

POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

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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
General Minor		
Select two of the following introductory level courses:		8
PS 201	*INTRODUCTION TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	
PS 204	*INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS	
PS 205	*INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	
PS 206	*INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THOUGHT	
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
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	

PS 321	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: GOVERNMENT POWERS AND CONSTRAINTS
PS 322	*CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES
PS 323	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED
PS 325	*GENDER AND THE LAW
PS 326	JUDICIAL PROCESS AND POLITICS
PS 331	*STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS
PS 361	CLASSICAL POLITICAL THOUGHT
PS 362	MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT
PS 363	*GENDER AND RACE IN AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
PS 365	AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
PS 370	*SCIENCE, RELIGION, AND POLITICS
PS 371	PUBLIC POLICY PROBLEMS
PS 372	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
PS 375	*THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND POLICIES
PS 454	INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATIONS
PS 462	THEORIES OF LAW

Upper-Division Non-Political Science Courses

ECON 461	LAW, ECONOMICS, AND REGULATION	
SOC 340	DEVIANT BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL	
SOC 438	US IMMIGRATION ISSUES IN THE 21ST CENTURY	
SOC 440	JUVENILE DELINQUENCY	
SOC 441	CRIMINOLOGY AND PENOLOGY	
SOC 442	SOCIOLOGY OF DRUG USE AND ABUSE	
SOC 448	LAW AND SOCIETY	
Select one of the following:		4
Upper-division course from the list above		
Upper-division PS course not on the list		
Total Hours		28

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International Affairs Track

Code	Title	Hours
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	

PS 457	US-CHINA RELATIONS	
PS 458	*INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY	
PS 470	GLOBAL FOOD POLITICS 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:		4
Upper-division course from the list above		
Upper-division PS course not on the list		
Total Hours		28

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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 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	
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	*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	
Select one of the following:		4
Upper-division course from the list above		
Upper-division PS course not on the list		
Total Hours		28

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^ Writing Intensive Course (WIC)

Minor Code: 960