

POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE MINOR

Graduate Areas of Concentration

American politics, judicial politics, public administration, political theory, state and local government, international relations, comparative politics, gender politics, environmental policy

Graduate work in Political Science may serve as a field of study for a Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS) degree or as a minor in other advanced degree programs. The political science program aims to provide a systematic understanding of political processes, institutions, theories, and behavior. Students are encouraged to acquire competence in statistics as aids to analyzing political phenomena.

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Students may choose the “generic” graduate minor, which simply requires 16 credits of graduate course work in political science for Master’s students and 20 credits for doctoral students. Or, students may choose one of two tracks within the minor: Environmental and Energy Politics; and International Politics. Students pursuing a track may choose any of the political science courses listed for that track. Students may also count one of the non-political science courses listed under the track toward the political science graduate minor.

For the generic graduate minor in political science, no specific courses are required. Master’s students must take 16 credits of graduate course work in political science, and PhD students must take 20 credits. Any combination of graduate political science courses will satisfy this requirement, but a maximum of 4 credits from PS 501–PS 510 may be counted toward the minor.

For one of the two tracks, Master’s students must choose four (4) courses from the list of courses for the track, at least three (3) being from political science; and PhD students must choose five (5) courses, at least four (4) being from political science. Students may take one non-political science course on the list, and may also count up to 4 credits from PS 501–PS 510 toward the option.

Environmental and Energy Politics Track

Code	Title	Credits
Political Science Courses		
PS 555	THE POLITICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE	4
PS 570	GLOBAL FOOD POLITICS AND POLICY	4
PS 573	US ENERGY POLICY	4
PS 575	ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY	4
PS 576	SCIENCE AND POLITICS	4
PS 577	INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY	4
PS 578	RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY	4
Non-Political Science Courses		
ECON 566	ECONOMICS OF TRADITIONAL AND RENEWABLE ENERGY	4
PPOL 545	INTERNATIONAL MARINE POLICY	4
PPOL 546	THE POLICY AND LAW OF UNITED STATES COASTAL GOVERNANCE	4
PPOL 547	INTEGRATED POLICY: FOOD, ENERGY, WATER, CLIMATE	4
PPOL 548	MARINE POLICY IN THE UNITED STATES	4

SOC 580	ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY	4
SOC 581	SOCIETY AND NATURAL RESOURCES	4

International Politics Track

Code	Title	Credits
Political Science Courses		
PS 541	DEMOCRATIZATION	4
PS 555	THE POLITICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE	4
PS 557	US-CHINA RELATIONS	4
PS 558	INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY	4
PS 570	GLOBAL FOOD POLITICS AND POLICY	4
PS 577	INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY	4
Non-Political Science Courses		
ECON 540	ECONOMICS OF GLOBALIZATION	4
ECON 541	INTERNATIONAL FINANCE THEORY AND POLICY	4
ECON 555	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	4
PPOL 545	INTERNATIONAL MARINE POLICY	4
SOC 560	THE SOCIOLOGY OF GLOBALIZATION	4
SOC 566	INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: GENDER ISSUES	4

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