POLITICAL SCIENCE, B.A.

Credits: 122
CIP Code: 451001

Program Description

The undergraduate program in political science is designed to help students understand how politics affect the lives of people at the local, national, and international levels. The curriculum requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree place emphasis on the political experience of African Americans in the United States, as well as African and African diaspora communities. It also seeks to develop a universal understanding of political behavior. In discussing politics, we are engaged with a broad range of questions. Such questions include:

- **Why are some people more politically involved than others?**
- Why do some seek and obtain tangible benefits from the political process while others settle for symbolic reassurance?
- How and to what extent has politics been used as a tool for both domination and human freedom?
- How has politics hindered or facilitated the struggle for racial equality in the United States?

Admissions Requirements

Applicants must meet the General Admissions Requirements as published in this Catalog.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates with a Major in Political Science will be able to:

1. Discuss major theories, concepts and empirical regularities of political institutions and political behavior.
2. Critically analyze key issues of public policy and political problems and detect fallacies and martial evidence to formulate policy argument and options.
3. Demonstrate competency with basic tools underlying modern social science research to include statistical and qualitative analysis.
4. Write clearly and purposely on complex issues of international and domestic politics and public policy.
5. Use electronic and tradition library resources to research key local, state, national and international policy issues and present results in oral and written formats.
6. Utilize contemporary social science research methods to conduct research on political phenomena.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the General Degree Requirements as published in this Catalog, students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science must earn minimum final grades of "C" in all required and cognate courses and electives.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Area A: Humanities/Fine Arts		
CPHI 105	Critical Thinking	3
CHIS 211	History of the United States	3
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Area B: Social/Behavioral Sciences		
CPSC 106	Politics and Global Issues	3
Area C: Natural Sciences/Mathematics/Statistics		
CMAT 104	Finite Mathematics	3
or CMAT 105	Pre-Calculus I	
CBIO 101	Biological Science	3
or CPHY 102	Physical Science	
Area D: Communications		
CENG 105	College Composition I	3
CENG 106	College Composition II	3
CFLF 101	Elementary French	3
or CFLS 101	Elementary Spanish	
Area E: Financial/Technological		
CECO 251	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
Total Hours		**30**

Other University Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
CGED 100	First Year Seminar	1
CGED 101	FYS ~ First Year Seminar	1
Total Hours		**2**

Code	Title	Hours
Required Political Science Courses		
CPSC 219	American Govern & Politics	3
CPSC 221	State & Local Government	3
CPSC 313	Urban Politics & Policy	3
CPSC 315	Comparative Politics	3
CPSC 322	International Relations	3
CPSC 337	Statistics I	3
CPSC 337L	Statistics I Lab	0
CPSC 338	Statistics II	3
CPSC 338L	Statistics II Lab	0
CPSC 361	Political Theory I	3
CPSC 362	Political Theory II	3
CPSC 387	Scope and Methods of Research	3
CPSC 420	Politics of Africa	3
CPSC 479	Senior Thesis	3
Required Electives		
Select ten of the following:		30
CPSC 220	Introduction to Public Policy	
CPSC 309	Introduction to Urban Planning	
CPSC 319	Electoral Politics	
CPSC 336	Current World Problems	
CPSC 352	American Foreign Policy	
CPSC 371	Science and Public Policy	
CPSC 372	Comparative Public Policy	
CPSC 374	Constitutional Law	
CPSC 375	Political and Civil Rights	
CPSC 394	Pol in Contemporary Thought	
CPSC 480	Independent Study	
CPSC 483	Independent Study	
CPSC 484	Internship	

CPSC 486		
CPSC 487		
CPSC 490	Washington Internship	
Cognate Courses		
CENG 201	Intro to World Literature I	3
or CENG 202	Intro to World Literature II	
CENG 311	Adv Grammar & Composition	3
Total Hours		**72**

Free Electives: 18 Credits

Note: Free Electives should be chosen in consultation with the advisor and may be used for a minor or stackable credentials.

Internship Programs

The Department of Political Science encourages students who are interested in community service, job experience, and public service, to enroll in the Political Science internship program or the Washington Internship Program. The programs provide undergraduate majors with opportunities to work part-time or full-time and receive a minimum of three (3) and maximum of twelve (12) credit hours toward their degree. Students interested in the programs should contact a political science advisor for more information.

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Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
CGED 100	First Year Seminar	1
CMAT 104 or CMAT 105	Finite Mathematics (Area C) or Pre-Calculus I	3
CENG 105	College Composition I (Area D)	3
CPHI 105	Critical Thinking (Area A)	3
CHIS 211	History of the United States (Area A)	3
CPSC 2XX or 3XX	Required Major Elective	3
	Hours	**16**
Second Semester		
CGED 101	FYS ~ First Year Seminar	1
CFLF 101 or CFLS 101	Elementary French (Area D) or Elementary Spanish	3
CENG 106	College Composition II (Area D)	3
CPSC 106	Politics and Global Issues (Area B)	3
CHIS 212	History of the United States (Area A)	3
2XX	Free Elective or Minor [1]	3
	Hours	**16**
Second Year		
First Semester		
CENG 201 or CENG 202	Intro to World Literature I (Cognate) or Intro to World Literature II	3
CPSC 219	American Govern & Politics	3
CECO 251	Principles of Macroeconomics (Area E)	3
CPSC 2XX or 3XX	Required Major Elective	3
CPSC 2XX or 3XX	Required Major Elective	3
	Hours	**15**
Second Semester		
CENG 311	Adv Grammar & Composition (Cognate)	3
CPSC 211		3
CBIO 101 or CPHY 102	Biological Science (Area C) or Physical Science	3
CPSC 2XX or 3XX	Required Major Elective	3
3XX or 4XX	Free Elective or Minor [1]	3
	Hours	**15**
Third Year		
First Semester		
CPSC 337	Statistics I	3
CPSC 313	Urban Politics & Policy	3
CPSC 361	Political Theory I	3
CPSC 315	Comparative Politics	3
3XX or 4XX	Free Elective or Minor [1]	3
	Hours	**15**
Second Semester		
CPSC 338	Statistics II	3
CPSC 362	Political Theory II	3
3XX or 4XX	Free Elective or Minor [1]	3
3XX or 4XX	Free Elective or Minor [1]	3
CPSC 3XX or 4XX	Reqd. Major Elective or Independent Study or Internship	3
	Hours	**15**
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
CPSC 387	Scope and Methods of Research	3
CPSC 322	International Relations	3
CPSC 3XX or 4XX	Reqd. Major Elective	3
CPSC 3XX or 4XX	Reqd. Major Elective	3
CPSC 3XX or 4XX	Reqd. Major Elective or CPSC 4XX Independent Study or CPSC 4XX Internship	3
	Hours	**15**
Second Semester		
CPSC 479	Senior Thesis	3
CPSC 420	Politics of Africa	3
3XX or 4XX	Free Elective or Minor [1]	3
CPSC 3XX or 4XX	Reqd. Major Elective	3
CPSC 3XX or 4XX	Reqd. Major Elective or CPSC 4XX Internship	3
	Hours	**15**
	Total Hours	**122**

[1] Free Electives should be chosen in consultation with the advisor and may be used for a minor or stackable credentials.

Percentage of 300 and 400 level courses beyond GED: 68.78% - 81.25%