors to be students who came to Ohio State in order to pursue this major.

5. Student Enrollment

- Indicate the number of students you anticipate will be admitted to the major each year for the first four years of the program (full- and part-time if appropriate). Indicate any estimated summer enrollments if appropriate.

Based on the survey data that we have gathered and experience in other SBS departments we expect about 1/5 to 1/3 of students who are currently majoring, or otherwise would have majored, in Political Science under the existing B.A. program to opt for the B.S. degree instead. Based on current enrollment figures this would amount to about 200-300 students. As stated above about 20% of non-majors surveyed also indicated an interest in a Political Science B.S.; if we extrapolate that number out to the total population of students who received the survey this suggests that an additional 300-350 students might enroll. This second number should probably be treated with caution.

6. Curricular Requirements

- Provide curriculum advising sheet formatted to meet the unit's standards. (If the program has multiple specializations / sub-plans, multiple advising sheets may be attached.)

See Appendix B.

- List the courses (department, title, credit hours, description) which constitute the requirements and other components of the major. If any courses have prerequisites, please indicate so. Indicate which courses are currently offered and which ones will be new, which ones will be changed, and which ones may need to be withdrawn. When those new courses, course changes, and course withdrawals are put in curriculum.osu.edu, we recommend you indicate that those course requests are submitted as part of a larger programmatic proposal. As much as possible, the curriculum committees will review the course requests in conjunction with the major proposal.

See Appendix A.

- Include a curriculum map that shows how, and at what level (e.g., beginning, intermediate, advanced), the program's courses facilitate students' attainment of program learning goals. A table format is recommended. (Note: If the program has multiple specializations / sub-plans, multiple maps may be attached.) (See Appendix 9)

See Appendix C.

- State the minimum number of credits required for completion of the major.

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- State the average number of credits expected for a student at completion of the major.

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- Submit a sample four-year student plan which gives the average number of credits taken per semester by a typical student.

See Appendix D.

- Give the number of credits students are required to take in other departments; list the departments, number of credits, and level (lower-division or upper-division undergraduate, master's, doctoral, or graduate/professional).

None.

- If the program has an associate pre-major or area of interest, describe proposed pre-major requirements, which may include prerequisite courses and any minimum grade point or specialized grade point hour requirements. Alternatively, please provide an advising sheet.

See Appendix B.

- Give the number of credits a typical student might take as electives in other departments; list the department, number of credits, and level (lower-division or upper-division undergraduate, master's, doctoral, or graduate/professional).

Students are permitted, but not required, to take up to 6 credit hours toward the major in other departments with the approval of a Political Science department advisor.

- Describe other major requirements in addition to course requirements: e.g., examinations, internships, final projects.

None.

- Identify the specialized professional association(s) from which accreditation will be sought. List any additional resources that will be necessary to gain such accreditation.

n/a

- Describe existing facilities, equipment, and off-campus field experience and clinical sites to be used. Indicate how the use of these facilities, equipment, etc., will impact other existing programs.

n/a

- Describe additional university resources (including advisors and libraries) that will be required for the new major.

The Political Science Department has the capacity at this time to offer this proposed major. We expect the impact on facilities, faculty, and support services to be minimal. We expect increased enrollment in our methodology courses over time, but that increase will be manageable given our current and planned capacity. Our existing advising team will also advise for the Political Science B.S. major.

- Describe the major as it would appear in the appropriate college bulletin.

The Bachelor of Science in Political Science provides rigorous training in social scientific methodology and equips students to study and produce empirical research about politics. This major allows students who plan to attend graduate school for advanced study in Political Science or another social science discipline, or who are pursuing a second STEM-related major or minor, to pursue their interest in politics while developing and making use of their analytical and technical skills.

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APPENDIX A
POLITICAL SCIENCE
STRUCTURE OF PROPOSED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE MAJOR

The proposed Bachelor of Science major program in **Political Science** consists of a prerequisite to the major and eleven courses at the 2000 level or higher. Of these eleven courses, eight must be at the 3000 level or higher. The program requires a central foundational core of four courses in political methodology and at least one course from three of the four subfields in Political Science: *American Politics*, *Comparative Politics*, *International Relations*, and *Political Theory*. Students choose at least four electives.

A minimum of 21 credit hours must be taken at The Ohio State University.

