

Department of Political Science
Political Science Major Plan of Study (2025-2026)

MAJOR COURSES

Requirement A

A minimum of 11 credits in POLS 1000-level courses. It's recommended these courses be taken during the first two years.

1. Nine credits from the following subdivisions:

Theory (1002), Comparative Politics (1202 or 1207), International Relations (1402/W), American Politics (1602/W).

2. Two credits from POLS 1301 (Career Development for POLS) and 1396 (Introduction to POLS Research Methods)

Requirement B

A minimum of 24 credits in POLS at the 2000-level or above from the following three areas (B1-3):

1. At least one course in four of the following seven subdivisions (SD) (for a total of 12 credits).

Theory: 2002, 2012, 2017, 2023, 2062/W, 3019W, 3022W, 3025, 3027W, 3032, 3040, 3042, 3062, 3072, 3082

Comparative Politics: 2208WE, 2214, 2221/W, 2222, 2235, 2245, 2252, 3202/W, 3203, 3205, 3206, 3209E, 3212, 3216, 3228, 3249, 3250/W, 3256W

International Relations: 2429, 2450, 2460E, 3402, 3406/W, 3408, 3410, 3412, 3413/W, 3414, 3418/W, 3426, 3428, 3430, 3434W, 3437, 3440, 3442, 3450, 3462, 3464/W

American Politics: 2600, 2601, 2602W, 2607/W, 2618, 2622, 3602, 3603WQ, 3604, 3606, 3608, 3610W, 3612, 3613, 3617, 3622, 3625/W, 3627, 3628, 3632/W, 3642, 3647, 3650, 3652, 3662, 3667, 3670, 3672, 3675

Public Administration, Policy and Law: 2062/W, 2803W, 2807/W, 2827W, 3627, 3628, 3802, 3807, 3812, 3815, 3817, 3822/W, 3827, 3832, 3834, 3842, 3857

Intersectional Indigeneity, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics: 2019W, 2252, 2602W, 2807, 3027W, 3082, 3216, 3249, 3418/W, 3440, 3464/W, 3632/W, 3633, 3642, 3647, 3652, 3662, 3667, 3670, 3672, 3834

Methodology: 2972Q, 2973Q, 3603WQ

2. A minimum of 12 credits of additional 2000-level or above POLS courses.

3. At least one W course **within** the 24 major credits.



Check to see which subdivisions your POLS 2998/Ws have fulfilled.

RELATED COURSES

At least 12 credits in courses related to POLS taken from one or more other departments. These courses must be at the 2000-level or above. All 2000-level or above courses in ANTH, ECON, GEOG, HIST, HRTS, PHIL, PP, and SOCI will meet this requirement. Any course within these departments that is cross-listed with POLS will count towards the major and not as a related. Certain other courses have been approved as related and are listed on the [Department of Political Science's website](#). Courses not in the departments listed above or included on the pre-approved list may be approved as related at the discretion of the advisor.

NOTES

- In order to fulfill requirements, all courses must be taken as graded (not P/F).
- A W or Q may be substituted for the same numbered course.
- POLS courses that are listed under multiple subdivisions may only be used to fulfill one subdivision.
- All POLS 2995, 2998/W, and 3995 courses may apply to the major and may count towards Requirement B1. The subdivisions assigned to these courses can be found on the [Department of Political Science website](#).
- No more than six credits of 3999: Independent Study, 4894: Colloquium, 2996/3996: Directed Research, and/or 3991: Supervised Field Work can be counted toward the 24 credits. Of those six, only three may be from 3991.
- POLS 3991, 3993, 3999, 4994, and 4997W may not be counted towards Requirement B1.