

# ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY POLITICS OPTION

This option is offered within the following major(s):

- Political Science - College of Liberal Arts (<http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/liberal-arts/school-public-policy/political-science-ba-bs-hba-hbs/>)

The Environmental and Energy Politics option under the Political Science major provides students with the opportunity to focus their undergraduate studies on topics involving:

- Historical and contemporary environmental problems
- Governmental and non-governmental efforts to address problems at the local, state, federal and international levels
- Interactions between key actors and institutions involved in environmental policymaking in the United States and internationally

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Code	Title	Credits
<b>Foundation Courses</b>		
PS 201	*INTRODUCTION TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	4
PS 205	*INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	4
PS 204 or PS 206	*INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS *INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THOUGHT	4
<b>Methods/WIC</b>		
PS 300	*RESEARCH METHODS	4
<b>Upper-Division Option Courses</b>		
Select at least 16 credits of the following: <sup>1</sup>		16
PS 314	INTEREST GROUP POLITICS	
PS 331	*STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS	
PS 371	PUBLIC POLICY PROBLEMS	
PS 372	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	
PS 374	*SUSTAINABLE LIVING: PRACTICES AND POLICIES	
PS 449	*TOPICS IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS	
PS 455	*THE POLITICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE	
PS 461	ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICAL THEORY	
PS 470	GLOBAL FOOD POLITICS AND POLICY	
PS 473	US ENERGY POLICY	
PS 475	ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY	
PS 476	*SCIENCE AND POLITICS	
PS 477	INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY	
PS 478	RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY	
Select up to 8 credits of the following:		8
ECON 352/AEC 352	*ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND POLICY	
ECON 466	*ECONOMICS OF TRADITIONAL AND RENEWABLE ENERGY	
FES 485	*CONSENSUS AND NATURAL RESOURCES	
SOC 381	SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY	
SOC 456	*SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN SOCIAL CONTEXT	
SOC 475	RURAL SOCIOLOGY	
SOC 480	*ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY	
SOC 481	*SOCIETY AND NATURAL RESOURCES	
<b>Political Science Electives</b>		
Select 12 credits <sup>2</sup>		12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>52</b>

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16 to 24 credits from the political science courses listed. Up to 8 upper-division credits can come from classes listed in economics and sociology. Credits from all courses must add up to at least 24. Other courses applied to this total must be approved by the department.

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Any political science courses may be taken to reach the minimum of 52 total credits in the major with at least 36 of these at the upper-division level.

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Baccalaureate Core Course (BCC). Major courses cannot double count for Baccalaureate Core requirements.

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Writing Intensive Course (WIC)

## Potential for Learning Outside the Classroom

Political science majors are strongly encouraged to pursue experiential learning and other educational opportunities outside of the classroom, and these experiences can be used to fulfill some political science graduation requirements. Such experiences can include research, thesis writing, projects, or internship. Credits will be placed in the appropriate PS 401 – PS 410 designator. A maximum of 8 credits from any combination of PS 401 – PS 410 may be applied to the major, although additional credits from courses in this range may be applied to general graduation requirements. Additional experiential learning opportunities include 'field schools' and study abroad. Students should discuss all of these opportunities with the political science undergraduate advisor.

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