Prerequisite to the Political Science B.S. Major (Choose 1 Course)			
Course	Description	Cr. Hrs.	Prereq(s)
POLITSC 1100: <i>Intro to American Politics</i>	Introduction to American politics, the institutions and processes which create public policy, the strengths and weaknesses of the American political systems.	3	N/A
POLITSC 1200: <i>Intro to Comparative Politics</i>	Introduction to modern nation-states outside the United States: problems of state- and nation-building, representation, conflict, and making of government policy in selected countries.	3	N/A
POLITSC 1300: <i>Global Politics</i>	Cooperation and conflict in world politics. Covers basic theories of international relations and key issues, including security, political economy, international organizations, and the environment.	3	N/A
POLITSC 1165: <i>Intro to Politics</i>	Introduction to politics and political science: power, democracy and authoritarianism, political participation, the state, political institutions, subfields of the discipline, and political research methodology.	3	N/A
POLITSC 2150: <i>Voters & Elections</i>	Study of US elections, focusing on voter attitudes, group behavior, and political participation.	3	N/A
POLITSC 2300: <i>American Foreign Policy</i>	The role of the United States in world politics since the Second World War, emphasizing structural change in economic and political-military relations.	3	N/A
POLITSC 2400: <i>Intro to Political Theory</i>	An introduction to the field of political theory through classic and contemporary texts and selected case studies.	3	N/A

Political Science B.S. Core (4 Courses)			
Course	Description	Cr. Hrs.	Prereq(s)
POLITSC 3780: <i>Data Literacy & Data Visualization</i>	Proposed: Most social science debates can be addressed with data, and sources of data are growing exponentially. This course introduces students to tools of data analysis and principles behind their use in the context of social-science applications.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4781: <i>Techniques of Political Analysis</i>	Introduction to research design, nature of data, its generation and analysis; analysis of political variables.	3	One course in political science at the 3000 level or above.
POLITSC 4782: <i>Research Methods in Political Science</i>	Research methods for a variety of political science applications, ranging from data presentation and analysis to legal research.	3	POLITSC 4781

Political Science B.S. Core (4 Courses)			
Course	Description	Cr. Hrs.	Prereq(s)
AND 1 of the Following 3 Courses			
POLITSC 3549: <i>Survey Research in Political Science</i>	The conducting of public opinion polls.	3	N/A
OR			
POLITSC 4192: <i>Policy Analysis</i>	An analysis of the policy process emphasizing the determinants of public policy, theories of public choice, and the implementation, impact, and evaluation of policy decisions.	3	N/A
OR			
POLITSC 4553: <i>Game Theory for Political Scientists</i>	Provides entry-level understanding of the basic concepts of game theory and how these concepts are applied to the study of political phenomena.	3	N/A

Political Science B.S. Breadth (3 Courses) 1 Course from 3 of 4 Subfields			
Course	Description	Cr. Hrs.	Prereq(s)
American Politics			
POLITSC 2150 (H): <i>Voters & Elections</i>	Study of US elections, focusing on voter attitudes, group behavior, and political participation.	3	N/A
POLITSC 2194.01: <i>Group Studies</i>	Group studies in American politics.	3	N/A
POLITSC 3100: <i>Am Pol & Policy Making</i>	An examination of American political institutions and the policy-making process.	3	N/A
POLITSC 3115: <i>Intro to the Policy Process</i>	Introduction to the workings of policy-making processes within governments, and the use of social science reasoning to evaluate and improve the content of policies.	3	N/A
POLITSC 2367 (H): <i>Contemp Issues Am Pol</i>	Discussion of and critical writing about controversies in contemporary American politics; aimed at fostering analytical abilities in reading comprehension, oral, and written expression.	3	POLITSC 1200 or 3100 & English 1110, and Soph standing; or permission of instructor.
POLITSC 3170: <i>Political Psych</i>	Introduces students to political psychology, its development from parent disciplines, its topics and problems, its research results and methods, and their applications to current affairs.	3	N/A
POLITSC 3905: <i>Pol Manipulation</i>	Examines how political actors manipulate the rules and the salience and availability of information to shift political outcomes in their favor.	3	N/A
POLITSC 3912: <i>Pol Leadership</i>	Establishment of a working definition of political leadership, investigation of recruitment of leaders, analysis of major functions political leaders perform, and assessment of consequences of political leadership.	3	Politsc 1100, 1200, or 3100
POLITSC 4110: <i>Am Pres</i>	An examination of the American presidency, emphasizing the contemporary role of the president, the institutionalized presidency, and theories of presidential behavior.	3	N/A

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1 Course from 3 of 4 Subfields**

