

# Political Science, B.A.

## DEPARTMENT

MN in Political Science, Minor  
BA in Political Science, B.A.  
MN in Public Administration, Minor  
MPA in Public Administration, M.P.A. - Continuing & Global Education  
MPA in Public Administration, M.P.A.

## REQUIREMENTS

Department of Political Science

### Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

#### Political Science Major

##### 1. Major requirements (39 units) (see Notes 1 and 2)

*Lower-division core:*

PLSI 1, 90 (6 units)

(to be completed prior to or concurrently with enrollment in the first 6 units of upper-division major courses)

*Upper-division core:*

PLSI 110 or 111, 120, 140, 150 (12 units)

*Upper-division Political Science electives:*

(exclude PLSI 102) (18 units)

*Capstone Course:*

select from PLSI 158I, 192, 193; SSCI 102H (3 units)

##### 2. General Education requirements (49 units)

##### 3. Other requirements (9 units) (see note 4)

American Government and Institutions (PLSI 2), Multicultural and International (MI), and Upper-division writing

##### 4. Sufficient elective units to meet required total units (varies)

##### 5. Total units (120)

#### Advising Notes

1. CR/NC grading is not permitted in the political science major.
2. General Education and elective units may be used toward a double major or minor (in something other than political science; see Double Major or departmental minor). Consult the appropriate department chair, program coordinator, or faculty advisor for further information.
3. Grading Requirement. Students majoring in political science must earn a grade of C or better in each of the six core courses in the major: PLSI 1, 90 (lower-division) and PLSI 110 or 111, 120, 140, and 150 (upper-division) and Capstone Course (select from: PLSI 158I, 192, 193; SSCI 102H).
4. The writing requirement may be met by taking the upper-division writing exam. See advisor for details.

## FACULTY

Our full-time faculty are experts in their fields and hold doctoral degrees and/or law degrees. Prolific researchers, they have published numerous articles and books, and often bring to their courses prior practical experience from their work in government, the private sector, and nonprofit organizations.

Courses typically provide a mixture of lecture and class discussion and encourage the expression of a variety of viewpoints. Our faculty are dedicated to working closely with students to engage them in learning about politics and advise them throughout their college careers.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.