

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA)

Political Science is the study of the organization and behavior of people, groups, and institutions which make up our government and the larger political system. The program is designed to introduce students to questions, perspectives, and arguments about the political forces that shape their lives. As such, the program has value for Liberal Studies students as well as for those who may choose the discipline as a major field of study. Students find the substance and the methods of the discipline useful in the legal, business, civic, communications, governmental, and academic professions, as well as any endeavors that draw them into public service.

Program Requirements	Quarter Hours
Liberal Studies Requirements	84
Major Requirements	56
Open Electives	52
<b>Total hours required</b>	<b>192</b>

## Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Define and discuss core concepts within the field of political science, including but not limited to: power, democracy, representation, authoritarianism, freedom and equality.
  - Describe the key features of the American political system.
  - Compare American institutions to other forms of government found in different countries and regions of the world.
- Analyze a given political issue from a multiplicity of perspectives.
  - Identify, analyze, evaluate, and draw upon a variety of theoretical perspectives to explain particular political phenomenon.
  - Collect, organize, and apply various forms of information to assess statements or hypotheses about political questions.
- Compose clear and well-organized explanations of political phenomenon and support these explanations with evidence.
- Explain and evaluate a sophisticated conception of justice.
  - Identify and describe situations in which justice concerns arise, and take an informed position about the meaning or demands of justice.
- Recognize and describe the importance of values to political attitudes and behavior, and be able to identify and explain their own values.
  - Articulate one's own normative assumptions about politics, society, and other peoples.
- Identify and explain:
  - The key elements of the inter-state system.
  - The nature of globalization.
  - The dynamics of a particular country or region of the world.

## College Core Requirements Study in the Major Field

The student's course of study in the College consists of three parts: Liberal Studies, the major field, and electives. Together these three parts contribute to the liberal education of the student which is the common purpose of all study in the College. By "liberal education" the College understands not only a deep and thorough knowledge of a particular area of study but a knowledge of the diverse areas of study represented by

criticism, history, the arts, the behavioral and social sciences, philosophy, religious studies, the natural science, and mathematics.

The major field program generally is built upon a set of core courses and a specialized "concentration." The number of courses required for a major varies by department. Most students go beyond the minimum requirements, electing additional courses which both broaden and deepen their understanding of their chosen discipline.

Because no academic major program is built in isolation, students are required to pursue a number of electives of the student's choice. The inherent flexibility of this curriculum demands that the student consult an academic advisor at each stage in the total program and at least once prior to each registration.

Students will be prompted to visit the College Office for their official graduation check early in their senior year.

## Declaration of Major, Minor and Concentration

All students in the College are required to declare a major field prior to beginning their junior year. The student will then be assigned a faculty advisor in the major field department or program and should make an appointment to see that advisor at his or her earliest convenience.

Students must declare or change majors, minors, and concentrations, via Campus Connection. However, for the purpose of exploring the possibility of changing a major field, the student should consult an academic advisor in the Office for Academic Advising Support.

## The Modern Language Requirement (MLR)

All students will be required to demonstrate competence in a modern language (i.e., a language other than English) equivalent to the proficiency attained from one year of college-level language study. This Modern Language Requirement (MLR) may be demonstrated by:

- placing into 104 or above on the DePaul language placement exam
- completing the last course or earning AP/IB credit for the last course in the first-year college sequence of any language (e.g. 103 for DePaul language classes)
- completing a college course or earning AP/IB credit for a college course beyond the first-year level in any language (e.g. 104 or above for DePaul language classes)
- completing the final course of a four-year sequence of the same modern language in high school\*
- completing a proctored exam by BYU and passing the exam (see the Department of Modern Languages website for registration details)
- completing a proctored Written Proficiency Test (WPT) by Language Testing International (LTI) and achieving a score of Beginner High or above (see the Department of Modern Languages website for registration details)

\*Students are strongly encouraged to take the DePaul language placement exam even if they have met the MLR via study of a language in high school. This will ensure continuation of language study at the proper level.