Course	Description	Cr. Hrs.	Prereq(s)
American Politics			
POLITSC 4115: <i>Bureaucracy & Pub Pol</i>	An examination of bureaucracies as political institutions, and a consideration of their role in several areas of public policy implementation.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4120: <i>US Congress</i>	Analysis of legislatures and legislators, with a focus on the U.S. Congress and some attention to state legislatures and representative assemblies in other countries.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4125: <i>Am State Pol</i>	Comparative analysis of politics in the American states.	3	POLITSC 1100 or 3100 or permission of instructor.
POLITSC 4126: <i>Ohio Pol</i>	Examination of state politics with special reference to Ohio.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4127: <i>City Politics</i>	Introduction to the governance of urban communities in the United States.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4130: <i>Law & Politics</i>	Analysis of the roles of judges and lawyers as participants in the American political process; analysis of courts as political institutions.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4132H: <i>Sup Court Dec Making</i>	Study of explanations for Supreme Court decisions; use of those explanations and independent research to predict justices' positions in current cases.	3	Honors standing or permission of instructor.
POLITSC 4135: <i>Am Constitutional Law</i>	Assessment of the contemporary realities of U.S. governmental authority as interpreted by the judiciary; emphasis on judicial review, case and controversy requirements, and legislative and executive power.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4136: <i>Civil Liberties</i>	An examination of civil liberties decisions by American courts, their legal and political bases, and their effects on government and society.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4137: <i>Politics of Legal Decision Making</i>	An examination of the literature relating social-science theories and research to the law, focusing on the criminal justice system.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4138: <i>Women & the Law</i>	An examination of the legal status of women and the ways in which law affects the situation of women in American society.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4139: <i>Gun Pol</i>	Examination of the arguments and issues surrounding gun control in the United States.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4140: <i>Black Pol</i>	Economic, political, and social constraints on the development of black political power; the efforts made by black people in recent times to organize for effective political action.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4145: <i>Asian Am Pol</i>	An examination of the experiences of Asian Americans in the political process, including public opinion, mass political behavior, elite politics, and contemporary policy debates.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4150: <i>Am Pol Parties</i>	Theories of political parties, party organization, individual voting behavior, nomination and electoral politics, the party in government.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4152: <i>Campaign Pol</i>	The organization and strategy of American political campaigns; practical politics seen in the light of knowledge about political behavior and public opinion.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4160: <i>Pub Opinion</i>	Origins and nature of political attitudes; the content of public opinion; the public's influence on policy-making.	3	N/A

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1 Course from 3 of 4 Subfields**

Course	Description	Cr. Hrs.	Prereq(s)
American Politics			
POLITSC 4165: <i>Mass Media & Am Pol</i>	An overview of the influence of the mass media on contemporary American politics; primary focus on news media with consideration of entertainment programming.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4162: <i>Religion & Am Pol</i>	Investigates the relationship between politics and religion in America, considering historical context and influence of religion on political culture, coalitions and political behavior.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4164: <i>Pol Part & Voting Behav</i>	A study of political participation and its correlates, determinants of the vote decision, and analysis of recent American elections.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4170: <i>Gender & Politics</i>	An examination of women's participation in political activity, including changes over time in women's political roles and comparison with the roles of men.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4175: <i>Women, Govt & PubPol</i>	An examination of policymaking on gender-related issues and the impact of women in government.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4190: <i>Pol DecMakg & Pub Pol</i>	Analysis of decision-making processes considering welfare, education, economic, and environmental policy.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4191: <i>Internship</i>	Combines experience in political institutions or policy processes with analysis of that experience in light of relevant scholarly literature.	0-10	N/A
POLITSC 4192: <i>Policy Analysis</i>	An analysis of the policy process emphasizing the determinants of public policy, theories of public choice, and the implementation, impact, and evaluation of policy decisions.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4193: <i>Ind Studies</i>	Students will devote their time to special projects including papers, exams and practical political experience.	1-10	Permission of instructor.
POLITSC 4891 (H): <i>Topics</i>	Selected topics in American politics; topics vary by section and instructor.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4910 (H): <i>Business-Government Relations</i>	Explores the relationships between business and government, including topics ranging from regulatory politics and legislative lobbying, to trade politics and multinational corporations, to business ethics.	3	N/A
POLITSC 5124: <i>Urban Politics</i>	The study of political problems facing the cities, including community power, poverty, welfare, urban renewal, urban education, law enforcement, and violence.	3	N/A
POLITSC 5140: <i>Ethnic Pol in Am Cities</i>	Group conflict along ethnic lines in major American cities: factors contributing to group cohesion in politics; strategies and resources for exercising power through collective political action.	3	N/A

