

BA in Political Science with Emphasis in Pre-Law

Degree Program Description

Political science is concerned with government, politics and public policies. In political science students learn how government operates and how to analyze and evaluate public policies and political ideas. This training can help students be more effective as active citizens, as political leaders and as government administrators. The curriculum offers opportunities to link academic study with internships and study abroad. Political Science graduates pursue many careers, some related to politics, but many others pursue other paths in a wide variety of areas such as: law, business and finance, consulting, government, public relations, media, advertising, lobbying, and international relations. The political science emphasis in pre-law is recommended for those who may want to enter law school or to prepare for paralegal careers. It is designed to introduce students to the study of law and judicial process and also provides a general orientation for law school. This program is ideal for those seeking careers in intelligence or law enforcement.

Major Program Requirements

In addition to University (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#undergraduatetext>) requirements, students must also meet the following major program requirements. All major requirements in the College of Arts and Science must be completed with grades of C- or higher unless otherwise indicated.

All majors must take:

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| POL_SC 1100 | American Government |
| POL_SC 2500 | The Science of Politics |
| POL_SC 3000W | Introduction to Political Research - Writing Intensive |

*Students may take either POL_SC 2500 or POL_SC 3000W to meet the departmental research methods requirement

Comparative government (at least one course required)

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| POL_SC 2600 | Canadian Politics and Government |
| POL_SC 2700 or POL_SC 2700H | Comparative Political Systems Comparative Political Systems - Honors |
| POL_SC 2710 | Politics and the Military |
| POL_SC 2720 | European Democracies |
| POL_SC 2745 | The Politics of Sport |
| POL_SC 4600 | Latin American Politics |
| POL_SC 4605 | Latin American Politics through Film |
| POL_SC 4610 | European Political Systems |
| POL_SC 4630 | The Politics of Modern Europe |
| POL_SC 4640 | African Politics |
| POL_SC 4650 | Middle East Politics |
| POL_SC 4660 | Canada in North America |
| POL_SC 4670 | Policies and Institutions of the European Union |
| POL_SC 4680 | Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy |

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| POL_SC 4690 | Korean Politics: North and South Korea |
| POL_SC 4695 | Understanding Korea Through Film |
| POL_SC 4700 | America's Wars in Asia/War and Peace in Asia |
| POL_SC 4710 | Terrorism: Religious, Ethnic and Ideological Politics |
| POL_SC 4720 | Politics of Development |
| POL_SC 4730 | Women and Politics |
| POL_SC 4740 | Comparative Political Culture |
| POL_SC 4750 | Power and Money |
| POL_SC 4760 | Comparative Political Parties |
| POL_SC 4770 | Comparative Political Behavior |
| POL_SC 4780 | Dictatorship and Democracy |
| POL_SC 4790 | The Age of Democratization? |

International affairs (at least one course required)

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| POL_SC 1400 or POL_SC 1400H | International Relations International Relations - Honors |
| POL_SC 2293 or POL_SC 2293W | Globalization, Identity and Citizenship Globalization, Identity and Citizenship - Writing Intensive |
| POL_SC 2410 | The Politics of International Law |
| POL_SC 3164 | Nation Building through a Barrel of a Gun |
| POL_SC 3165 | "Chasing Ghost", The History of Irregular Warfare |
| 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 4413 | Politics of Cyber-Security |
| POL_SC 4415 | Peacekeeping and Intervention |
| POL_SC 4420 | Politics of International Economic Relations |
| POL_SC 4420H | Politics of International Economic Relations - Honors |
| POL_SC 4430 | Global Human Rights |
| POL_SC 4435 | Nationalism and Democracy |
| POL_SC 4440 | International Organization |
| POL_SC 4500 | The European Union in the Global System |
| POL_SC 4540 or POL_SC 4540W | American Foreign Policies American Foreign Policies - Writing Intensive |
| POL_SC 4550 | Environmental Conflict |

Political theory/methodology (one course highly recommended, but not required)

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| POL_SC 2800 | Liberty, Justice and the Common Good |
| POL_SC 4000 | Introductory Statistics for Political Science |
| POL_SC 4010 | Computing Methods |
| POL_SC 4800 | Classical Political Theory |
| POL_SC 4810 | Modern Political Theory |
| POL_SC 4820 | Contemporary Political Theory |
| POL_SC 4840 | Developing Dynamics of Democracy |
| POL_SC 4850 or POL_SC 4850H | Scots and the Making of America Scots and the Making of America - Honors |
| POL_SC 4900 | Beltway History and Politics: American Constitutional Democracy in Theory and Practice |

American politics/public policy (at least two courses required)

