

## Political Science

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The political science program, part of the Social Sciences Department, believes that knowledge of political science is a requisite for responsible citizenship and a necessity for anyone expecting to enter a career in law, public administration, law enforcement, civil service, or teaching.

Unique features of the program include American Legislature and Judiciary, a May Term course that offers study of national government for several days on location in Washington, D.C. An international political intern program with the German parliament, Deutsche Bundestag, is supervised by an arrangement with the University of Bonn in Germany.

Program goals:

- To instill a basic understanding of what constitutes “political questions,” whether of a normative or empirical character.
- To develop a foundation of substantive knowledge with respect to basic concepts, institutions, and processes within American, comparative, and international relations.
- To foster the ability to think and act critically about substantive public policy issues.
- To develop, through application, the ability to formulate and undertake research on problems of political significance.
- To promote an awareness of political science as an academic discipline defined by diverse (competing) paradigms, strategies, and techniques of analysis.

### ***Major in Political Science***

10 course credits:

EC 100 Principles of Economics (½)

EC 101 Principles of Macroeconomics (½)

PS 101 Introduction to American Politics

PS 302 International Relations

PS 310 Policy Formulation, Administration, and Analysis

PS 460 Perspectives in Political Science

Five elective PS course credits, two of which must be from

PS 130 Contemporary Political Ideologies

PS 270 Comparative Political Systems

PS 304 The Developing World

PS 313 Political Philosophy

By completing the political science major, students have met the requirements for OCAC/ILAC.

### ***Minor in Political Science***

6 course credits:

PS 101 Introduction to American Politics

Two course credits from

PS 207 State and Local Government or PS 209 State and Local Government: Denver, Colo.

PS 270 Comparative Political Systems

PS 302 International Relations

PS 304 The Developing World

PS 310 Policy Formulation, Administration, and Analysis

Three PS elective course credits (excluding PS 372 Internship, PS 450 Independent Study, PS 460 Perspectives in Political Science)

## DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Students planning graduate work in political science are advised to complete a foreign language through the intermediate level, PS 321 Research Methods and Data Analysis, and PS 421 Advanced Research Methods and Data Analysis.

### ***American Government Teaching***

For the American government teaching major and endorsements, see Education Department listings.