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Course	Description	Cr. Hrs.	Prereq(s)
Comparative Politics			
POLITSC 2194.02 - Group Studies in Comparative Politics	Group studies in comparative politics.	1-3	N/A
POLITSC 3220 - Politics of the Developing World	A general introduction to the theoretical and substantive literature dealing with the historical development and contemporary characteristics of the new states of Asia and Africa.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4200 - Politics of Modern Democracies	A survey of the basic institutions and politics of modern democracies, with emphasis on representativeness and democratic stability.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4210 - Politics of European Integration	A survey of the politics of European integration since the Second World War; topics include theories of political integration, institutions of the EU, its policies and decision making, common currency, and internal and external relations.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4212 - Southern European Politics	Survey of the emergence and distinguishing characteristics of stable democracies and modern societies in Italy, Spain, Portugal, and Greece.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4214 - Northern European Politics	Survey of politics in selected countries of Northern Europe, including Britain, France, Germany, and the smaller European democracies; themes include social welfare, corporatism, parties, and party systems.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4216 - East European Politics	Systematic comparison of the sources, dynamics, and outcomes of political, economic, and social transformations in the former Communist countries of Eastern Europe.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4218 - Russian Politics	Survey of the politics of Russia and the former soviet states with emphasis on democratization, economic reform, institutional development, elites, mass behavior, and ideology.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4219 - European Political Development	Uses experience of France, Germany, Great Britain, and Italy as foundation for understanding the emergence, functioning, and sustainability of different types of political regimes over time.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4225H - Democracy in Muslim Majority Countries	A seminar on democracy in Muslim majority nations, concentrating on such issues as ethnicity, economic development, and colonialism, and their effects on these countries' political development.	3	Honors and Jr standing, or permission of instructor.
POLITSC 4230 - Chinese Political System	A study of the contemporary political process of Communist China; considerable time will be spent on an analysis of recent political change in China and the process of revolution.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4231 - China: State and Society	The 21st-century rise of China and its effects on Chinese politics and society.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4232 - Contemporary Politics of South Asia	A survey of the politics of South Asia since 1947; topics include the development and consolidation of democracy, the role of social cleavages in politics, and economic development and reform.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4235 - Japanese Politics	The government and politics of Japan, with special emphasis given to the impact of cultural and social patterns on the processes of government with imported political institutions.	3	N/A

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Comparative Politics			
POLITSC 4236 - Southeast Asian Politics	Government and politics in the Philippines, Indonesia, Indo-China, Malaysia, Thailand, Burma; problems of this region in relation to world politics.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4240 - Latin American Politics	A study of political processes, institutions, and groups in Latin America, with emphasis on constitutional, geographical, social, and economic environments in which they operate.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4241 - Special Topics in Latin American Politics	Examination of contemporary political challenges confronting Latin America in the twenty-first century, including globalization, poverty, inequality, and democratic consolidation.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4242 - Incomplete Democracies	Explores various forms of violence including electoral violence and political assassination, organized crime, police brutality, and other human rights abuses in Latin America.	3	Soph standing or above.
POLITSC 4249 - Domestic Politics of International Conflict	Examination of war and the impact of domestic politics on the war-making decision; influence of domestic institutions and public opinion on leaders' ability/willingness to wage war.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4250 – African Politics	Survey of Sub-Saharan African politics from the pre-colonial period to the contemporary era. Examines common themes, issues, and trends that shape politics and development across forty-nine countries. Students will gain an understanding of how context shapes political behavior and how historical and political forces have influenced African politics.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4262 - The New Religious Politics	How religious beliefs and practices affect politics in a variety of countries: variation in "church-state" relations; religiously-based political divisions; democracy and religion.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4270 - The Canadian Political System	The Canadian political system, including institutional, behavioral, socio-economic, cultural, and ideological components, often in comparison with the United States' political system.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4280 - State and Economy	Introduction to comparative political economy; relations between the state and the economy, politics and markets, and democracy and capitalism; the consequences of state intervention.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4282 - The Politics of Income Inequality	Introduces fundamental politics of income inequality and redistribution, including social policy development, redistributive policy differences between countries, and popularity of differing welfare programs.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4285 - The Comparative Politics of the Welfare State	Analyzes different kinds of welfare capitalism including social, economic, and political considerations shaping welfare policy; and contemporary welfare reform as an exercise in reallocation, reorganization, and budget-cutting.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4597.02 - Political Problems of the Contemporary World	Critical political problems of industrialized and developing societies, including governmental legitimacy, conflict and violence, social welfare, equality, and economic development.	3	Jr or Sr standing.

