

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF ARTS

College: College of Liberal Arts

Department: Society, Justice, and Politics

Student Type: Traditional Undergraduate

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Campus: Both Lisle Campus and Mesa Campus

Requirements - Major

Students majoring in Political Science must complete at least 45 semester credit hours with a grade of "C" or better, including:

Code	Title	Hours
Core		
PLSC 1102	American Government	3
PLSC 2105	Law and Politics	3
PLSC 2201	State and Local Government	3
PLSC 2210	Introduction to International Relations	3
PLSC 4299	Research Methods in Political Science	3
PLSC 4399	Thesis Research and Writing	3
Electives		
	Select six semester credit hours of Political Science electives at the 2000 level or higher ¹	6
	Select six semester credit hours of 3000+ Political Science electives ²	6
	Select six semester credit hours of Political Science electives ³	6
	Select six semester credit hours of Political Science or approved upper level coursework ⁴	6
ECON 2101	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
Total Hours		45

¹ Students in the Pre-Law Concentration should enroll in PLSC 2230 US Constitutional Law I/PLSC 3330 US Constitutional Law I and PLSC 2231 Constitutional Law II/PLSC 3331 Constitutional Law II

² Students in the Pre-Law Concentration should enroll in an approved political theory/thought course; as also stated above, students in the Pre-Law Concentration should enroll in PLSC 2230 US Constitutional Law I/PLSC 3330 US Constitutional Law I and PLSC 2231 Constitutional Law II/PLSC 3331 Constitutional Law II

³ Students in the Pre-Law Concentration may substitute coursework from ACCT, HIST, MGT, PHIL, PSYC or SOCL as approved by the department

⁴ Students in the Pre-Law Concentration may substitute upper level coursework from ACCT, HIST, MGT, PHIL, PSYC or SOCL as approved by the department

Pre-Law Concentration

In response to law school recommendations, the Pre-Law concentration does not require a specific course of study but focuses on a broad range of offerings out of six academic programs. The thrust is a broad liberal arts background, which makes the student aware of pressing social problems, knowledgeable about the American system of government and capable of reading critically and writing in a clear, concise manner.

Objectives

Students in the Political Science program will achieve the following student learning outcomes (SLO):

Student Learning Outcome 1: Acquire and demonstrate analytical and critical reasoning skills.

- University SLO: 2. Critical and Creative Thinking Skills; 4. Information Fluency

Student Learning Outcome 2: Conduct independent research, including reviews of academic literature, primary and secondary data collection and analysis.

- University SLO: 1. Disciplinary Competence and Skills; 2. Critical and Creative Thinking Skills; 5. Analytical Skills; 9. Personal Development

Student Learning Outcome 3: Develop a proficiency in writing within the discipline and in a professional setting.

- University SLO: 1. Disciplinary Competence and Skills; 3. Communication Skills

Student Learning Outcome 4: Master substantive knowledge in the major areas of the field.

- University SLO: 1. Disciplinary Competence and Skills

Student Learning Outcome 5: Experience politics, government, and law through a variety of hands on forms including Model UN, Mock Trial, Model Illinois Government, Internships and Study Abroad.

- University SLO: 3. Communication Skills; 6. Global Awareness and Cultural Competence; 7. Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility