American Politics Minor

Requirements for Political Science Minors

A general minor in political science can be arranged, as well as specialized minors in eight different subfields of the discipline. Interested students should see a faculty adviser to plan a coherent program of study as a minor field.

Students must achieve a cumulative 2.0 GPA in the political science courses chosen to qualify for the minor. Students may count no more than 3 hours in political science taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis toward the minor. Students taking an internship POL SCI 3940 may count no more than three hours of the internship toward the minor.

Specific Requirements for the Minor

Course Number	Title	Hours
POL SCI 1100	Introduction to American Politics (MOTR POSC 101)	3
Select four of the following:		12
POL SCI 2280	Judicial Politics	
POL SCI 2300	State Politics	
POL SCI 2320	African Americans and the Political System	
POL SCI 2350	Introduction to Urban Politics	
POL SCI 2260	Law, Politics and Society	
POL SCI 2370	The Politics of Identity and Social Justice	
POL SCI 2380	The Politics of Gender in the United States	
POL SCI 2420	Introduction to Public Policy	
POL SCI 2450	Labor, Work, Society, and Politics	
POL SCI 2820	United States Foreign Policy	
POL SCI 3200	Constitutional Law	
POL SCI 3260	The Supreme Court	
POL SCI 3330	Public Opinion and Political Participation	
POL SCI 3350	Political Parties and Elections	
POL SCI 3390	Studies in American Politics	
POL SCI 3900	Special Readings [1]	
POL SCI 3940	Public Affairs Internship [1]	
Total Hours		**15**

[1] May be taken with approval of the faculty advisor.

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate knowledge of the institutions, political culture, and processes of American politics.
- Analyze the actions of political actors and their motives.
- Assess political issues, formulate evidence-based recommendations, and communicate them with clarity and coherence.