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)
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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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