

POLITICAL SCIENCE, B.A.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who complete the program in Political Science will be able to:

1. Develop an appreciation of the field of politics.
2. Evaluate, design, and apply social science research with respect to political phenomena.
3. Understand and critically assess the processes, theories, and outcomes of political institutions and political behavior.
4. Demonstrate social scientific information literacy.
5. Develop and express ideas in written communication in an effective and scholarly manner.
6. Demonstrate oral communication abilities, particularly to convey complex ideas, recognize diverse viewpoints, and offer empirical evidence of an argument.
7. Construct and evaluate analytical, comprehensive arguments.

Code	Title	Units
Lower-Division Requirements		
POL 1001	Understanding the Political World (GE)	3
POL 1065	U.S. Democracy (GE)	4
POL 2030	Introduction to International Relations	4
POL 2070	Scope and Methods of Political Science	4
Upper-Division Requirements		
American Government:		
Choose four (4) units from the following:		4
POL 3041	Campaigns and Elections	
POL 3080	Congress and the Presidency	
POL 4041	Issues in Public Policy	
Global Politics:		
POL 4020	United States Foreign Policy	4
or POL 4035	Global Governance	
Comparative Government:		
POL 3070	Comparative Politics	4
Political Theory:		
POL 3021	Western Political Thought	4
Senior Seminar:		
POL 4073	Senior Seminar in Political Science and International Studies	3
Off-Campus Political Studies Program:		
POL 3091	Off-Campus Political Studies Program (6 units required) ¹	6
Internship:		
POL 4060	Internship in Political Science (4 units required) ¹	4
Electives		
Choose eight (8) additional units from the following:		8
POL 3001	Transitions to Democracy	
POL 3020	U.S. Constitution and Civil Liberties Law	
POL 3025	American Political Thought	
POL 3030	The Development of Feminist Thought	
POL 3041	Campaigns and Elections	
POL 3051	War and Peace Studies	

POL 3060	Urban Politics	
POL 3080	Congress and the Presidency	
POL 3091	Off-Campus Political Studies Program	
POL 4015	Women and Politics	
POL 4020	United States Foreign Policy	
POL 4035	Global Governance	
POL 4037	International Economics ¹	
POL 4038	International Law	
POL 4041	Issues in Public Policy	
POL 4042	Contemporary Issues in World Politics	
POL 4044	Contemporary Political Ideologies	
POL 4050	Issues of Global Human Rights	
POL 4055	Protest and Social Movements in World Politics	
POL 4090	Special Studies in Political Science	
Total Units		52

¹ Required prerequisite for this course increases the number of units in the major.

Note(s): Accepting Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/adt/>)