

Political Science Major Information

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Admission to the Political Science Major

Minimum Admission Requirements:

- Three political science introductory courses (POL S 101, 201, 202, 203, or 204), with completion of at least two courses and enrollment and attendance in the final course at the time of application.
- Grades of at least 2.0 in each political science introductory course used for admission.
- 2.0 cumulative UW GPA or better.

Students should apply to the major the first quarter in which they are eligible.

Students who need extended premajor status or are already in a major and have circumstances like satisfactory progress issues may have additional requirements and should meet with a Pol S adviser before applying to the major.

To apply to the major:

Complete the online Political Science Major Application at <https://www.polisci.uw.edu/political-science-major>. It is due by the 2nd Sunday of each quarter. Applicants are notified about admission to the major by the end of the 4th week of the quarter.

Once admitted, to complete entry to the major:

1. Attend a New Majors Information Session. Sign-up information will be sent to the UW email address of all admitted students by the end of week 4. If the campus is closed for the quarter, program information will be sent by email. Check your junk/spam folders or contact polsadvc@uw.edu if you do not receive one of these messages. We also encourage new majors to meet individually with an adviser.
2. Students already declared in another major will need to complete a Change of Major form signed by the adviser in their other department.

Departmental Resources and Programs

Political Science Advising Office, Smith 215

To make a 30-minute appointment to meet with an adviser, visit our appointment scheduling website at <http://depts.washington.edu/polsadvc>. Appointments are available Monday through Friday and must be made at least one day in advance. They can be cancelled through the same calendar tool until one hour before the appointment time (call if you need to cancel within one hour).

We encourage students to make an appointment to meet with a Political Science adviser about academic planning, academic difficulty, internships, study abroad, research, graduate and professional school, career resources, even if they are not yet admitted to the major. **An appointment is required to apply for graduation.** The general hours of the office are: weekdays, 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:30. Check the advising appointment calendar or contact us for changes to this schedule.

Students can also reach us at

Advising Office phone: 206-543-1824

Email: polsadvc@uw.edu

Political Science Advising News: www.polisci.washington.edu/news/advising

The Advising News is one of the best places to find the most updated announcements about a wide variety of topics, including: new internship positions, scholarships and fellowships, study abroad opportunities, events, interesting classes, job or career-related announcements. New postings every day.

Political Science/Jackson School/LSJ Writing Center: <http://depts.washington.edu/pswrite>

The Writing Center is open beginning the second week of each quarter and is located in Gowen 111.

Political Science Computer Lab: The Computer Lab is located in Smith 220. Lab hours are 9am to 4pm during each academic quarter (reduced hours during final exam week and summer quarter). The lab is closed during quarter breaks and when reserved for classes or events.

Internships: <https://www.polisci.washington.edu/internships>

The Political Science website has a page devoted to internships, including how to earn academic credit, internship postings, and internship search tools. Also see listings in our Advising News.

The Political Science Department has longstanding relationships with two internship programs:

The Washington State Legislative Internship Program: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/internships/Pages/default.aspx>

Winter Quarter. Students work in Olympia as staff for members of the Washington State House of Representatives or Senate. Admission is competitive. Applications are due in early-October. Mark Weitzenkamp, weitzen@uw.edu, is the liaison for this program.

The Washington Center Internship Program : twc.edu/programs/academic-internship-program

Autumn Semester, Spring Semester, Summer Quarter. This 15 credit Washington, D.C., program finds placements and provides housing and additional services to students who want to intern in our nation's capital either virtually or on site. Meera Roy, meroy@uw.edu, is the liaison for this program.

Undergraduate Research: www.polisci.washington.edu/research-and-independent-study

There are multiple opportunities for undergraduates to conduct research, under the supervision of faculty via Pol S 499 Independent Study or with affiliated centers. See the website for information about research opportunities and enrolling in Pol S 499.

Center for American Politics & Public Policy Undergraduate Fellows: cappp.org/index.php/undergraduate-fellows/

Students in this one-year 15-credit program assist with faculty research and to also develop their own research projects to present at the UW Undergraduate Research Symposium

UW Undergraduate Research Program: washington.edu/urp

See their website for information regarding research opportunities, undergraduate conferences, research scholarships and courses on research design.

Political Science Honors Program: www.polisci.washington.edu/honors-program-political-science

See the website for Honors Program information, eligibility and requirements. Applications are due in early Winter quarter. The program starts in Spring quarter. Tamara Sollinger, tamars@uw.edu, is the liaison for this program.

Political Science Organizations for Students: www.polisci.washington.edu/organizations-students

Pi Sigma Alpha (PSA), National Political Science Honor Society: For information about membership eligibility and how to apply, contact PSA officers at nupsa@uw.edu

Political Science Student Organization (PSSO): .For information about how to apply, contact PSSO officers at

General Political Science Major Requirements Check List

50 CREDITS OF COURSEWORK (TEN 5-CREDIT COURSES):

Introductory Course Requirement: 3 Courses (15 credits)	
Complete three introductory courses (15 credits) from those listed on the right. If you take more than three introductory courses, the additional courses will count as general electives toward the 180 credits required for a degree and NOT toward the Political Science major.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL S 101 Introduction to Politics <input type="checkbox"/> POL S 201 Intro to Political Theory <input type="checkbox"/> POL S 202 Intro to American Politics <input type="checkbox"/> POL S 203 Intro to International Relations <input type="checkbox"/> POL S 204 Intro to Comparative Politics
Major Field Distribution Requirement: 3 Courses (15 credits)	
Complete three courses numbered 210 and above (15 credits), each course in a different subfield.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL S ____ A. Political Theory <input type="checkbox"/> POL S ____ B. Comparative Government and Politics <input type="checkbox"/> POL S ____ C. International Relations <input type="checkbox"/> POL S ____ D. American Government and Politics
Major Elective Requirement: 4 Courses (20 credits)	
Complete four additional courses numbered 210 and above (20 credits). No field restrictions. Independent studies and Internships (e.g., Pol S 496, 498 & 499) do not count toward the major. 5 credits of Pol S 497 will count toward the major.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL S ____ <input type="checkbox"/> POL S ____ <input type="checkbox"/> POL S ____ <input type="checkbox"/> POL S ____
Additional Requirements:	
In addition to the course requirements, to complete the Pol S major and earn your degree you must meet these criteria:	
<input type="checkbox"/> A min. 2.25 GPA in Pol S courses at the time of graduation <input type="checkbox"/> A min. 2.0 grade for each course used to fulfill a major req. <input type="checkbox"/> At least 10 credits of Political Science taken at the UW <input type="checkbox"/> All other UW and College requirements	

Option Requirements Check List

45 CREDITS (NINE 5-CREDIT COURSES):

Up to 25 credits may overlap between the option and the Political Science major
 Up to 20 credits may overlap between the option and another major

Political Economy Option

Introductory Course Requirement: 3 Courses	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 200 Introduction to Microeconomics <input type="checkbox"/> ECON 201 Introduction to Macroeconomics <input type="checkbox"/> POL S 270 Introduction to Political Economy	
3 Required Courses (15 credits)	
Advanced Course Requirement: 6 Courses	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
6 Courses from approved course list (30 Credits)	

International Security Option

Introductory Course Requirement: 1 Course	
<input type="checkbox"/> POL S 203 Introduction to International Relations	
1 Required Course (5 credits)	
Advanced Course Requirement: 2 Courses	
<input type="checkbox"/> POL S 321 American Foreign Policy <input type="checkbox"/> POL S 407 International Conflict	
2 Required Courses (10 credits)	
Elective Course Requirement: 6 Courses	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
6 Courses from approved course list (30 Credits)	

