

Political Science BA/MA Dual Degree Program

The 2+3 Combined BA/MA program in Political Science provides an opportunity for students of recognized academic ability and educational maturity to complete the requirements for both degrees in 5 years of full-time study.

The combined program requires a minimum of 140 credit hours of which at least 33 must be at the graduate level in political science. In qualifying for the BA, students must meet all University and College requirements. Students in the combined 2+3 who successfully complete the requirements for the MA degree will be awarded a BA degree simultaneously upon completion of at least 107 hours of undergraduate credit.

Student should apply to the Department for admission to the 2+3 combined degree program in Political Science during the semester they will complete 60 undergraduate credit hours. A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher and two letters of recommendation from faculty are required. Students will be admitted to the 2+3 program under provisional status until they have completed 30 hours in that program with a grade point of 3.0 or higher. After completion of the provisional period, with the recommendation of the Graduate Director, students can be granted full admission into the 2+3 program.

Students must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher throughout the combined program. Students who officially withdraw from the 2+3 combined degree program, who have successfully completed all the regular requirements for the BA degree (120 hours) will be awarded their BA degree.

Undergraduate Requirements for Student in the 2+3 Program

A. The following must be completed prior to enrolling in the 2+3 program

POL SCI 1100	Introduction to American Politics (MOTR POSC 101)	3
POL SCI 1500	Introduction to Comparative Politics (MOTR POSC 202)	3
Select two of the following:		6
POL SCI 1800	Introduction to International Politics (MOTR POSC 201)	
POL SCI 2300	State Politics	
POL SCI 2350	Introduction to Urban Politics	
POL SCI 2400	Public Administration	
Total Hours		12

B. Undergraduate Requirements Within the 2+3 Program

Select two of the following:		6
POL SCI 2280	Judicial Politics	
POL SCI 3200	Constitutional Law	
POL SCI 3210	Civil Liberties	
POL SCI 2330	The American Presidency	
POL SCI 2331	Congressional Politics	

POL SCI 3350	Political Parties and Elections	
POL SCI 3470	Negotiation, Collective Bargaining, and Dispute Resolution	
POL SCI 3480	Environmental Policy	
Select two of the following:		6
POL SCI 2510	The Politics of European Union	
POL SCI 2530	Political Systems of South America	
POL SCI 2540	Political Systems of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean	
POL SCI 2580	African Politics	
POL SCI 3500	The Politics of the Middle East: International and National Dynamics	
POL SCI 3830	International Political Economy	
POL SCI 3850	International Organizations and Global Problem-Solving	
POL SCI 4850	International Law	
Select one additional course from B-1 or B-2 .		3
Total Hours		15

C. Graduate Requirements

POL SCI 6401	Introduction to Policy Research	3
Select three of the following:		9
POL SCI 6420	Proseminar in Public Law	
POL SCI 6430	Proseminar in American Politics	
POL SCI 6440	Public Administration: Theory & Practice	
POL SCI 6450		
POL SCI 6470	Proseminar in Urban Politics	
POL SCI 6480	Proseminar in International Relations	
Select five additional graduate Political Science classes. ¹		15
Select Exit Project or Internship or Thesis		6
Total Hours		33

¹ Students should select an emphasis in American Politics, Public Policy, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, or International Relations.

Summary of Credits in Political Science:

- BA: 27 hours
(12 completed in lower division courses before admission to the 2+3 program)
- MA: 33 hours at the graduate level
- TOTAL: 60 hours in Political Science classes