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Comparative Politics			
POLITSC 4597.03 - <i>Gender and Democracy in the Contemporary World</i>	Highlighting perspectives from various contexts across the globe, this course explores issues of gender and democracy in the contemporary world.	3	Sr standing, or permission of instructor.
POLITSC 4892 - <i>Topics in Comparative Politics</i>	Selected topics in comparative politics; topics vary by section and instructor.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4940 - <i>The Politics of Immigration</i>	Provides overview of international migration phenomenon: patterns of international migration, reasons for immigration, acceptance of immigrants by governments and public, dynamics of anti-immigrant sentiment.	3	N/A

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Course	Description	Cr. Hrs.	Prereq(s)
International Relations			
POLITSC 2194.03 - <i>Group Studies in International Politics</i>	Group studies in international politics.	3	N/A
POLITSC 2300 - <i>American Foreign Policy</i>	The role of the United States in world politics since the Second World War, emphasizing structural change in economic and political-military relations.	3	N/A
POLITSC 3910 - <i>Identity Politics</i>	Explores who controls the meaning of identity in society; examining identity from the perspective of liberal, sociological, and social psychological, structuralist, and institutionalist theories.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4300 - <i>Theories of International Relations</i>	Various theories of world politics, such as realism, liberalism, long cycles, domestic and bureaucratic politics, and decision-making level theory.	3	POLITSC 1300
POLITSC 4310 - <i>Security Policy</i>	National security and military policy issues and trends since 1945; covers containment, deterrence, Vietnam, nuclear weapons, terrorism, and globalization.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4315 - <i>International Security and the Causes of War</i>	Examines various issues regarding international conflict and cooperation, including theories of strategic interaction and the causes of war.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4318 - <i>The Politics of International Terrorism</i>	Examines international terrorism's concepts and actors, the motivations and causes of terrorism, the experience of the United States, and tensions between freedoms and security.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4320 - <i>Strategies for War and Peace</i>	Examination of how political leaders make decisions, emphasizing such issues as leaders' reasoning processes and the impact of public opinion and foreign policy bureaucracies.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4326 - <i>Russian Foreign Policy</i>	Basic concepts about, and choices in, Russian foreign policy; development and presentation of patterns of relations with key nations; major problems in future relationships.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4327 - <i>Politics in the Middle East</i>	Politics of Arab-Israeli relations, Persian Gulf, Islamic fundamentalism, and oil; processes of change and their effects on governments and international relations.	3	N/A

**Political Science B.S. Breadth (3 Courses)
1 Course from 3 of 4 Subfields**

Course	Description	Cr. Hrs.	Prereq(s)
International Relations			
POLITSC 4330 - <i>Global Governance</i>	Examination of emergence and form of global governance, including questions of legitimation, democratization, and enforcement; as well as collective security, humanitarian intervention, and proliferation.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4331 - <i>The United Nations System</i>	Activities and potential of the United Nations system in promoting economic well-being, environmental management, resource sharing, social justice, and control of violence.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4332 - <i>Politics of Globalization</i>	Examines globalization's origins, impacts on human welfare, and political conflicts that arise from it, including actions of governments, multinational corporations, and the anti-globalization movement.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4335 - <i>International Environmental Politics</i>	Theories and debates over sustainable development, environment, and security, and effectiveness of international regimes with a focus on international fisheries management and global climate change.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4380 - <i>Political Analysis of International Economic Relations</i>	Examines the relationship between political and economic events in the international system; topics include global interdependence, inequality, scarce resources, and periphery nation strategies.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4381 - <i>Comparative International Political Economy</i>	A survey of foreign economic policies followed by European and other advanced industrial economies since the Napoleonic Wars, with a special emphasis on Britain, France, Germany, the United States, and Japan.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4597.01 - <i>International Cooperation and Conflict</i>	An examination of the relationships industrialized countries have with each other and developing nations; focus on potential for cooperation and conflict.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4893 - <i>Topics in International Politics</i>	Selected topics in international politics; topics vary by section and instructor.	3	N/A

**Political Science B.S. Breadth (3 Courses)
1 Course from 3 of 4 Subfields**

Course	Description	Cr. Hrs.	Prereq(s)
Political Theory			
POLITSC 2194.04 - <i>Group Studies in Political Theory</i>	Group studies in political theory.	3	N/A
POLITSC 2400 - <i>Introduction to Political Theory</i>	An introduction to the field of political theory through classic and contemporary texts and selected case studies.	3	N/A
POLITSC 3420 - <i>Political Theories of Democracy</i>	An examination of theories of democracy, focusing on normative and descriptive dilemmas such as participation versus liberty in democratic societies.	3	POLITSC 2400
POLITSC 3430 - <i>Political Theories of Freedom</i>	Provides an overview of the various ways in which the value of human freedom has been understood and pursued in political life.	3	POLITSC 2400

