

Political Science - B.S.

The Political Science bachelor's degree program prepares students to engage with questions of power, governance, justice and injustice in American and global politics. This program provides students with a rigorous grounding in the analytical, critical and ethical thinking necessary to be an effective professional in the world of politics and public service. Political Science majors encounter the dynamic, complex world of politics through the program's core sequence of courses that emphasizes political literacy and communication, civic and global engagement, ethical decision making, and the application of theory to politics. With priority on exploration and choice, students may pursue their educational and career goals through our program's three major elective categories: 1) American/U.S. Politics, 2) International and Comparative Politics, and 3) Political Thought, Communication and Practice.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are expected to:

- Analyze a diversity of political systems, movements, issues and the dynamic nature of international relations.
- Apply political theory to the practice of politics and political science.
- Demonstrate fluency in the fundamentals of political communications in a variety of professional contexts and settings.
- Effectively employ qualitative and quantitative research methods as appropriate to data demands and contexts.
- Articulate and integrate core ethical principles and standards that define public service and the professional practice of political science.

Students are encouraged to pursue a wide range of opportunities for experiential and applied learning in politics and political science, through program options such as internships, study abroad and language learning. These opportunities provide students with the critical edge needed for building a career in politics and political science, including political campaign management and leadership, political communications, policy research, constituent relations, foreign service, nonprofit organizations, international governmental organizations, transnational corporations, international trade, and government agencies operating at the local, state and federal levels, as well as graduate study. Students also have the opportunity to produce an undergraduate thesis, which prepares them for further graduate study.

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A four-year program leading to the bachelor of science degree

Major Courses

PSCI1001	Introduction to Political Science	3
PSCI1030	Introduction to Political Theory	3
PSCI2001	International Relations and World Politics	3
PSCI2050	Political Communications	3
PSCI2100	Comparative Politics and Government	3
PSCI3005	Political Ideologies and the 21st Century	3
PSCI3050	American Politics, Policy and Institutions	3
PSCI3100	Research Methods in Political Science	3
PSCI3150	Ethics in Public Life	3
PSCI4900	Capstone Seminar in Political Science	3

Major Electives

Choose seven of the following courses (at least four courses must have a PSCI designation):* 21

American/U.S. Politics		
HIST2100	U.S. History from Colonial Times to 1876	
HIST2200	U.S. History Since 1877 (to the Present)	
HIST3020	A Multicultural History of America	
HIST3100	Contemporary American History: The United States in a Global Age	
PSCI2150	American Constitutional Law	
PSCI2200	Race, Politics and Power in America	
PSCI3200	Women in American Political Life	
PSCI3500	Special Topics in Political Science	
SCI3020	Sustainability Policy and Planning	
SOC2070	Social Issues in Contemporary America	
International Relations and Comparative Politics		
CJS3820	Cyber Crimes	
CJS3850	Homeland Security	
CJS4033	Terrorism	
ECON3025	The Global Economy in the 21st Century	
HIST3010	Modern History	
PSCI3250	Dynamics of Contemporary Diplomacy and Statecraft	

PSCI3300	Politics of Food, Human Security and Social Justice	
REL2001	Comparative Study of World Religions	
Political Thought, Communication and Practice		
LEAD2012	Power and Leadership	
PSCI3350	Political Parties, Social Movements and Interest Groups	
PSCI4100	Issues in Political Theory: The Politics of Human Rights in Global Perspective	
PSYC4150	Psychology of Conflict Resolution	
Applied/Experiential Learning		
Choose 6 credits from the following:**		6
ASCI4799	College of Arts & Sciences Internship ^{LC}	
DEE3999	Directed Experiential Education ^D	
RSCH3830	Undergraduate Research Experience	
RSCH4020	Honors Directed Academic Experience	
Study Abroad		
Related Professional Studies		
CAR0010	Career Management	1
FYS1020	First-Year Seminar	1
MATH2002	Statistics II	3
A&S Core Experience		
Communications Foundation Courses		9
ENG1020	Rhetoric & Composition I	
ENG1021	Rhetoric & Composition II	
ENG1030	Communication Skills	
Integrative Learning		6
Two ILS courses, one at the 2000 level, one at the 4000 level		
Arts and Humanities		6
HIST3200	American Government	
One course from ART, HUM, LIT, PHIL or REL		
Mathematics		6
MATH1002	A Survey of College Mathematics (or higher, based on student's placement)	
MATH2001	Statistics I	
Science		3
SCI1010	Environmental Science	
Social Sciences		6
ECON1001	Macroeconomics	
One course from ANTH, GEND, LEAD, PSCI, PSYC, RES or SOC		
A&S Electives		6
Two courses with an EASC attribute		
Free Electives[#]		
18 credits selected from 1000-4999 numbered offerings within the university		18
Total Credits		122.0

* Students are responsible for meeting prerequisites.

** In lieu of an internship, directed experiential education, research course, or study abroad, students may use the Applied/Experiential Learning credits towards a minor.

^{LC}Typically, internships require a minimum of six credits. Students interested in a 9 or 12-credit internship can apply additional experiential learning and free elective credits, if available. Students are strongly encouraged to contact a faculty adviser before scheduling internship and free elective credits.

^D Directed Experiential Education (DEE) opportunities are based on project availability with community partners and student eligibility. For more information, visit Experiential Education & Career Services (EE&CS).

[#] In addition to classes, free elective credits may be applied to a number of options such as internship, study abroad, Directed Experiential Education courses and courses in a specialization or minor as relevant. For Accelerated Master's program students, up to three graduate-level courses may apply. Students are strongly encouraged to contact a faculty advisor before scheduling free elective credits.

NOTE: Students must pass MATH0010 Pre-Algebra or have equivalent placement scores to enroll in required math course(s).

Note: Students must pass ENG0001 Writing Workshop or have equivalent placement scores to enroll in ILS 2000 level courses

In collaboration with academic colleges across all JWU campuses, JWU Global Study Abroad programs offer a variety of international options for major, minor, arts and sciences, and elective credit at many affordable price points for students during the academic year, break periods, and summer. Faculty-led, exchange, affiliate, and direct-enroll programs range in duration from

one week to a full semester or full year. Financial aid may be applied and scholarships are available. Visit the study abroad website for information, program descriptions and online applications. Where will you go?