

Political Science

2017-2018
Academic Year



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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS MATRICULATING IN ACADEMIC YEAR: 2017-2018

DEGREE: **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

TOTAL CREDITS: 120

MAJOR: **POLITICAL SCIENCE**

MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE: 2.0

MINIMUM MAJOR GRADE POINT AVERAGE: 2.0

CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS			MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	33 CREDITS
Area	Credits	To Be Selected From	Three Courses from the following:	
First Year Writing	4	ENGL 1010 or Equivalent	POLA 2100 (or AP American Government), POLC 2300 (or AP Comparative Politics) POLI 2500 POLT 2700	
TIDES – 1 course in fall semester	1-1.5		Required Course POLS 2010 (Intro. to Scope and Methods of Political Science)	
Foreign Language – Competence at 2030-Level (1-4 courses depending on placement and language)	3-12	Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish	One Course from the following: Statistics Component – MATH 1110 or equivalent course Majors who are double majors in SOCI or PSYC have other options for satisfying the statistics requirement and they should consult the major advisor about this OR take a Foreign Language – students must complete an additional 3-credit course beyond the SLA Foreign-Language requirements.	
Cultural Knowledge – Humanities/ Fine Arts 1 Humanities 1 Fine Arts 1 Humanities or Fine Arts	9	Courses from departments designated Humanities and Fine Arts	Political Science Electives – 6 courses with not more than four of them in any single subfield (POLA, POLC, POLI, or POLT).	
Cultural Knowledge – Social Science 3 courses from 2 different disciplines	9	Courses from departments designated Social Science	Level of Course Work	
Quantitative Reasoning	3-4	Math or PHIL 1210	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). 	
Scientific Inquiry – 1 Lab Science 1 Science or Math 1 Science or Math	10-12	Courses from departments Designated Science and Math	CRDV 1090 – Majors, Internships, and Jobs – (1 credit) <i>This course is not a requirement for this major! It is an option for students who are interested in career development.</i>	
Writing Intensive	4	Consult Major	<i>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.</i>	
Public Service – 1 st Tier 2 nd Tier		1000-3000-Level 3000-Level or above		
Western Traditions	3	Refer to Undergraduate Core Curriculum Guide		
Outside Western Traditions Or Comparative Cultures Intl. Perspectives	3	Refer to Undergraduate Core Curriculum Guide		
This information is for students pursuing a minor in POLITICAL SCIENCE – REQUIREMENTS:				
At least 6 courses in political science, in at least two different subfields, with At least three courses above the 2000-level				

- 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.

What Can I Do with a Major in...

Political Science

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	Diplomat	Penologist
Announcer	Editor educator	Political Scientist
Biographer	FBI/CIA Agent	Politician
Campaign Worker	Foreign Service Officer	Public Health Policy Advocate
Chamber of Commerce Manager	Government Worker	Public Health Policy Analyst
City Manager	Judge	Public Relations Representative
Columnist/Commentator	Labor Relations	Research Analyst
Congressional Aide	Lawyer	Social Worker
Consular Officer	Newspaper Reporter	Surveyor/Interviewer
Correspondent	Parole/Probation Officer	

POSSIBLE EMPLOYERS

Advertising Agencies	Government Agencies/Officials	Professional Periodicals
Archives (federal/municipal)	Historical Societies	Public Opinion Research Firms
Banks	Import/Export Companies	Regional Planning Councils
Chambers of Commerce	Labor Unions	Research Firms
Colleges/Universities	Libraries	Social Service Agencies
Correctional Institutions	Local officials	
Court Systems	Political Party Headquarters	

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:



If you are interested in information about Law Professions, please go to:



If you are interested in information about Health Professions, please go to:



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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

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

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