Political Science

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Department of Political Science website (http://www.marquette.edu/polisci)

Studying politics offers a way to understand and engage in some of the most critical issues of our times. Our country’s political processes are deeply divided, and our institutions suffer partisanship and gridlock. Our media, too, often substitute hyperbole for reasonable discussion. Our economy continues to struggle to respond to the challenges of globalization and to distribute economic gains across American society. Meanwhile newly rising economies give other countries increasing power. As we wind down the major wars of the last decade, we continue to face threats ranging from global environmental problems to terrorism. The Political Science department offers courses that engage these and other timely issues. Students can choose to specialize in American politics, law and politics, global politics, political economy and public policy or general politics. These concentrations draw from courses in American politics, comparative politics, international politics and political philosophy. We offer hands-on experience in local internships and a semester program in Washington D.C., at the Les Aspin Center. And our extensive alumni network can help graduating students start careers in fields as diverse as law; federal, state, and local government; electoral politics; intelligence; business; and international and domestic community service.

The department offers a major in Political Science with five different concentrations, a minor in Political Science, a major and minor for students in the College of Education pursuing a teaching specialization in political science, and an accelerated, five-year B.A./M.A. degree in Political Science. Students might also or alternatively consider an interdisciplinary major, minor or accelerated five-year B.A./M.A. degree in International Affairs (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/helenwayklinglercollegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinarymajmin/internationalaffairs).

Major in Political Science

The major in political science consists of 33 credit hours of political science courses. Students must complete one of the five concentrations listed below.

Notes:

• Students must take two additional non-POSC social science courses. This requirement can be satisfied by taking any two courses that have one or more of the following subject codes: ANTH, CRLS, ECON, PSYC, SOCI, or SOWJ. Courses with the ANTH subject code must be in the area of cultural anthropology rather than biological anthropology.

• Students may count an introductory course (POSC 2201, POSC 2401, POSC 2601, or POSC 2801) as a Political Science elective, provided it is not already counting as a required Political Science course.

• Students may take up to 6 credit hours of POSC 4995 Independent Study in Political Science with department approval.

• Students enrolled in the Les Aspin Washington Center for Government program may count a maximum of nine credit hours in political science taken in the program toward the major.

Concentration I: Politics

Required Courses:

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Choose seven upper-division POSC courses (4101 to 4999). These must include one course each from at least 3 of the 4 Groups (I-IV) listed below:

- **Group I:** American Politics (POSC courses numbered 4201-4376)
- **Group II:** Comparative Politics (POSC courses numbered 4406-4561)
- **Group III:** International Politics (POSC courses numbered 4601-4741)
- **Group IV:** Political Theory (POSC courses numbered 4801-4881)

Total Credit Hours: 33

Concentration II: Law and Politics

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Choose three of the following courses:

- POSC 4241 American Constitutional Law and Development
- POSC 4251 The Politics of Civil Rights and Liberties
- POSC 4276 Courts and Public Policy
- POSC 4601 International Law
- POSC 4651 The Politics of Human Rights

Choose one course from Group IV (POSC courses numbered 4801-4899)

Choose four additional POSC courses

Total Credit Hours

Concentration III: Global Politics

Required Courses:

- POSC 2201 American Politics
- POSC 2401 Comparative Politics
- POSC 2601 International Politics

Choose two POSC courses from Group II (POSC courses numbered 4401-4599):

Choose two POSC courses from Group III (POSC courses numbered 4601-4699):

Choose four additional POSC courses, including at least one course from either Group I (POSC courses numbered 4201-4399) or Group IV (POSC courses numbered 4801-4899)

Total Credit Hours

Concentration IV: Political Economy and Public Policy

Choose three of the following POSC courses:

- POSC 2201 American Politics
- POSC 2401 Comparative Politics
- POSC 2601 International Politics
- POSC 2801 Justice and Power

Choose four of the following POSC courses:

- POSC 4321 Business and Politics
- POSC 4341 Politics of American Capitalism
- POSC 4411 Politics, Economics, and Democracy
- POSC 4621 Politics of the World Economy
- POSC 4641 Politics of the Illicit Global Economy
- POSC 4661 The Political Economy of Development
- POSC 4861 The Political Philosophy of Capitalism

Choose four additional POSC courses

Required cognate courses:

- ECON 1103 Principles of Microeconomics
- ECON 1104 Principles of Macroeconomics

Total Credit Hours

Concentration V: American Politics

Required Course:

- POSC 2201 American Politics

Choose two of the following POSC courses:

- POSC 2401 Comparative Politics
- POSC 2601 International Politics
- POSC 2801 Justice and Power

Choose three of the following POSC courses:

- POSC 4201 The United States Congress
- POSC 4211 The American Presidency
POSC 4212  American Political Parties
POSC 4213  Elections, Public Opinion and Participation
POSC 4216  American Public Policy
POSC 4241  American Constitutional Law and Development
Choose five additional POSC courses, including at least one course from Group II (POSC courses numbered 4401-4599), Group III (POSC courses numbered 4601-4799), OR Group IV (POSC courses numbered 4801-4899).

Total Credit Hours

Department of Public Instruction Certification - Political Science Major

College of Education students pursuing Department of Public Instruction Certification should note that persons holding Wisconsin’s Broad Field Social Studies license will be qualified to teach political science, if they complete 9 credit hours in political science.

Students pursuing certification with a political science major must complete 33 credit hours of political science courses as specified in Concentration I, with the exception that they should complete one upper-division course in all four of the groups listed. It is important that prospective teachers carefully review the College of Education section of this bulletin and consult with their Political Science Department adviser regarding university and state requirements (in addition to department requirements) for teacher certification.

Required Courses:
POSC 2201  American Politics  3
POSC 2401  Comparative Politics  3
POSC 2601  International Politics  3
POSC 2801  Justice and Power  3
Choose four upper-division POSC courses, one from each of the Groups (I-IV) listed below:  12
   Group I: American Politics (POSC courses numbered 4201-4376)
   Group II: Comparative Politics (POSC courses numbered 4406-4561)
   Group III: International Politics (POSC courses numbered 4601-4741)
   Group IV: Political Theory (POSC courses numbered 4801-4881)
Electives: Choose three upper-division POSC courses  9

Total Credit Hours

Political Science B.A./M.A. Accelerated Degree Program

The Political Science Department offers a five-year B.A./M.A. in Political Science. Students admitted to this program, may count a number of courses taken during their senior year toward both the B.A. and the M.A. degrees. This enables a student to complete both a B.A. and a M.A. in five years instead of the six that would normally be required.

The M.A. programs in political science offer courses that can take a student far beyond the undergraduate level. Those who have completed our M.A. degree have gone on to some of the finest graduate schools, launched careers in a variety of government agencies and gained employment in various settings in the private sector.

Graduate courses in our program offer students the possibility to pursue topics of interest to them in more depth than they are able to in undergraduate classes. These courses couple smaller class sizes and more opportunities for participation with an emphasis on the refinement of student research skills.

Minor in Political Science

The minor in political science consists of six courses (18 credit hours): four required courses (12 credit hours) and two elective courses (6 credit hours) as listed below:

Required Courses:
POSC 2201  American Politics  3
POSC 2401  Comparative Politics  3
POSC 2601  International Politics  3
POSC 2801  Justice and Power  3
Electives: Choose two additional POSC courses  6

Total Credit Hours
Department of Public Instruction Certification - Political Science Minor

College of Education students wishing to pursue Department of Public Instruction Certification must complete eight courses (24 credit hours): four required courses (12 credit hours) and four upper-division elective courses (12 credit hours) from Group I-IV as listed below:

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Group I: Choose one upper-division course

Group II: Choose one upper-division course

Group III: Choose one upper-division course

Group IV: Choose one upper-division course

Total Credit Hours: 24