Political Science Courses - Field Distribution Categories

NO MAJOR/MINOR CREDIT			A/D	318	AMER POL THOUGHT I	D	381	URBAN POLITICS IN THE U.S.	B	443	COMP POL SOCIETIES
3 cr	110	POLITICAL ARGUMENTATION	A/D	319	AMER POL THOUGHT II	D	382	STATE GOVERNMENT	B	444	REVOLUTIONARY REGIMES
3 cr	120	CONTEMPORARY POL ISSUES (JSIS B 120)	B	320	3RD WORLD STATE-SOC REL (JSIS B 310)	D	383	ENVIRON POLITICS IN U.S.	B	445	POL & SOC IN EAST EUROPE (JSIS A 490)
variable	496	UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP	C/D	321	AMER FOREIGN POLICY	C	384	GLOBAL ENV POL (ENVIR 384)	B	447	ADV SEM IN COMP POLITICS (10 cr max)
15 cr	498	THE WASHINGTON CENTER INTERNSHIP	B/C	322	INTL POL ECON OF LAT AMER (JSIS A 322)	C	385	POL ECOL WRLD FOOD (ENVIR 385) NW	B/C	448	POLITICS OF EU
variable	499	UNDERGRAD READINGS & RESEARCH	C	324	EUROPE IN WORLD POL	*	395	STUDY ABROAD-POLITICAL SCIENCE	B	449	POL OF DEVELOPING AREAS
			C	325	ARAB-ISRL CONFLICT	A	401	ADV SEM-POL THEORY (10 cr max)	B	450	POL PARTIES IN DEMOCRATIC SYS (JSIS B 451)
			C	326	SCAND IN WORLD AFRS (SCAND 326)	*	402	ADVANCED SEM-HUMAN RIGHTS	D	451	COM TECH & POLITICS (COM 407)
INTRODUCTORY COURSES			B/C	327	WOMEN RTS AS HUMAN RTS (LSJ 327)	C	403	ADV SEM-INTERN RELAT (10 cr max)	D	452	MASS MEDIA & PUB OPIN (COM 414)
	101	INTRO TO POLITICS	C	328	INTL ORGANIZATIONS	D	404	TOPICS IN PUB POLICY	D	453	STATE LEGISLATURE
	201	INTRO POLITICAL THEORY	C	329	GLOBAL COMMUNICATN (COM 322)	D	405	ADV SEM IN AMER POL (10 cr max)	D	454	POL COM SEMINAR (COM 411)
	202	INTRO TO AMERICAN POLITICS	C	330	COMM IN INTL RELAT (COM 321)	A	406	MARXIAN POL ECONOMY	D	456	INSTITUTNAL FAILURE (LSJ 456)
	203	INTRO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	C	331	GOVT & POL MID EAST& N.AFRICA	C	407	INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT	D	457	TOPICS IN LABOR RESEARCH (HSTCMP 457)
	204	INTRO TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS	B	332	TOPICS IN COMP POL (10 cr max)	*	409	UNDERG SEM-POL ECON (ECON 409)	C	460	POL ECONOMY OF EU
			C	333	TOPICS IN INTL RELAT (10 cr max)	*	410	TECHNOLOGY, POL & STATE	D	461	MASS MEDIA LAW (COM 440)
			D	334	TOPICS IN AMER POL (10 cr max)	A	411	THEORIES OF STATE	D	462	U.S. SUPREME COURT
			*	335	TOPICS IN POL ECON (10 cr max)	A	412	DEMOCRATIC THEORY	D	464	POL OF AMER CRIMINAL JUSTICE
			C	336	POLITICAL VIOLENCE (JSIS B 336)	A	413	CONTEMPORARY POL THEORY	D	465	LAW AND PUB POL IN THE U.S.
			C	337	COLLECTIVE VIOLENCE (JSIS B 337)	A	414	POLITICS & CULTURE	B	467	COMPARATIVE LAW IN SOCIETY
			*	338	TOPICS IN PUB POLICY (10 cr max)	B	415	WOMEN RTS IN EUROPE (LSJ 428)	B	468	COMP MEDIA SYS (COM 420/JSIS B 419)
