

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, & SOCIAL SCIENCES

MAJOR: POLITICAL SCIENCE

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2013-2014

DEGREE TYPE: B.A. or B.S.

REQUIRED DEGREE CREDITS TO GRADUATE: 122

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – 40 CREDITS

Lower Division Requirements – 37 Credits

First Year Experience (F) - 1 Credit

UNIV	189	Skills for Academic Success	1 cr
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Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take UNIV 189.

Communication (C) - 9 Credits

ENGL	110	College Composition I	3 cr
ENGL	120	College Composition II	3 cr
COMM	110	Fund of Public Speaking	3 cr

Quantitative Reasoning (R) - 3 Credits

STAT	330	Introductory Statistics	3 cr
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Science & Technology (S) - 10 Credits

A one-credit lab must be taken as a co-requisite with a general education science/technology course unless the course includes an embedded lab experience equivalent to a one-credit course. Select from current general education courses www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/

Humanities & Fine Arts (A) - 6 Credits

Select from current general education courses www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/

Social & Behavioral Sciences (B) - 6 Credits

POLS	110 or	Introduction to Political Science	3 cr
	115	American Government	

Select from current general education courses www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/

Wellness (W) - 2 Credits

Select from current general education courses www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/

Cultural Diversity (D)

Select from current general education courses www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/

Global Perspectives (G)

Select from current general education courses www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/

Upper Division Requirements - Writing – 3 Credits

ENGL	320, 321, 358, or 459		3 cr
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AH&SS COLLEGE REQUIREMENT - 12 CREDITS REQUIRED

Courses used to satisfy any general education requirement cannot be used toward AH&SS College Requirements. A minimum of three credits is required in each of the FOUR following areas for a total of 12 credits. Choose only those courses with the prefixes listed for each area. A course with the WGS prefix can only be used in one area.

Area One: Humanities - 3 Credits

ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, or WGS

Area Two: Social Sciences – 3 Credits

ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC or WGS

Area Three: Fine Arts – 3 Credits

ART, MUSC or THEA

Area Four: Outside Student's Major Area- 3 Credits

Three credits from Area 1, 2 or 3 that is outside the student's major area (i.e. If your major is COMM, the course to fulfill this area cannot be ANTH, CJ, EMGT, POLS, or SOC)

PRE-POLITICAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS – 12 CREDITS

Must complete 12 credits in the following POLS courses with an average GPA of 3.00.

POLS	110 or	Intro to Political Science	3 cr
	115	American Government	
POLS	220 or	International Politics	3 cr
	225	Comparative Politics	
POLS	240	Political Ideologies	3 cr
POLS	100 or 200 level		3 cr

PROFESSIONAL MAJOR REQUIREMENTS- 25 CREDITS

Professional courses will require a minimum 3.0 GPA.

POLS	325	Applied Research Methods	4 cr
POLS	489	Seminar	3 cr

Select a minimum of one course from each of the four areas listed below.

Area 1

POLS	420	Political Behavior-Executive-Legislative Process	3 cr
POLS	421	Political Behavior - Political Parties	3 cr
POLS	422	State and Local Politics	3 cr
POLS	423	Public Policy Analysis	3 cr

Area 2

POLS	430	Constitutional Law - Civil Liberties	3 cr
POLS	431	Constitutional Law - Criminal Justice	3 cr

Area 3

POLS	442	Global Policy Issues	3 cr
POLS	444	International Law	3 cr
POLS	445	Ethnic Conflict	3 cr
POLS	453	Environmental Policy and Politics	3 cr
POLS	446	Current Topics: International Law	3 cr

Area 4

POLS	442	Global Policy Issues	3 cr
POLS	450	Politics of Developing Countries	3 cr
POLS	451	Politics of Industrialized Countries	3 cr
POLS	452	Comparative Political Economy	3 cr
POLS	453	Environmental Policy and Politics	3 cr

Political Science Electives - 6 credits

At least six must be from permanently numbered courses. Courses which are eligible to fulfill this requirement may come from Special Topic classes offered by the Political Science Department; classes not selected to meet the requirements in Sections I and II above, or any of the following courses: POLS 120, 210, 215, 216, 230, 350, 351, or 360.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS - 36 CREDITS TO REACH 122

Degree Requirements:

Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree – The completion of a minor program of study is required.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree – Proficiency at the second year level in a foreign language required.

Degree Requirements and Notes:

- Students should refer to www.ndsu.edu/cjps for information regarding application to professional program.
- The department will review applications on a rolling basis. Student must apply to be a major or minor no later than the first day of classes of the semester in which they intend to graduate.
- To apply, a student must have completed a minimum of 36 credit hours upon application and achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the pre-political science courses and 2.75 in all NDSU coursework.
- Once admitted to the professional political science program, failure to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the professional political science courses and a cumulative 2.75 in all coursework will result in an academic warning issued from the department for the first violation. Students will receive notification of this warning at their NDSU email address. Failure to return to these minimum standards will result in being administratively removed from the program.
- Internal and external transfer students will be handled similarly to students who commence their studies in the pre-professional program.
- Students who entered the University and declared political science as their major prior to fall 2012 will be grandfathered into the program and will not be subject to these guidelines.
- These guidelines apply for all majors and minors of political science.