BA in Political Science

Major Program Requirements

Students must complete the University of Missouri's general education requirements and the Departmental Requirements (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/politicalscience/#undergraduateatext), in addition to the degree requirements below.

All majors must take:
- **POL_SC 1100** American Government
- **POL_SC 3000** Introduction to Political Research *

*POL SC 3000 should be taken as a sophomore. It introduces majors to the systematic study of political phenomenon and prepares students for upper-class courses. A grade of C- or higher is required.

Comparative government (at least one course required)
- **POL_SC 2600** Canadian Politics and Government
- **POL_SC 2700** Comparative Political Systems
- **POL_SC 2720** European Democracies
- **POL_SC 4500** The European Union in the Global System
- **POL_SC 4600** Latin American Politics
- **POL_SC 4605** Latin American Politics through Film
- **POL_SC 4610** European Political Systems
- **POL_SC 4670** The Political System of the European Union
- **POL_SC 4680** Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy
- **POL_SC 4720** Politics of Development
- **POL_SC 4730** Women and Politics
- **POL_SC 4750** Power and Money
- **POL_SC 4760** Comparative Political Parties
- **POL_SC 4770** Comparative Political Behavior
- **POL_SC 4780** Dictatorship and Democracy

International affairs (at least one course required)
- **POL_SC 1400** International Relations
- **POL_SC 4400** Theories of International Relations
- **POL_SC 4410** Politics and War
- **POL_SC 4411** Genocide, Terrorism and Civil War
- **POL_SC 4412** Strategy and Warfare
- **POL_SC 4420** Politics of International Economic Relations
- **POL_SC 4440** International Organization
- **POL_SC 4540** American Foreign Policies

Political theory/methodology (one course highly recommended, but not required)
- **POL_SC 2800** Liberty, Justice and the Common Good
- **POL_SC 2860** American Political Thought
- **POL_SC 4000** Introductory Statistics for Political Science
- **POL_SC 4010** Computing Methods
- **POL_SC 4030** Formal Political Analysis
- **POL_SC 4800** Classical Political Theory
- **POL_SC 4830** Democracy in America (and Elsewhere)

American politics/public policy (at least two courses required)
- **POL_SC 2100** State Government
- **POL_SC 2200** The Judicial Process
- **POL_SC 4100** Political Parties and Election Campaigns
- **POL_SC 4110** Political Behavior
- **POL_SC 4120** Politics and the Media
- **POL_SC 4130** African-American Politics
- **POL_SC 4140** Congress and Legislative Policy
- **POL_SC 4150** The American Presidency
- **POL_SC 4160** Interest Groups
- **POL_SC 4170** Politics of the American South
- **POL_SC 4180** Politics and Hollywood
- **POL_SC 4200** The American Constitution
- **POL_SC 4210** Constitutional Rights
- **POL_SC 4230** Constitution and Civil Liberties
- **POL_SC 4310** Comparative State Politics
- **POL_SC 4320** Public Policy
- **POL_SC 4370** Issues in Public Bureaucracy
- **POL_SC 4380** Politics of Criminal Justice

Options

For students who want to concentrate on a specific area, suggestions for a course of study are available from the academic advisor. These include:

- Government service for students who want to become government administrators
- Public information and reporting for students who plan to be governmental press secretaries, public information specialists, interest group lobbyists or government reporters
- International relations for students who want to work for multinational corporations or international agencies
- Graduate school preparation
- Law school preparation

Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.

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* Course meets University general education and/or campus graduation requirements