			B	340	POL INDIA PAKISTAN (JSIS A 340)	*	416	ECON THEORY & POL SYST (ECON 452)	B	469	LAW/RIGHTS AUTH REGIMES (LSJ/JSIS B 469)
UPPER DIVISION COURSES			B	341	CANADA GOVT & POLIT (JSIS A 321)	B/C	417	POL ECON OF INDIA (JSIS A 417)	D	470	AMER PUBLIC BUREAUCRACY
			B	342	LATIN AMERICA POL (JSIS A 342)	B/C	418	JPNESE TRADE POLITICS (JSIS A 487)	D	471	POLITICS OF RISK
			B	343	POL & CHANGE -SE ASIA (JSIS A 343)	C/D	419	US-CHINA RELATIONS (JSIS A 459)	B	472	ELECTORAL SYSTEMS (JSIS B 472)
			B	346	WESTERN EUROPE GOVTS	B/C	420	SOVIET-RUSS FOREIGN POLICY	D	473	POL DECISION-MAKING
			C	347	POLITICS OF INTL LAW (LSJ 347)	C	421	REL COMM & POST-COMM STATES	D	474	GOVT & THE ECONOMY
			C	348	EU AS GLOBAL ACTOR (JSIS A 348)	C	422	INTL ENVTL POLITICS SEM	D	475	PUBLIC CHOICE
			C	349	STRATEGY & WAR	C	423	NAT SECURITY OF JAPAN (JSIS A 415)	B/C	476	STRATEGY IN POLITICS
			D	350	AM GOVT & INTEREST GROUPS	C	424	JAPAN INTL RELATNS (JSIS A 437)	B	477	AFRICAN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT
			D	351	THE AMERICAN DEMOCRACY	C	425	POLITCL PSYCH & WAR	B	479	CONTEM CENTRAL ASIAN POL (JSIS A479)
			D	352	AMER POLITICAL PARTIES	C	426	WORLD POLITICS (JSIS B 426)	B	480	COMP POL & KOREA STUDIES (JSIS A 466)
			D	353	U.S. CONGRESS	C	427	INTERNATIONAL POL ECONOMY	D	481	BIG CITY POLITICS
			D	354	AMER ELECTIONS & VOTING	C	428	MILITARY INTERVENTION	**	487	POLITICAL SCIENCE HONORS SEMINAR
			D	355	AMERICAN PRESIDENCY	B/C	429	POL PARTIES-JAPAN & E.ASIA(JSIS A436)	**	488	HONORS THESIS DESIGN
			D	356	SOCIETY & POLITICS (SOC 356)	C	430	CIVIL-MIL RELATIONS IN DEM (LSJ 431)	*	495	STUDY ABROAD POL S (20 cr. max)
			D	357	MINORITY REP & VOTING RTS ACT	C	431	INTL REL IN MIDDLE EAST	D	497	STATE INTERNSHIP
			D	358	AMERICAN POL CULTURE	BC	432	POLITICAL ISLAM (JSIS B 406)			
			D	359	U.S. LATINO POLITICS (CHSTU 359)	B/C	434	INTL REL IN SOUTH ASIA (JSIS A 434)			
			D	360	INTRO U.S. CONST LAW (LSJ 360)	B	435	JAPANESE GOVT & POL (JSIS A 435)			
			D	361	U.S. COURTS & CIVIL LIB (LSJ 361)	B	436	ETHNIC POL & NATIONLISM (JSIS B 436)			
			D	363	LAW IN SOCIETY (LSJ 363)	B	437	POLITICS IN SCAND (SCAND 437)			* FIELD VARIES DEPENDING ON COURSE
			D	365	LAWYERS IN AM. POLITICS	B	438	POLITICS IN FRANCE			TOPIC. SEE ADVISERS OR TIME SCHEDULE
			B/C	367	COMP LAW AND COURTS (LSJ 367)	B/C	439	POL OF DIVIDED KOREA (JSIS A 439)			FOR DETAILS
			C	368	INTL HUMAN RIGHTS (LSJ 320)	B	440	EUROPEAN FASCISM			
			B	370	PRIVACY (JSIS B 370/LSJ 370)	B	441	GOVT & POL OF RUSSIA			** OPEN TO POL S HONORS STUDENTS ONLY
			B/C	371	GLOBL CRIME & CORRUP (JSIS B 371)	B	442	GOVT & POL OF CHINA (JSIS A 408)			