

## Overview of Changes to Political Science Major

As of December 2011 all new Political Science Majors will follow the newly revised curriculum. Students who declared the major prior to December 2011 may choose which set of requirements they wish to follow. Notify your advisor if you wish to follow the new requirements instead of the ones in place at the time that you declared your major.

### Requirements for PS Majors prior to December 2011

- 5 required courses
  - Intro
  - Methods
  - Theory
  - Intro Int'l Relations or Comparative Pol
  - Intro to American gov't
- Required specialization
  - American and Comparative
  - Urban Affairs
  - Policy Analysis/Technology
  - Society, Politics and Values
  - Interdisciplinary Approaches to Science and Technology
  - Customized

Each specialization has a required gateway and capstone course plus students must select 5 additional courses from a pre-determined list of options; Specialization appears on transcript.

- Required Minor

### Requirements for PS Majors from December 2011 onward

- 8 required courses
  - ITP
  - Methods
  - Theory
  - Intro Int'l Relations or Comparative Politics
  - Intro to American Gov't
  - Intro to Policy (PS 306 or PS353)
  - Urban Affairs (PS 315)
  - Senior Seminar (PS 490 – new course)
- No specialization
  - Students now take one introductory course in each main area of the discipline and may continue to survey across areas or take courses within a particular area as they wish; Senior Seminar project title appears on transcript.
- No required minor

Bachelor of Science in Political Science

Required Courses

	Credit Hours	
	before Dec 2011	as of Dec 2011
Mathematics Requirements Two courses of MATH 119 or above including PSYC 203 or BUS 221	6	6
Humanities, Social Sciences Requirements	21	21
Natural Sciences Requirements	11	11
Computer Science Requirement CS 105	2	2
Political Science Required courses 2008: PS 100, PS 200, PS/SOC 209, PS 273 or PS/SOC 210, PS 230 or PS 232 2012: PS 100, PS 200, PS/SOC 209, PS 273 or PS/SOC 210, PS 230 or PS 232, PS 306 or PS 353 (an introductory policy course), PS 315 (introductory urban politics), and PS 490 Senior Seminar (new course)	15	24
Required Major “Electives” 2008: Not really electives. Students are required to select a specialization from among 6 options. There is a required gateway and capstone course for each specialization. Additional courses must be chosen from a restricted list of options. 2012: Students may now select from any PS course to meet these elective requirements, distributing credits across substantive areas of the discipline or concentrating on a particular area as desired.	(21)	12
Required Minor Electives	15	0
Free Electives	29	44
Interprofessional Projects	6	6
Total Credit Hours in PS	36	36
Total Hours	126	126