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| POL_SC 1704 | Introduction to Black Politics |
| POL_SC 2100 | State Government |
| POL_SC 2150 | How Government Affects You |
| POL_SC 2250 | Missouri Politics |
| or POL_SC 2250H | Missouri Politics - Honors |
| POL_SC 2200 | The Judicial Process |
| POL_SC 2425 | Race and the American Story |
| POL_SC 2450 | The Intellectual World of the American Founders |
| or POL_SC 2450H | The Intellectual World of the American Founders - Honors |
| POL_SC 2455 | Constitutional Debates |
| or POL_SC 2455H | Constitutional Debates - Honors |
| POL_SC 2860 | American Political Thought |
| POL_SC 4100 | Political Parties and Election Campaigns |
| POL_SC 4110 | Political Behavior |
| POL_SC 4120 | Politics and the Media |
| or POL_SC 4120W | Politics and the Media - Writing Intensive |
| POL_SC 4130 | African-American Politics |
| POL_SC 4131 | Race and Politics |
| POL_SC 4132 | Race, Immigration, and Urban Politics |
| POL_SC 4140 | Congress and Legislative Policy |
| POL_SC 4141 | The History of American Legislatures |
| POL_SC 4150 | The American Presidency |
| or POL_SC 4150W | The American Presidency - Writing Intensive |
| POL_SC 4160 | Interest Groups |
| or POL_SC 4160W | Interest Groups - Writing Intensive |
| POL_SC 4170 | Politics of the American South |
| POL_SC 4180 | Politics and Hollywood |
| or POL_SC 4180W | Politics and Hollywood - Writing Intensive |
| POL_SC 4190 | Elections and Democracy in the United States |
| POL_SC 4200 | The American Constitution |
| or POL_SC 4200W | The American Constitution - Writing Intensive |
| POL_SC 4210 | Constitutional Rights |
| or POL_SC 4210W | Constitutional Rights - Writing Intensive |
| POL_SC 4220 | The United States Supreme Court |
| POL_SC 4230 | Constitution and Civil Liberties |
| POL_SC 4231 | Constitutional Litigation |
| POL_SC 4310 | Comparative State Politics |
| POL_SC 4320 | Public Policy |
| or POL_SC 4320W | Public Policy - Writing Intensive |
| POL_SC 4330 | Policy Analysis |
| POL_SC 4350 | Issues in Public Policy |
| POL_SC 4370 | Law, Policy, and Regulation |
| POL_SC 4380 | Politics of Criminal Justice |
| POL_SC 4390 | United States Health Politics and Policy |
| POL_SC 4830 | Democracy in America (and Elsewhere) |
| PUB_AF 4430 | Public Policy Analysis |

Minimum of 12 credit hours must be from the following list of courses

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| POL_SC 2200 | The Judicial Process |
| POL_SC 2410 | The Politics of International Law |
| POL_SC 2445 | American Constitutional Democracy |
| POL_SC 2455 | Constitutional Debates |

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| or POL_SC 2455H | Constitutional Debates - Honors |
| POL_SC 4200 | The American Constitution |
| or POL_SC 4200W | The American Constitution - Writing Intensive |
| POL_SC 4210 | Constitutional Rights |
| or POL_SC 4210W | Constitutional Rights - Writing Intensive |
| POL_SC 4220 | The United States Supreme Court |
| POL_SC 4230 | Constitution and Civil Liberties |
| POL_SC 4231 | Constitutional Litigation |
| POL_SC 4370 | Law, Policy, and Regulation |
| or POL_SC 4370H | Law, Policy, and Regulation - Honors |
| POL_SC 4380 | Politics of Criminal Justice |
| POL_SC 4940 | Political Science Internship ^{With a requirement that it be at the Prosecutor's office, the public defender, or a law firm} |

Participation in Mizzou Mock Trial and/or Mizzou Moot Court through the Office of Participatory Democracy will be considered as fulfilling a maximum of three of the 12 required hours for the Emphasis Area. Participation in Mizzou Mock Trial or Moot Court is defined as two semesters of active participation, as confirmed by the Director of the Office of Participatory Democracy. Students must still have 30 hours of Political Science coursework to fulfill the major requirements. Students will not be allowed to earn credit for POL_SC 4985 or POL_SC 4986 for Mock Trial or Moot Court participation.

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.

| First Year | | | |
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| Fall | CR | Spring | CR |
| POL_SC 1100 ¹ | | 3 Political Science ¹ | 3 |
| ENGLSH 1000 [*] | | 3 MATH 1050, 1100, or STAT 1200 [*] | 3 |
| Behavioral Science [*] | | 3 Behavioral Science [*] | 3 |
| Social Science outside of major [*] | | 3 Second Language 1100 [*] | 4-6 |
| Elective | | 3 Elective | 1 |
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| Second Year | | | |
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| Fall | CR | Spring | CR |
| Political Science ¹ | | 3 POL_SC 2500 or 3000W ¹ | 3 |
| Second Language 1200 [*] | | 4-6 Biological/Physical/Math Science | 3 |
| Humanities [*] | | 3 Second Language 2100 [*] | 0-4 |
| Social Science outside of major [*] | | 3 Humanities [*] | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 Elective- Diversity Intensive Course [*] | 3 |
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| Third Year | | | |
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| Fall | CR | Spring | CR |
| Political Science 4000+ (WI if needed) ¹ | | 3 Political Science 4000+ ¹ | 3 |
| Biological or Physical Science with lab [*] | | 5 Biological/Physical/Math Science [*] | 3 |
| Humanities [*] | | 3 Humanities [*] | 3 |
| Social Science outside of major [*] | | 3 Elective (WI) [*] | 3 |

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| Elective 3000+ | 3 Elective 3000+ | 3 |
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Fourth Year

| Fall | CR | Spring | CR |
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| Political Science 4000+ ¹ | | 3 Political Science 4000+ ¹ | 3 |
| Political Science 4000+ ¹ | | 3 Political Science ¹ | 3 |
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Total Credits: 117-125

¹ Course meets degree program requirements

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