

Political Science (POLS)

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| Courses required for the first year: None |
| Courses recommended for the first year: POLS101, POLS103, POLS105, and POLS 107 |
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The Major in Political Science

Major in Political Science: 32 credits, including 2 of POLS 101, 103, 105, and 107; POLS 301; POLS 302; and POLS 490. At least one course from three of the four concentration areas, with at least three courses in one area.

Required Courses

| Course Number | Course Name | Learning Perspective/ Suffix | Prerequisites | Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU* | Credits |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Two of the following four | | | | | |
| POLS 101 | American Government | PS | | F, J, SP, SU | 4 |
| POLS 103 | Global Perspectives | PS, G | | F, SP | 4 |
| POLS 105 | Comparative Politics | PS, G | | F, SP | 4 |
| POLS 107 | Contemporary Political Ideas | PH | | J | 4 |
| All of the following | | | | | |
| POLS 301 | Introduction to Political Science | | | F | 2 |
| POLS 302 | Analyzing Politics | | 302 | SP | 2 |
| POLS 490 | Senior Inquiry | | 301,302 | F, SP | 4 |

Concentration Areas

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|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| American Politics | | | | | |
| 101 | American Government | PS | | F, J, SP, SU | 4 |
| 203 | Identity in American Politics | PS, D | | SP | 4 |
| 260 | The Legal System | PS | | F | 4 |
| 325 | Process and Politics | | | F | 4 |
| 326 | Politics of Environmental Policy | PS | | F | 4 |
| 330 | American Political Participation | | | F | 4 |
| 334 | Race, Wealth, & Inequality in American Politics | PS, D | | SP | 4 |
| 335 | Gender & Politics | PS, D | | SP | 4 |
| 338 | The American Presidency | | | SP | 4 |
| 361 | Constitutional Law I | PS | | SP | 4 |
| 362 | Constitutional Law II | PP, D | | SP | 4 |
| 364 | Topics in Law & Politics | | | F | 2 |
| Comparative Politics | | | | | 4 |
| 105 | Comparative Politics | PS, G | | F, SP | 4 |
| 344 | Politics in Arab World | PH, G | | F, SU | 4 |
| 346 | Politics in Latin America | PS, G | | SP | 4 |
| 348 | Politics in Brazil | PS, G | | J | 4 |
| International Relations | | | | | 4 |
| 103 | Global Perspectives | PS, G | | F, SP | 4 |
| 317 | International Law and International Organization | | | F | 4 |
| 318 | China in World Affairs | PS, G | | G | 4 |
| 320 | American Foreign Policy | | | SP | 4 |
| Political Theory | | | | | 4 |
| 107 | Contemporary Political Ideas | PH | | J | 4 |
| 351 | Liberal Democracy | PH | | F | 4 |
| 352 | Capitalism & Modernity | PH | | F | 4 |
| 353 | Democracy & Mass Politics | PH | | SP | 4 |

The Minor in Political Science

Minor in Political Science: 20 credits, including one of 101, 103, 105, or 107. 12 credits must be in one concentration area of Political Science. 8 credits must be in 300 level courses.

Required Courses: One of the following four

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|----------------------|------------------------------|---|----------------------|---|----------------|
| POLS 101 | American Government | PS | | F, J, SP, SU | 4 |
| POLS 103 | Global Perspectives | PS, G | | F, SP | 4 |
| POLS 105 | Comparative Politics | PS, G | | F, SP | 4 |
| POLS 107 | Contemporary Political Ideas | PH | | J | 4 |

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| 203 | Identity in American Politics | PS, D | | SP | 4 |
| 260 | The Legal System | PS | | F | 4 |
| 325 | Process and Politics | | | F | 4 |
| 326 | Politics of Environmental Policy | PS | | F | 4 |
| 330 | American Political Participation | | | F | 4 |
| 334 | Race, Wealth, & Inequality in American Politics | PS, D | | SP | 4 |
| 335 | Gender & Politics | PS, D | | SP | 4 |
| 338 | The American Presidency | | | SP | 4 |
| 361 | Constitutional Law I | PS | | SP | 4 |
| 362 | Constitutional Law II | PP, D | | SP | 4 |
| 364 | Topics in Law & Politics | | | F | 2 |
| Comparative Politics | | | | | 4 |
| 105 | Comparative Politics | PS, G | | F, SP | 4 |
| 344 | Politics in Arab World | PH, G | | F, SU | 4 |
| 346 | Politics in Latin America | PS, G | | SP | 4 |
| 348 | Politics in Brazil | PS, G | | J | 4 |
| International Relations | | | | | 4 |
| 103 | Global Perspectives | PS, G | | F, SP | 4 |
| 317 | International Law and International Organization | | | F | 4 |
| 318 | China in World Affairs | PS, G | | G | 4 |
| 320 | American Foreign Policy | | | SP | 4 |
| Political Theory | | | | | 4 |
| 107 | Contemporary Political Ideas | PH | | J | 4 |
| 351 | Liberal Democracy | PH | | F | 4 |
| 352 | Capitalism & Modernity | PH | | F | 4 |
| 353 | Democracy & Mass Politics | PH | | SP | 4 |

Major Overview

Recent graduates have careers in law, business, education, urban planning, community, organizing, and grant writing. Augustana counts among its alumni former mayors, state legislators and an Illinois congressman. Recent political science graduates are Rock Island City Council and County Board members, an assistant city manager and a lobbyist in Springfield and Chicago.

*Fall, J term, Spring, Summer; see [Academic Calendar](#) for specific dates

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