

POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

Also available at OSU-Cascades and 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.

Minor Code: 960

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 – PS 410 may count toward the minor. No more than eight credits may be from courses taken S/U.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| General Minor | | |
| Select two from 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 five upper-division 300/400 level courses in political science | | 20 |
| Total Credits | | 28 |

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 | Credits |
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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 from 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 | |

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| 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 Credits | | 28 |

International Affairs Track

| Code | Title | Credits |
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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 from 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 Credits | | 28 |

Environmental and Energy Politics Track

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| 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 from 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/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 | | |
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Baccalaureate Core Course (BCC)

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Writing Intensive Course (WIC)

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