Students who complete an Inter-College Transfer (ICT) to the College will abide by the MLR in place on the effective date of the ICT, regardless of when they first matriculated at DePaul.

Students who have met the MLR and wish to pursue further work in the language may elect the "Modern Language Option" (see below).

## The Modern Language Option (MLO)

The Modern Language Option is available to all BA students who wish to study a modern language beyond the level required by their College, and to all other undergraduate students without a modern language requirement who wish to study a language at any level.

Students selecting the MLO may substitute a sequence of three courses in the same language for three domain courses.

The three MLO substitutions must be made in three different domains, and any substitutions must be consistent with the principle that students complete at least one course in each learning domain.

MLO substitutions may not be used to replace the Scientific Inquiry—Lab or Scientific Inquiry—Science as a Way of Knowing requirement.

Students majoring in one modern language may use the Modern Language Option for study of a second language at the Intermediate level or above.

**NOTE:** Please contact your college/school regarding additional information and restrictions about the Modern Language Option.

## External Credit and Residency

A student who has been admitted to the College begins residency within the college as of the first day of classes of the term in which the student is registered. Students in residence, whether attending on a full-time or part-time basis, may not take courses away from DePaul University without the written permission of the college. Permission must be obtained in advance of registration to avoid loss of credit or residency in the college; see the LAS website for more information.

## Liberal Studies Requirements

Honors program requirements can be found in the individual Colleges & Schools section of the University Catalog. Select the appropriate college or school, followed by Undergraduate Academics and scroll down.

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year Program</b>		
<b>Chicago Quarter</b>		
LSP 110 or LSP 111	DISCOVER CHICAGO or EXPLORE CHICAGO	4
<b>Focal Point</b>		
LSP 112	FOCAL POINT SEMINAR	4
<b>Writing</b>		
WRD 103	COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC I <sup>1</sup>	4
WRD 104	COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC II <sup>1</sup>	4
<b>Quantitative Reasoning &amp; Technological Literacy</b>		
LSP 120	QUANTITATIVE REASONING & TECHNOLOGICAL LITERACY I <sup>2</sup>	4
LSP 121	QUANTITATIVE REASONING AND TECHNOLOGICAL LITERACY II <sup>2</sup>	4
<b>Sophomore Year</b>		
<b>Multiculturalism in the US</b>		
LSP 200	SEMINAR ON MULTICULTURALISM IN THE UNITED STATES	4
<b>Junior Year</b>		
<b>Experiential Learning</b>		
Required		4

## Senior Year

### Capstone

Required <sup>1</sup> 4

<sup>1</sup> Students must earn a C- or better in this course.

<sup>2</sup> Readiness for LSP 120 is determined by the math placement test taken online after admission. Students may need to take developmental coursework prior to LSP 120. The LSP 120 requirement may be waived by credit already earned for advanced math coursework or by passing a dedicated proficiency exam. Students who complete both LSP 120 and LSP 121 take one less Learning Domain course. Students may not apply the course reduction to any Domain where only one course is required, and if taken within the SI Domain, the reduction cannot be applied to the SI Lab or SWK requirement.

## Learning Domains

Arts and Literature (AL) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/arts-and-literature/>)

- 3 Courses Required

Historical Inquiry (HI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/historical-inquiry/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Philosophical Inquiry (PI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/philosophical-inquiry/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Religious Dimensions (RD) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/religious-dimensions/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Scientific Inquiry (SI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/scientific-inquiry/>)

- 3 Courses Required

[1 SWK Course, 1 Lab Course, and 1 Additional Course]

Social, Cultural, and Behavioral Inquiry (SCBI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/social-cultural-and-behavioral-inquiry/>)

- 1 Course Required

## Notes

A student whose only major is Political Science is required to complete the Capstone offered by the Political Science Department. A student who is double majoring (or pursuing dual degrees) with the primary major (or primary degree) in Political Science may substitute the Capstone of the secondary major or degree. A Political Science major in the University Honors Program shall take only the University Honors Capstone, not both the Honors Capstone and the Political Science Capstone.

