POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

Also available via Ecampus.

The Political Science Program offers students the ability to augment their primary major by adding a minor in political science. Because politics and policy are relevant to all disciplines, understanding how your discipline interacts with political systems and policymaking can enhance any program of study and strengthen students’ graduate school applications and resumes for future employment.

The structure of the Political Science minor mirrors that of the major. In both, there is a “general” program of study that provides a wide array of choices among courses, as well as three “tracks” that afford students the opportunity for specialization. All students in the minor must complete at least seven courses (28 credits), of which at least 3 courses (12 credits) must be taken at Oregon State University. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in their OSU courses. In addition, no more than four (4) credits from PS 401 RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP – PS 410 POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP may count toward the minor. No more than eight credits may be from courses taken S/U.

### Code | Title | Hours
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**General Minor**
Select two of the following introductory level courses: | | 8
PS 201 | *INTRODUCTION TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS | 4
PS 204 | *INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS | 4
PS 205 | *INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | 4
PS 206 | *INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THOUGHT | 4
Select 5 upper-division 300/400 level courses in political science | 20
Total Hours | 28

* Baccalaureate Core Course (BCC)

### Minor Tracks

Students can select one of three concentrations in the minor: Law and Politics; International Affairs; or Environmental and Energy Politics. These tracks correspond to the options within the Political Science major.

To complete any of these tracks within the minor, students must take the two introductory courses for the track, and at least four courses from the list of upper-division courses in the track. One of these may be a non-political science course on the list. The fifth upper-division course may be a political science course on the list, or may be an upper-division PS course not on the list.

### Law and Politics Track

#### Code | Title | Hours
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**Introductory Courses**
PS 201 | *INTRODUCTION TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS | 4
PS 206 | *INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THOUGHT | 4
**Upper-Division Political Science Courses**
Select four courses of the following: | | 16
PS 311 | CONGRESSIONAL POLITICS | 
PS 312 | PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS | 

### International Affairs Track

#### Code | Title | Hours
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**Introductory Courses**
PS 204 | *INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS | 4
PS 205 | *INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | 4
**Upper-Division Political Science Courses**
Select four courses of the following: | | 16
PS 341 | *EUROPEAN AND EU POLITICS | 
PS 343 | *RUSSIAN POLITICS | 
PS 344 | *LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS | 
PS 345 | *POLITICS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS | 
PS 348 | *CHINESE POLITICS | 
PS 350 | *JAPANESE POLITICS | 
PS 351 | AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY | 
PS 356 | INTERNATIONAL POLITICS OF ASIA PACIFIC | 
PS 441 | DEMOCRATIZATION | 
PS 446 | EAST ASIAN POLITICAL ECONOMY | 
PS 454 | INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATIONS | 
PS 455 | *THE POLITICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE |
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PS 457  US-CHINA RELATIONS
PS 458 *INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY
PS 470  GLOBAL FOOD POLICIES AND POLICY
PS 477  INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY

Upper-Division Non-Political Science Courses
ECON 340  INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS
ECON 440  ECONOMICS OF GLOBALIZATION
ECON 441  INTERNATIONAL FINANCE THEORY AND POLICY
ECON 455  ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SOC 360  *POPULATION TRENDS AND POLICY
SOC 460  THE SOCIOLOGY OF GLOBALIZATION
SOC 466  INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: GENDER ISSUES

Select one of the following:
Upper-division course from the list above
Upper-division PS course not on the list

Total Hours 28

*Baccalaureate Core Course (BCC)

Environmental and Energy Politics Track

Code Title Hours
Introductory Courses
PS 201 *INTRODUCTION TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 4
PS 205 *INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 4

Upper-Division Political Science Courses
Select four courses of the following: 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 POLICIES 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

Upper-Division Non-Political Science Courses
ECON 352 *ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND POLICY
or AEC 352 *ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND POLICY
ECON 466 *ECONOMICS OF TRADITIONAL AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
FES 485 *CONSSENSUS 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
Select one of the following: 4
Upper-division course from the list above
Upper-division PS course not on the list

Total Hours 28

*Baccalaureate Core Course (BCC)
* Writing Intensive Course (WIC)

Minor Code: 960