

**COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**MAJOR: POLITICAL SCIENCE – Pre-Law Option**

**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
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/](http://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/)

Humanities & Fine Arts (A) - 6 Credits

Select from current general education courses [www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/](http://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/)

Social & Behavioral Sciences (B) - 6 Credits

POLS	110 or	Introduction to Political Science	3 cr
POLS	115	American Government	
Select from current general education courses <a href="http://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/">www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/</a>			

Wellness (W) - 2 Credits

Select from current general education courses [www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/](http://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/)

Cultural Diversity (D)

Select from current general education courses [www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/](http://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/)

Global Perspectives (G)

Select from current general education courses [www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/](http://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/)

**Upper Division Requirements - Writing – 3 Credits**

ENGL	320	Business & Professional Writing	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 Political Science 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	(POLS 230 is recommended)	3 cr

**PROFESSIONAL MAJOR REQUIREMENTS- 52 CREDITS**

Professional courses will require a minimum 3.0 GPA. A single International Law course satisfied either a core requirement or an Area 2 requirement, but not both.

**Professional Core - 19 Credits**

POLS	230	Judicial Process	3 cr
POLS	325	Applied Research Methods	4 cr
POLS	430	Constitutional Law - Civil Liberties	3 cr
POLS	431	Constitutional Law - Criminal Justice	3 cr
POLS	444 or	International Law	3 cr
	446	Current Topics: International Law	
POLS	489	Seminar	3 cr

**Additional Program Requirements – 29-30 Credits**

Complete requirements as indicated from each of the professional areas listed below for the Pre-Law Option (I, II, & III)

**I. One 400 level course in each of the following three areas – 9 Credits Required**

**Area 1:**

POLS	420	Political Behavior-Exec-Legislative Process	3 cr
POLS	421	Political Behavior-Political Parties	3 cr
POLS	422	State and Local Politics	3 cr
POLS	423	Issues in Public Policy	3 cr

**Area 2:**

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

<b>Area 3:</b>		
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

## II. Communication Component - 9 Credits Required

COMM 214 or 308	Persuasive Speaking or Business & Professional Speaking	3 cr
COMM 216	Intercultural Communications	3 cr
COMM 318 or 383	Argumentation and Advocacy or Organizational Communication I	3 cr
ENGL 358	Writing in the Humanities & Social Sciences	3 cr

## III. Law Related Courses - 11-12 Credits Required – Select four from the following:

ACCT 410	Fraud Examination	3 cr
BUSN 430	Legal & Social Environment of Business	3 cr
BUSN 431	Business Law I	3 cr
BUSN 432	Business Law II	3 cr
CJ 201	Intro to Criminal Justice	3 cr
CJ 230	Criminology & Criminal Law	3 cr
CJ 330	Criminal Law and Procedure	2 cr
COMM 433	Legal Communication	3 cr
COMM 434	Communication Law	3 cr

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS - 13 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](http://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.