**Political Science B.S. Breadth (3 Courses)
1 Course from 3 of 4 Subfields**

Course	Description	Cr. Hrs.	Prereq(s)
Political Theory			
POLITSC 3440 - <i>Political Theories of Justice</i>	Focuses on debates among political theorists about the meaning of justice; "What is justice?" and "How might we order our world justly?"	3	POLITSC 2400
POLITSC 3450 - <i>Ethics and Public Policy</i>	Contemporary approaches to public policy evaluation and their ethical foundations, including efficiency, security, rights, welfare, and equity.	3	N/A
POLITSC 3460 : <i>Global Justice</i>	Examines the idea of justice between states and among the people of the world. What would a just world look like? How should we live in our unjust world? Current debates about war, the environment, diversity and poverty will be considered.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4411 - <i>Ancient and Medieval Political Thought</i>	The study of major works in ancient and medieval political thought, including texts by Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, and others.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4412 - <i>Early Modern Political Thought</i>	The study of major works in early modern political thought including texts by Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and others.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4413 - <i>Modern Political Thought</i>	The study of major works in 19th-century political thought, including texts by Marx, Mill, Nietzsche, and others.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4414 - <i>Contemporary Political Thought</i>	An advanced undergraduate-level survey of significant debates in contemporary political theory.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4420H - <i>Debating Democracy</i>	Intensive examination of theories of democracy, focusing on normative and descriptive dilemmas such as participation versus liberty in democratic societies.	3	Honors standing or permission of instructor.
POLITSC 4450H - <i>Politics and Ethics</i>	Explores the relationship between ethical action and political reality, including the problem of "dirty hands" in political theory and the conflicts among ethical frameworks that appear to give rise to it.	3	Honors standing or permission of instructor.
POLITSC 4455 - <i>Human Rights</i>	Examines human rights, including the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights; coercive enforcement of rights; as well as hunger, violence, persecution, and economic rights.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4460 - <i>American Political Ideas</i>	An analysis of American ideas on law and government, authority and liberty, oligarchy and democracy.	3	POLITSC 2400
POLITSC 4465 – <i>Feminist Political Theory</i>	Examines concepts in feminist political theory including the articulation of feminism, the subjects of feminist theory, the relation of race, class and sexuality to gender experience, and the use of feminist theory to transform conceptions of justice.	3	N/A
POLITSC 4894 - <i>Topics in Political Theory</i>	Selected topics in political theory; topics vary by section and instructor.	3	N/A

POLITICAL SCIENCE B.S. PROGRAM REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS	
Core	12 hours
Breadth Requirement	9 hours
Electives	12 hours
<u>Total Minimum Hours</u>	
Required for Major	33 hours
Prerequisite to the Major	3 hours

**APPENDIX B
POLITICAL SCIENCE
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

MAJOR PROGRAM FORM

Name: _____

Name.#: _____

OSU Email Address: _____

Expected Graduation Semester/Year: _____

Other Major(s)/ Minor(s): _____

Student Signature _____
Date _____
Advisor Signature _____
Date _____

MAJOR PREREQUISITE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course	Hours	Semester / Year	Course Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> POLITSC 1100	3		
<input type="checkbox"/> POLITSC 1165			
<input type="checkbox"/> POLITSC 1200			
<input type="checkbox"/> POLITSC 1300			
<input type="checkbox"/> POLITSC 2150			
<input type="checkbox"/> POLITSC 2300			
<input type="checkbox"/> POLITSC 2400			

CORE

4 Courses Required	Hours	Semester / Year	Course Grade
POLITSC 3780	3		
POLITSC 4781	3		
POLITSC 4782	3		
<i>AND 1 of the Following</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> POLITSC 3549	3		
<input type="checkbox"/> POLITSC 4192			
<input type="checkbox"/> POLITSC 4553			

BREADTH REQUIREMENT -- 1 Course from 3 of 4 Subfields

Course	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hours	Semester / Year	Course Grade
	<input type="checkbox"/> American Politics <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Politics <input type="checkbox"/> International Relations <input type="checkbox"/> Political Theory	3		
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	<input type="checkbox"/> American Politics <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Politics <input type="checkbox"/> International Relations <input type="checkbox"/> Political Theory	3		

APPENDIX C CURRICULUM MAP

LEARNING GOALS

1. Students have basic knowledge across the four major fields of political science: *American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.*
2. Students gain deep knowledge of the scholarly literature in one of the four major fields.
3. Students are familiar with debates about theories, research methods, and substantive issues, and engage and assess contributions in the literature.
4. Students develop analytic and critical thinking skills that will enable them to rigorously evaluate competing arguments and to appraise value-based claims.

