

# BA in Political Science

## Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

All majors must complete at least 36, but not more than ~~45~~ 51, hours of political science. All students are required to take the following core curriculum:

Political Science		
POL SCI 1100	Introduction To American Politics	3
POL SCI 1500	Introduction To Comparative Politics	3
POL SCI 1800	World Politics	3
POL SCI 2000	Political Analysis	3
POL SCI 3950	Senior Seminar In Political Science	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

Majors are urged to take POL SCI 1100, POL SCI 1500, and POL SCI 1800 as early as possible since these courses are designed to provide a substantive foundation as well as conceptual and analytical tools for subsequent course work. Because the seminar topics in POL SCI 3950 change from semester to semester, the course can be repeated as an elective. All majors must take at least one Seminar in Political Science.

Students also must complete at least one course in four of the following political science areas:

- Public Law (chosen from among courses listed in bulletin at the 1000, 2000, or 3000 or 4000 level)
- American Politics (chosen from among courses listed in bulletin at the 1000, 2000, or 3000 or 4000 level).
- Public Policy and Administration (chosen from among courses listed in bulletin at the 1000, 2000, or 3000 or 4000 level).
- Comparative Politics (chosen from among courses listed in bulletin at the 1000, 2000, or 3000 or 4000 level).
- Political Theory (chosen from among courses listed in bulletin at the 1000, 2000, or 3000 or 4000 level).

- International Relations (chosen from among courses listed in bulletin at the 1000, 2000, or 3000 or 4000 level).
- Methodology (chosen from among courses listed in bulletin at the 1000, 2000, or 3000 or 4000 level).

At least 15 hours of political science course work must be at the 3000 or 4000 level, including POL SCI 3950 Senior Seminar. B.A. degree students may take a maximum of 3 hours of political science on a satisfactory/ unsatisfactory basis; this can include any course except the required courses in the core curriculum.

Note: As early as possible, students should determine their educational objectives and consult with an adviser regarding a plan of study. Those students who are uncertain of their future plans are urged to include in their 36-45 hours of political science a broad set of courses in American politics, public policy and administration, public law, comparative politics, international politics, political theory, and methodology. In addition to this general course of study in political science, the department offers B.A. degree students several specialized programs of study in political science geared to various student academic and career interests.

### **B.S. Ed. in Secondary Education with Emphasis in Political Science**

The B.S. Ed. is a professional education degree designed for students who wish to pursue a teaching career in secondary schools. Much of the discipline-specific coursework parallels the B.A. degree in the discipline; however, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) requires specific coursework for teacher certification. Therefore, students interested in the B.S. Ed. should contact the advising office (OASIS) 314-516-5937 in the College of Education for discipline-specific requirements. *Note: To obtain teaching certification, DESE requires a 3.0 GPA in the discipline and professional education coursework, as well as a 2.75 GPA overall.*

### **B.A. in Political Science with Master's Level Coursework for Secondary Teacher Certification**

In addition to the B.S. Ed., students may opt to complete a B.A. degree in their discipline as an undergraduate, followed by admission to the Graduate School for Master's level teaching certification. The College of Education has a one-year accelerated program for post-graduate certification called Teach in 12, or students can choose a traditional path to certification. Graduate coursework for

certification can apply towards a Master's Degree in Secondary Education, with additional coursework. Students interested in Master's Level teacher certification should contact the advising office (OASIS) 314-516-5937 in the College of Education. *Note: To obtain teaching certification, DESE requires a 3.0 GPA in the discipline and professional education coursework, as well as a 2.75 GPA overall.*

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale

The cap on political science hours was increased to allow students to earn both a BA and a specialized minor in Political Science.