

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (B.A.)

The curriculum for a B.A. in political science exposes majors to the key areas of the discipline— American politics and institutions, comparative politics and international relations with a special emphasis on African Politics, Political Theory and Philosophy, and Research Methods.

## Goals of the B.A. Program in Political Science

- To develop in students a substantive body of knowledge about the history and evolution of the discipline including its various approaches and methods.
- To nurture in students a specialized and thorough knowledge of American Politics, Area Studies, International Affairs, or Legal Studies.
- To help students acquire the capacity to gather and analyze primary and secondary political data, critique extant studies, to construct creative research proposals, and to craft original research.
- To encourage students to participate in service learning activities— local, national, and international—that permit access to early job placements and an appreciation for the practice of citizenship.

## Major Concentrations

The Department of Political Science offers a bachelor of arts degree in political science with two possible concentrations. Students may choose among curricula related to those concentrations or they can choose the basic curriculum for maximum flexibility.

- Basic Curriculum (p. 1)
- Legal Studies Curriculum
- Paralegal Studies Curriculum

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
PS 134	INTRO TO POLIT SCIENCE	3
PS 135	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT	3
PS 136	STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	3
PS 238	INTRO TO COMPAR POLITICS	3
PS 236	POLITICAL STATISTICS	3
PS 341	African American Politics	3
PS 343	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	3
PS 347	Judicial Politics	3
PS 350	AME POLIT PARTIES & PRES	3
PS 351	THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY	3
PS 431	AFRICIAN INTERNAT RELATI	3
PS 446	SCOPE AND METHODS	3
PS 447	SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR	3
PS 473	LEGISLATIVE POLITICS	3
PS 450	URBAN POLITICS	3

**Total Hours 45**

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Freshman</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
ENG 104 or ENG 103 or ENG 111	COMPOSITION I or English Composition I with Co-requisite Support or COMPOSITION & LITERATURE FOR L	3
HIST 201	UNITED STATES HISTORY I	3

PS 134	INTRO TO POLIT SCIENCE	3
UNIV 100	UNIVERSITY SUCCESS	2
Mathematics Option		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences Option		3

**Hours 17**

<b>Spring</b>		
ENG 105 or ENG 112	COMPOSITION II or COMPOSITION	3
HIST 202	UNITED STATES HISTORY II	3
PS 135	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT	3
Natural Science Option		3
Pathway Option		3

**Hours 15**

<b>Sophomore</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
PS 136	STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	3
PS 238	INTRO TO COMPAR POLITICS	3
Humanities & Fine Arts Option		3
Social & Behavioral Science Option		3
Pathway Option		3

**Hours 15**

<b>Spring</b>		
GEOG 105	INTRO TO CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY	3
UNIV 200	CIVIC ENGAGEMENT	1
Speech Option		3
Humanities & Fine Arts Option		3
Natural Science Option		3
Pathway Option		3

**Hours 16**

<b>Junior</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
ECO 211	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	3
PS 236	POLITICAL STATISTICS	3
PS 347	Judicial Politics	3
PS 473	LEGISLATIVE POLITICS	3
Political Science Elective		3
Philosophy Option		3

**Hours 18**

<b>Spring</b>		
ECO 212	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	3
PS 341	African American Politics	3
PS 343	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	3
PS 446	SCOPE AND METHODS	3
PS 450	URBAN POLITICS	3

**Hours 15**

<b>Senior</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
PS 351	THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY	3
PS 447	SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR	3
Political Science Elective		3
Political Science Elective		3
General Elective		3

**Hours 15**

<b>Spring</b>		
PS 350	AME POLIT PARTIES & PRES	3
Political Science Option		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3

**Hours 12**

**Total Hours 123**

**Notes:**

- Candidates that transfer 12 or more hours of college credit are exempt from UNIV 100 UNIVERSITY SUCCESS; however, the student must take 2 hours of general electives to replace the UNIV course.
- Online Graduation Clearance (**to be completed during the graduating semester only**).

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

- Students will learn how national, state, local and international governments operate in a democracy.
- Students will learn about the principles of state and local governments in the democratic system.
- Students will learn the fundamentals of state, local, and international governments.