KEY TO LEARNING GOAL LEVELS

- F = Foundational
- I = Intermediate
- A = Advanced

Prerequisite to the Major (1 Course)					
Course	Cr. Hrs.	Learning Goals			
		1	2	3	4
<i>POLITSC 1100: Intro to American Politics</i>	3	F		F	F
<i>POLITSC 1200: Intro to Comparative Politics</i>	3	F		F	F
<i>POLITSC 1300: Global Politics</i>	3	F		F	F
<i>POLITSC 1165: Intro to Politics</i>	3	F		F	F
<i>POLITSC 2150: Voters & Elections</i>	3	I		I	I
<i>POLITSC 2300: American Foreign Policy</i>	3	I		I	I
<i>POLITSC 2400: Intro to Political Theory</i>	3	I		I	I

Core (4 Courses)					
Course	Cr. Hrs.	Learning Goals			
		1	2	3	4
<i>POLITSC 3780: Data Visualization</i>	3			I	I
<i>POLITSC 4781: Techniques of Political Analysis</i>	3			A	A
<i>POLITSC 4782: Research Methods in Political Science</i>	3			A	A
AND 1 of the Following Courses					
<i>POLITSC 3549: Survey Research in Political Science</i>	3			I	I
OR					
<i>POLITSC 4192: Policy Analysis</i>	3			A	A
OR					
<i>POLITSC 4553: Game Theory for Political Scientists</i>	3			A	A

Breadth Requirement (3 Courses)						
1 Course from 3 of 4 Subfields						
Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	Learning Goals			
			1	2	3	4
American Politics						
2150 (H)	<i>Voters & Elections</i>	3				
2194.01	<i>Group Studies</i>	3				
3100	<i>Am Pol & Policy Making</i>	3				
3115	<i>Intro to the Policy Process</i>	3				
2367 (H)	<i>Contemp Issues Am Pol</i>	3				
3170	<i>Political Psych</i>	3				
3905	<i>Pol Manipulation</i>	3				
3912	<i>Pol Leadership</i>	3				
4110	<i>Am Pres</i>	3		A	A	A
4115	<i>Bureaucracy & Pub Pol</i>	3		A	A	A
4120	<i>US Congress</i>	3		A	A	A
4125	<i>Am State Pol</i>	3		A	A	A
4126	<i>Ohio Pol</i>	3		A	A	A
4127	<i>City Politics</i>	3		A	A	A
4130	<i>Law & Politics</i>	3		A	A	A
4132H	<i>Sup Court Dec Making</i>	3		A	A	A
4135	<i>Am Constitutional Law</i>	3		A	A	A
4136	<i>Civil Liberties</i>	3		A	A	A
4137	<i>Politics of Legal Decision Making</i>	3		A	A	A
4138	<i>Women & the Law</i>	3		A	A	A
4139	<i>Gun Pol</i>	3		A	A	A
4140	<i>Black Pol</i>	3		A	A	A
4145	<i>Asian Am Pol</i>	3		A	A	A
4150	<i>Am Pol Parties</i>	3		A	A	A
4152	<i>Campaign Pol</i>	3		A	A	A
4160	<i>Pub Opinion</i>	3		A	A	A
4165	<i>Mass Media & Am Pol</i>	3		A	A	A
4162	<i>Religion & Am Pol</i>	3		A	A	A
4164	<i>Pol Part & Voting Behav</i>	3		A	A	A
4170	<i>Gender & Politics</i>	3		A	A	A
4175	<i>Women, Govt & PubPol</i>	3		A	A	A
4190	<i>Pol DecMakg & Pub Pol</i>	3		A	A	A
4191	<i>Internship</i>	3		A	A	A
4192	<i>Policy Analysis</i>	3		A	A	A
4193	<i>Ind Studies</i>	3		A	A	A
4891 (H)	<i>Topics</i>	3		A	A	A
4910 (H)	<i>Business-Government Relations</i>	3		A	A	A
5124	<i>Urban Politics</i>	3		A	A	A
5140	<i>Ethnic Pol in Am Cities</i>	3		A	A	A

Comparative Politics						
2194.02	<i>Group Studies</i>	3				
3220	<i>Pol of Developing World</i>	3				
4200	<i>Politics of Modern Democracies</i>	3		A	A	A
4210	<i>Politics of Eur Integration</i>	3		A	A	A
4212	<i>Southern European Politics</i>	3		A	A	A

Comparative Politics			
4214	<i>Northern European Politics</i>	3	A A A
4216	<i>East European Politics</i>	3	A A A
4218	<i>Russian Politics</i>	3	A A A
4219	<i>European Political Development</i>	3	A A A
4225H	<i>Democ in Muslim Maj Countries</i>	3	A A A
4230	<i>Chinese Political System</i>	3	A A A
4231	<i>China: State & Society</i>	3	A A A
4232	<i>Contemp Pol S Asia</i>	3	A A A
4235	<i>Japanese Politics</i>	3	A A A
4236	<i>SE Asian Politics</i>	3	A A A
4240	<i>Latin American Politics</i>	3	A A A
4241	<i>Special Topics in LAm Pol</i>	3	A A A
4242	<i>Incomplete Democracies</i>	3	A A A
4249	<i>Domestic Pol of Internat Conflict</i>	3	A A A
4250	<i>African Politics</i>	3	A A A
4262	<i>New Religious Politics</i>	3	A A A
4270	<i>Canadian Political System</i>	3	A A A
4280	<i>State & Econ</i>	3	A A A
4282	<i>Politics Inequality</i>	3	A A A
4285	<i>Comp Pol Welfare State</i>	3	A A A
4597.02 /H/E	<i>Pol Problems Contemp World</i>	3	A A A
4597.03	<i>Gender & Democ in Contemp World</i>	3	A A A
4892 (H)	<i>Topics</i>	3	A A A
4940	<i>Pol of Immigration</i>	3	A A A

