Political Science

2016-2017 Academic Year

School of Liberal Arts

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**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS MATRICULATING IN ACADEMIC YEAR: 2016-2017**

**DEGREE:** BACHELOR OF ARTS

**MAJOR:** POLITICAL SCIENCE

**MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE:** 2.0

**MINIMUM MAJOR GRADE POINT AVERAGE:** 2.0

**TOTAL CREDITS:** 120

### CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

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<th>Area</th>
<th>Credits</th>
<th>To Be Selected From</th>
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<td>First Year Writing</td>
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<td>ENGL 1010 or Equivalent</td>
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<td>TIDES – 1 course in fall semester</td>
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<td>Foreign Language – Competence at 2030-Level (1-4 courses depending on placement and language)</td>
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<td>Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish</td>
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<td>Cultural Knowledge – Humanities/ Fine Arts</td>
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<td>Cultural Knowledge – Social Science</td>
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<td>Quantitative Reasoning</td>
<td>3-4</td>
<td>Math or PHIL 1210</td>
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<td>Scientific Inquiry – 1 Lab Science</td>
<td>10-12</td>
<td>Courses from departments Designated Science and Math</td>
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<td>Public Service – 1st Tier</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Consult Major</td>
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<td>2nd Tier</td>
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<td>Western Traditions</td>
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### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

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<th>Three Courses from the following:</th>
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<td>POLA 2100 (or AP American Government), POLC 2300 (or AP Comparative Politics) POLI 2500 POLT 2700</td>
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**Required Course**

POLS 2010 (Intro. to Scope and Methods of Political Science)

**One Course from the following:**

Statistics Component – MATH 1110 or equivalent course

**Political Science Electives:** 6 courses with not more than four of them in any single subfield (POLA, POLC, POLI, or POLT).

**Level of Course Work**

- At least two courses at the 4000 level or above. This does not include internships, independent studies, or honors thesis credits.
- Either one course at the 6000 level OR one four-credit writing intensive course in political science OR an honors thesis. Students may not exceed six credits of internship toward their total hours of graduation and can count only one internship course (POLS 4560) toward major requirements.

**CRDV 1090 – Majors, Internships, and Jobs **(1 credit)

This course is not a requirement for this major! It is an option for students who are interested in career development. Through this course students develop the necessary tools, skills, and resources to become career ready, learning what it takes to be an excellent candidate in today’s competitive job market. While taking CRDV 1090 students will create and refine professional documents, explore careers, conduct job/internship searches, develop networking and interviewing skills, and learn to utilize professional social media in order to network more effectively. Students will learn about the job/internship search process and know how to actively use this information in the real world. Students will have the unique opportunity to take personality and strength assessments in order to learn about their talents, interests, and preferred work environments. Students participate in a Mock Interview event with professionals from New Orleans.

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- The Degree Plan and other information provided in this booklet serve only as advising tools. Newcomb-Tulane College advisors will help advise you on the core-curriculum, decide on a major, and consult on any academic success issues.
- Your major advisors will advise you on major requirements.
- Students with multiple majors will have more than one advisor and will need to consult with the appropriate advisor.
- Minors are not assigned an advisor, but a faculty member in the department is designated to advise minors.
- Become familiar with your major! By declaring early, you have access to a major advisor, are able to enroll in “majors only” classes, and are included in list serves that allow you to receive information about events, internships, and other opportunities.
- Pre-med and Pre-law students should also consult with one of the Pre-Professional advisors.
Political scientists study the origin, development, and operation of political systems and public policy. They conduct research on a wide range of subjects such as relations between the United States and other countries, the institutions and political life of nations, the politics of small towns or a major metropolis, or the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court. Studying topics such as public opinion, political decision-making, ideology, and public policy, they analyze the structure and operation of governments as well as various political entities. Depending on the topic, a political scientist might conduct a public opinion survey, analyze election results, analyze public documents, or interview public officials.

RELATED ACTIVITIES
Attending political rallies or lectures; serving as a part-time worker or volunteer precinct clerk, party worker, or poll watcher; running for or serving in a public school or municipal office; joining a debate or forensic team; participating in fund raising or writing promotional materials for a political campaign; joining a student government; chairing public panel discussions; joining a school newspaper staff; participating in a neighborhood association; freelance writing; reading political publications; joining a professional group such as the American Political Science Association.

SKILLS
- Ability to conduct/explain scientific research
- Ability to communicate ideas
- Ability to relate to people from varying backgrounds
- Ability to speak articulately and read comprehensively
- Ability to make decisions
- Aptitude for leadership
- Ability to organize and interpret social/economic political data
- Understanding of community needs
- Ability to analyze data
- Ability to evaluate problems

OCCUPATIONS TO CONSIDER
Administrative Officer
Announcer
Biographer
Campaign Worker
Chamber of Commerce Manager
City Manager
Columnist/Commentator
Congressional Aide
Consular Officer
Correspondent

Diplomat
Editor educator
FBI/CIA Agent
Foreign Service Officer
Government Worker
Judge
Labor Relations
Lawyer
Newspaper Reporter
Parole/Probation Officer

Penologist
Political Scientist
Politician
Public Health Policy
Advocate
Public Health Policy Analyst
Public Relations Representative
Research Analyst
Social Worker
Surveyor/Interviewer

POSSIBLE EMPLOYERS
Advertising Agencies
Archives (federal/municipal)
Banks
Chambers of Commerce
Colleges/Universities
Correctional Institutions
Court Systems

Government Agencies/Officials
Historical Societies
Import/Export Companies
Labor Unions
Libraries
Local officials
Political Party Headquarters

Professional Periodicals
Public Opinion Research Firms
Regional Planning Councils
Research Firms
Social Service Agencies

If you think you might be interested in this major, but you are not absolutely sure, an exploratory advisor can help you explore major and career options, please go to: Explore.Tulane.edu

If you are interested in information about Law Professions, please go to: LawProfessions.Tulane.edu

If you are interested in information about Health Professions, please go to: HealthProfessions.Tulane.edu
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The American Political Science Association
1527 New Hampshire Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20036-1206
(202) 483-2512
(202) 483-2657 Fax
www.apsanet.org

American Association of Political Consultants
600 Pennsylvania Ave., SE Suite 330
Washington, DC 20003
(202) 544-9815
www.theaapc.org

National Association of Schools of Public
Affairs and Administration (NASPAA)
1120 G St. NW, Suite 730
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 628-8965
www.naspaa.org

National Women’s Political Caucus
1634 Eye St., NW Suite 310
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 785-1100
(202) 785-3605 Fax
www.nwpc.org

RELATED WEBSITES

Dept. of Defense-Civilian Jobs
www.cpms.osd.mil

Dept. of Energy
www.energy.gov

Dept. of Justice
www.usdoj.gov

Dept. of Labor
www.dol.gov

International Rescue Committee
www.intrescom.org

National Human Services Assembly
www.nassembly.org

State Governments
www.statelocalgov.net

Social Security Jobs
www.ssa.gov/jobssa/recruit/jobssa.htm

United Nations Jobs
www.un.org/depts/OHRM/

For Jobs, internships, resume assistance, interviews, and self-assessments, please go to:

Tulane University is committed to your academic success and provide several services to assist.