Courses offered in the student's primary major cannot be taken to fulfill LSP Domain requirements. If students double major, LSP Domain courses may double count for both LSP credit and the second major. Students who choose to take an experiential learning course offered by

the major may count it either as a general elective or the Experiential Learning requirement.

In meeting learning domain requirements, no more than one course that is outside the student's major and is cross-listed with a course within the student's major, can be applied to count for LSP domain credit.

This policy does not apply to those who are pursuing a double major or earning BFA or BM degrees.

## Major Requirements

Political Science majors must complete the requirements for one of the following four concentrations: Standard, American Politics, International Politics, or Law and Theory.

### Open Electives

Open elective credits are required in order to meet the minimum graduation requirement of 192 hours. These courses are to be selected in consultation with the student's faculty adviser and may include courses in fields such as economics, history, English, sociology, etc. Students may choose to use their open electives as part of a minor or to complete a double major.

### Course Listing by Category

#### Methodology

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
PSC 201	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS	
PSC 205	STATISTICS FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES	
PSC 300	POLITICAL ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH	
PSC 305	WRITING IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	

#### Political Culture

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
PSC 211	POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSC 213	POLITICAL SOCIALIZATION	
PSC 214	POLITICS AND MULTICULTURALISM	
PSC 216	AMERICAN POLITICAL CULTURE	
PSC 217	WOMEN AND POLITICS	
PSC 218	AFRICAN-AMERICAN POLITICS	
PSC 219	TOPICS IN POLITICAL CULTURE	
PSC 310	POLITICAL CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT	
PSC 312	CREATING CHANGE: CONTEMPORARY GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDERED POLITICS	
PSC 315	INTERNET, TECHNOLOGY, AND POLITICS	
PSC 316	RELIGION, NATIONALISM AND POLITICS	
PSC 319	ADVANCED TOPICS IN POLITICAL CULTURE	

#### American Politics

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
PSC 120	THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM	
PSC 220	THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY	
PSC 221	CONGRESS AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS	
PSC 222	POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTIONS	

PSC 223	URBAN POLITICS	
PSC 224	BUREAUCRACY AND POLITICS	
PSC 225	STATE POLITICS	
PSC 229	TOPICS IN AMERICAN POLITICS	
PSC 321	MASS MEDIA AND AMERICAN POLITICS	
PSC 322	URBAN POLICYMAKING	
PSC 323	CHICAGO GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	
PSC 324	INEQUALITY IN AMERICAN SOCIETY	
PSC 326	IDEOLOGY, ECONOMICS AND POLICY	
PSC 327	PUBLIC OPINION	
PSC 328	ADVANCED TOPICS IN AMERICAN POLITICS	
PSC 329	ADVANCED TOPICS IN PUBLIC POLICY	

#### Political Thought

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
PSC 230	CLASSICAL POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 231	MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 232	LIBERALISM, CONSERVATISM, AND DEMOCRACY	
PSC 233	POLITICAL IDEAS AND IDEOLOGIES	
PSC 234	FREEDOM AND EMPOWERMENT	
PSC 235	EQUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE	
PSC 236	LEGITIMACY AND CRISIS	
PSC 239	TOPICS IN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 330	AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 331	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 333	MARXISM	
PSC 335	THEORIES OF THE CHURCH	
PSC 336	AFRICAN-AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 337	CHRISTIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSC 338	POLITICS AND LITERATURE	
PSC 339	ADVANCED TOPICS IN POLITICAL THOUGHT	