International Relations			
2194.03	<i>Group Studies</i>	3	I I I I
2300 (H)	<i>Am Foreign Policy</i>	3	I I I I
3910	<i>Identity Politics</i>	3	I I I I
4300	<i>Theories of IR</i>	3	A A A
4310	<i>Security Policy</i>	3	A A A
4315	<i>Int Sec & Causes War</i>	3	A A A
4318	<i>Pol of Int Terrorism</i>	3	A A A
4320	<i>Strat War&Peace</i>	3	A A A
4326	<i>Russian For Policy</i>	3	A A A
4327	<i>Pol in Middle East</i>	3	A A A
4330	<i>Global Governance</i>	3	A A A
4331	<i>United Nations System</i>	3	A A A
4332	<i>Globalization</i>	3	A A A
4335	<i>Int Environmental Pol</i>	3	A A A
4380 (H)	<i>[Pol Anal of] Int Econ Relations</i>	3	A A A
4381	<i>Comp Int Pol Economy</i>	3	A A A
4597.01 (H)	<i>International Cooperation & Conflict</i>	3	A A A
4893 (H)	<i>Topics</i>	3	A A A

Political Theory			
2194.04	<i>Group Studies</i>	3	I I I I
2400 (H)	<i>Intro Pol Th</i>	3	I I I I
3420	<i>Pol Theories Democracy</i>	3	I I I I
3430	<i>Pol Theories Freedom</i>	3	I I I I
3440	<i>Pol Theories Justice</i>	3	I I I I

Political Theory							
3450	<i>Ethics and Pub Pol</i>	3		I	I	I	I
3460	<i>Global Justice</i>	3		I	I	I	I
4411	<i>Ancient/Medieval Pol Th</i>	3			A	A	A
4412	<i>Early Modern Pol Thought</i>	3			A	A	A
4413	<i>Modern Pol Thought</i>	3			A	A	A
4414	<i>Topics in Contemp Pol Thought</i>	3			A	A	A
4420H	<i>Debating Democracy</i>	3			A	A	A
4450H	<i>Pol & Ethics</i>	3			A	A	A
4455	<i>Human Rights</i>	3			A	A	A
4460	<i>Am Pol Ideas</i>	3			A	A	A
4465	<i>Feminist Political Theory</i>	3			A	A	A
4894 (H)	<i>Topics</i>	3			A	A	A

APPENDIX D
SAMPLE 4-YEAR STUDENT PLAN
POLITICAL SCIENCE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROPOSAL

The undergraduate program in Political Science allows flexibility in the order in which you choose to complete your course requirements. The sample below offers a suggested plan for successful completion of the Bachelor of Science degree in four years.

Your particular interests and circumstances may cause you to adjust your plan in a number of ways. For example, by purposefully choosing your elective courses in the junior and senior years, you may pursue a minor or a second major.

<u>Freshman Year</u>	Credit hours
First Year Writing Course	3
Pre-Political Science major (choose from 1100, 1200, 1300, 1165, 2150, 2300, or 2400)	3
Foreign language (depends upon placement level)	4
Math 1151 or equivalent	5
Historical Study	3
Biological Science	3-4
Social Science	3
Political Science 3780	3
Elective/Minor	3
Survey Course	.5-1
Total Hours	30.5-31

<u>Sophomore Year</u>	Credit hours
Second Writing Course (Polit Sci 2367.01 satisfies this requirement.)	3
Foreign language	4
Physical Science	3-4
Literature	3
Cultures & Ideas –or– Historical Study	3
Social Science	3
Political Science major course	3
Political Science 4781 (fall)	3
Political Science 4782 (spring)	3
Total Hours	28-29

<u>Junior Year</u>	Credit hours
Possible third foreign language (depends upon placement level)	4
Third Science	3-4
Visual/Performing Arts	3
Open Option 1	3
Political Science Methodology Elective	3
Political Science major courses (3 courses)	9
Elective/minor	6
Total Hours	31-32

<u>Senior Year</u>	Credit hours
Open Option 2	3
Political Science major courses (3 courses)	9
Elective/Minor	up to 20