Course Requirements for Major in Political Science

Fall 2012 and Previous Catalogs

- **The minimum university requirement for a bachelor's degree is 120 units.**
- The major requires 39 units in POSC and 9 upper division units in related disciplines.
- POSC 100 (G.E. requirement) is a prerequisite for all POSC courses but does not count toward the 39 units in the major.
- Students must earn a D- or higher in major courses and maintain a 2.0 GPA in the major; writing requirement courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher; Related Fields courses must be completed with a grade of D or higher for G.E. credit.

Core Courses (3 Units)

□ POSC 200 Introduction to the Study of Politics
OR □ POSC 201 Methods and Skills in Political Science

Philosophy Requirement (3 Units)

□ POSC 340 Political Philosophy

Breadth Requirements (12 Units; courses must come from 4 of the 5 subfields)

1. *American Politics*
   □ POSC 310 Political Behavior and Motivation
   OR □ POSC 315 Politics and Policy Making in America
2. *Public Administration*
   □ POSC 320 Introduction to Public Management and Policy
3. *Comparative Politics*
   □ POSC 330 Politics in Nation-States
4. *International Relations*
   □ POSC 350 World Politics in the 21st Century
   OR □ POSC 352 American Foreign Policy
5. *Public Law*
   □ POSC 375 Law, Politics and Society

Research Methods Requirement (3 Units)

□ POSC 321 Research in Public Management
OR □ POSC 376 Research in Public Law
OR □ POSC 407 Polls, Statistics, and Political Interpretation

Electives (18 Units)

1. *Writing Requirement Courses (6 Units; **writing requirement courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher** and are 403, 405, 408, 410, 411, 412, 414, 417, 421, 422, 427, 430, 431, 432, 433, 438, 440, 442, 443, 446, 447, 448, 452, 455, 456, 457, 460, 461, 470, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 481, and 485; if the writing requirement is met in another major, 6 units of any POSC courses are still required here*)
   □ POSC _____ □ POSC _____
2. *Other POSC electives (12 Units)*
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Courses in Related Fields (9 Units)

Nine (9) units in related disciplines such as American studies, anthropology, criminal justice, economics, geography, history, philosophy, psychology, sociology, or others by approval. Appropriate G.E. courses may be applicable. Consult the list of approved courses for a full list.

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