#### International Relations

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
PSC 140	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	
PSC 242	AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY	
PSC 243	RUSSIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS	
PSC 244	LATIN AMERICAN-UNITED STATES RELATIONS	
PSC 245	FOREIGN POLICIES OF WESTERN EUROPE	
PSC 246	ASIAN FOREIGN POLICY	
PSC 247	U.S. - AFRICA RELATIONS	
PSC 249	TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	
PSC 340	THE EUROPEAN UNION	
PSC 341	POLITICAL ISLAM AND AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY	
PSC 342	ARMS, SECURITY, AND WAR	
PSC 343	ASIAN POLITICAL ECONOMY	

PSC 344	WORLD POLITICAL ECONOMY
PSC 345	THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WORLD POLITICS
PSC 346	THE UNITED NATIONS AND WORLD PROBLEMS
PSC 347	ETHICS IN WORLD POLITICS
PSC 349	ADVANCED TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**Comparative Politics**

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
PSC 150	INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS	
PSC 250	EUROPEAN POLITICS	
PSC 251	RUSSIAN POLITICS	
PSC 252	LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS	
PSC 253	ASIAN POLITICS	
PSC 254	AFRICAN POLITICS	
PSC 255	MIDDLE EAST POLITICS	
PSC 259	COUNTRY STUDIES	
PSC 350	JAPANESE POLITICS	
PSC 351	REVOLUTION AND TERRORISM	
PSC 352	CHINESE POLITICS	
PSC 353	COMPARATIVE DEMOCRACY AND DICTATORSHIP	
PSC 354	POLITICAL REPRESENTATION IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE	
PSC 356	ETHNIC CONFLICT IN THE THIRD WORLD	
PSC 358	GLOBAL GENDER ISSUES	
PSC 359	ADVANCED TOPICS IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS	

**Public Law**

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
PSC 260	LAW AND THE POLITICAL SYSTEM	
PSC 261	FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS	
PSC 262	RIGHTS OF DEFENDANTS	
PSC 263	EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS	
PSC 265	LAW AND POPULAR CULTURE	
PSC 269	TOPICS IN PUBLIC LAW	
PSC 361	INTERNATIONAL LAW	
PSC 362	THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM	
PSC 363	WOMEN AND THE LAW	
PSC 364	COMPARATIVE PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS	
PSC 365	VOTING, REPRESENTATION, AND THE LAW	
PSC 366	NATIONAL SECURITY AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION	
PSC 367	IMMIGRATION LAW	
PSC 368	RIGHTS-BASED SOCIAL MOVEMENTS	
PSC 369	ADVANCED TOPICS IN PUBLIC LAW	

**Experiential Politics**

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
PSC 281	MODEL UN	
PSC 282	POLITICAL ACTION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE	
PSC 284	MOCK TRIAL: CIVIL LAW	
PSC 285	MOCK TRIAL: CRIMINAL LAW	
PSC 286	CAMPAIGNS AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT	
PSC 288	BIKING, POLITICS AND POLICY	
PSC 289	GROUP INTERNSHIP SPECIAL TOPIC	

**Advanced Study**

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
PSC 299	SPECIAL TOPICS	
PSC 390	CAPSTONE SEMINAR	
PSC 392	INTERNSHIP	
PSC 393	HONORS SEMINAR	
PSC 394	SENIOR THESIS	
PSC 395	TRAVEL/STUDY	
PSC 399	INDEPENDENT STUDY	

Concentrations, tracks and specializations provide focus to the major. In addition to any college core requirements, liberal studies requirements and major requirements, students are required to choose one of the following:

- American Politics Concentration, Political Science (BA) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/political-science-ba/american-politics-concentration-political-science-ba/>)
- International Politics Concentration, Political Science (BA) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/political-science-ba/international-politics-concentration-political-science-ba/>)
- Law and Theory Concentration, Political Science (BA) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/political-science-ba/law-theory-concentration-political-science-ba/>)
- Standard Concentration, Political Science (BA) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/political-science-ba/standard-concentration-political-science-ba/>)