

Department of Political Science
CURRICULUM AND COURSE PLANNING GUIDE

POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES BY FIELD

See the political science undergraduate handbook and online course catalog for details about course prerequisites and how political science courses can meet advanced composition and general education requirements. Field courses are noted in **bold**.

American politics

PS 101	Intro to Am Pols & Govt	PS 301	The US Constitution I	PS 317	Asian-Am Pols
PS 201	US Racial & Ethnic Pols	PS 302	The US Constitution II	PS 318	Interest Groups & Social Mvts
PS 202	Religion & Pols in the US	PS 303	The US Congress	PS 319	Campaigns & Elections
PS 272	Women and Pols	PS 304	The US Presidency	PS 322	Law & Public Policy
		PS 305	The US Supreme Court	PS 409	Attitudes, Behaviors, & Environment
		PS 309	State Govt in the US	PS 410	Neighborhoods & Pols
		PS 311	Pol Parties in the US	PS 411	Campaigning to Win
		PS 312	Pols & the Media	PS 412	Genetics & Pols
		PS 313	Congress & Foreign Policy	PS 450	Civic Engagement in Modern Soc
		PS 315	African-Am Pols	PS 451	Citizens & the Democratic Process
		PS 316	Latina/o Pols	PS 452	Normative Perspectives on Am Pols
				PS 453	Ethics, Leadership, & Democracy
				PS 455	Pol Econ, Soc Welfare, & Democracy
PS 230	Intro to Pol Research	PS 330	Intro to Pol Behavior	PS 456	Democracy & Identity
PS 231	Strategic Models	PS 331	Intro to Electoral Behavior	PS 457	Dem Govt in a Global Setting

Public policy

PS 220	Intro to Public Policy	PS 320	Intro to Public Administration
PS 222	Ethics & Public Policy	PS 321	Principles of Public Policy
PS 225	Environmental Pols & Policy		

Comparative politics

PS 240	Intro to Comp Pols	PS 339	Pol Violence	PS 353	Govt & Pols of Latin Am
PS 241	Comp Pols in Developing Nations	PS 340	Pols in Intl Development	PS 354	Latin Am Pol Econ
PS 242	Intro to Modern Africa	PS 341	Govt & Pols of Africa	PS 355	Democratization
PS 243	Pan-Africanism	PS 343	Govt & Pols of China	PS 356	Comp Pol Econ
PS 273	Environment and Soc	PS 345	Govt & Pols of Southeast Asia	PS 357	Ethnic Conflict
		PS 346	Govt & Pols of South Asia	PS 358	Comp Pol Behavior
		PS 347	Govt & Pols of the Middle East	PS 385	Pols of the European Union
		PS 348	Govt & Pols of Western Europe	PS 397	Authoritarian Regimes
		PS 349	Govt & Pols of Great Britain	PS 408	Islam & Modern Soc
		PS 351	Govt & Pols of Post-Soviet States	PS 418	Languages & Minorities in Europe
		PS 352	Govt & Pols of Eastern Europe		

Political theory

PS 270	Intro to Pol Theory	PS 371	Classical Pol Theory	PS 377	Topics in Contemporary Pol Theory
		PS 372	Modern Pol Theory	PS 378	Topics in Non-Western Pol Thought
		PS 373	Democratic Theory	PS 413	Sex, Power, & Pols
		PS 376	American Pol Theory		

International relations

PS 280	(or 281) Intro to Intl Relations (281 ACP)	PS 379	Intl Relations and Domestic Pols	PS 390	American Foreign Policy
PS 180	Intro to the Pols of Globalization	PS 380	Intl Cooperation	PS 391	Soviet & Post-Soviet Foreign Policy
PS 282	Governing Globalization	PS 381	Intl Conflict (ACP)	PS 393	Diplomatic Studies Practicum
PS 283	Intro to Intl Security	PS 382	Intl Pol Econ	PS 394	Crisis Diplomacy
PS 289	Pols of the Vietnam War	PS 383	Intl Organization (ACP)	PS 395	Intl Organization
		PS 384	Pols of Globalization	PS 396	Intl Conflict
		PS 386	Intl Law	PS 398	Strategic Intl Relations
		PS 387	National Security Policy	PS 480	Energy & Security
		PS 389	Intl Communications		

Other political science courses

PS 100	Intro to Political Science	PS 300	Special Topics	PS 495	Senior Honors Seminar
PS 199	Open Seminar	PS 490	Individual Study	PS 496	Senior Honors Thesis
PS 200	Foundations of Political Science	PS 491	Govt Internship		
PS 299	Study Abroad	PS 494	Junior Honors Seminar		

GENERAL EDUCATION AND POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR AND MINOR REQUIREMENTS

General education requirements

Basic composition	
Advanced composition (ACP)	
Non-primary language (NPL):	
4 levels of one language	1
	2
	3
	4
or 3 levels each of two languages	1
	2
	3
Cultural studies:	
Western/comparative (W)	
Non-Western/US minority (NW/US)	
Humanities/arts, 6 hrs (LA/HP)	
Social/behavioral sciences, 6 hrs (SS/BS)	
Natural sciences/technology, 6 hrs (LS/PS)	
Quantitative reasoning 1 (QR1)	
Quantitative reasoning 2 (QR2)	

Advanced-level courses (21 hrs on campus required)

Review general education course options online at: my.illinois.edu under the 'Course Explorer' section

PS major requirements

PS 101	(term/AP)
Three field courses	1
from 100/200, 220, 230, 240, 270, 280/281	2
	3
Advanced-level PS courses	
12 hrs ≥ 300-level on-campus required	
6 hrs PS courses at any level	
30 PS hrs total required	total

Supporting coursework

Program

See the political science undergraduate handbook for options.

Courses		
20 hrs total (12 hrs ≥ 200-level) required		total

Review the political science undergraduate handbook online at: pol.illinois.edu/undergraduate/documents/ug_handbook.pdf

PS minor requirements

PS 100 or 101	
Two field courses	1
Choose from 201, 220, 230, 240, 270, 280/281	2
Advanced-level PS hrs	
9 hrs from fields represented by 101/field courses	
18 PS hrs total required	total

Review your degree audit report (DARS) online at: www.oar.uiuc.edu/current/dars/generate.html