

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BA

Political science is grounded in four subfields: American Politics, International Relations, Comparative Political Systems and Political Thought. Beginning with American Politics, the student is introduced to each of these subfields within his/her first two years of study. Advanced courses may be taken across a broad spectrum of offerings listed below. During the fall semester of the student's senior year, the capstone course is completed; the student works closely with a faculty member on an independent research project.

Code	Title	Credits
Political Science Subfields		15
Research Methods		3
Political Science Electives		15
Political Science Capstone		3
Foreign Language ¹		3
General Education Requirements (https://catalog.sbu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements)		37
General Electives		44
Total Credits		120

Majors are encouraged to take MATH-107 to meet the General Education Quantitative Literacy Distribution.

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Code	Title	Credits
Required Political Science Courses		
POLS-102	AMERICAN POLITICS	3
POLS-103	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	3
POLS-203	COMP. POLITICAL SYSTEMS	3
POLS-204	POLITICAL THOUGHT	3
POLS-300	QUALITATIVE METHODS FOR A GLOBALIZING WORLD	3
POLS-307	QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	3
POLS-498	POLITICAL SCIENCE CAPSTONE	3
Electives in American Politics		
POLS-205	LAW AND SOCIETY	
POLS-221	CONGRESSIONAL POLITICS	
POLS-240	CONTROVERSIES-PUBL POLICY	
POLS-251	AMERICAN URBAN CONFLICT	
POLS-261	PARTICIP'N IN AMER POLITICS	
POLS-305	PRESIDENTIAL POWER	
POLS-306	COURTS IN AMER. POLITICS	
POLS-315	ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS	
POLS-328	POLITICS OF THE 60s,POLITICS OF THE 60S	
POLS-351	POLITICS OF SOCIAL POLICY	
POLS-395	MEDIA AND POLITICS	
POLS-397	POLICING IN THE AMERICAS	
POLS-420	CONS. LAW I. CIVIL RIGHTS	
POLS-421	CONSTIT. LAW II:POL STRUCT.	

Electives in Comparative Politics		
POLS-340	IDENTITY,EMOTIONS & DECISIONS	
POLS-345	POLITICAL CONFLICT	
POLS-355	LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS	
POLS-375	WOMEN AND POLITICS	
POLS-396	POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST	
POLS-398	TERRORISM & POLITICAL VIOLENCE	
POLS-435	POLITICS OF DEV. AREAS	

Electives in International Relations		
POLS-104	MODEL UNITED NATIONS	
POLS-208	INTERMEDIATE MODEL UNITED NATIONS	
POLS-209	INTERMEDIATE MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2	
POLS-308	MODEL UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT	
POLS-309	MODEL UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT 2	
POLS-320	AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY	
POLS-330	INT'L POLITICAL ECONOMY	
POLS-356	LATIN AMERICA & THE U. S.	
POLS-460	NATIONALISM & ETHNIC CONFLICT	

Electives in Political Thought		
POLS-302	AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	

Special Courses		
POLS-450	SPECIAL TOPICS	
or POLS-451 SPECIAL TOPICS		
POLS-491	WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP	
POLS-492	ALBANY INTERNSHIP	
POLS-497	INDEPENDENT STUDY	

First Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
POLS-102	3	POLS-103	3
ENG-101	3	ENG-102	3
Foreign Language ¹	3	General Education Requirement	3
SBU-101	2	MATH-107 (Quantitative Literacy Distribution)	3
Model UN or POLS elective	3	Foreign Language ¹	3
		SBU-102	1
		14	16

Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
POLS-204	3	POLS-203	3
POLS Elective	3	POLS Elective	3
Literature and the VPA Distribution	3	Historical Studies Distribution	3
PHIL-104 (General Education Requirement)	3	THFS-101	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	4
		15	16

Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Franciscan Studies/Theology Distribution	3	POLS Elective	3
POLS-300 (Qualitative Research Methods in POLS)	3	POLS-307 (Quantitative Research Methods in POLS)	3
Natural Science w/Lab Distribution	4	General Elective	3
POLS Electives	3	General Electives	6
General Elective	3		
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Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
POLS-498 (POLS Capstone)	3 POLS Elective	3
General Electives	10 General Electives	12
	13	15

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