

POLITICAL SCIENCE, MINOR

Requirements - Minor

18 semester credit hours, with a grade of "C" or better, are required for the Political Science minor. These 18 semester credit hours must include:

Code	Title	Hours
PLSC 1102	American Government	3
PLSC 2201	State and Local Government	3
PLSC 2105	Law and Politics	3
PLSC 2210	Introduction to International Relations	3
3000 level or above courses		6
Total Hours		18

PLSC 2215 Model United Nations and PLSC 2237 Mock Trial, while repeatable for credit, may only be counted once toward satisfying requirements for the minor.

Objectives

Political Science students at Benedictine University learn theoretical and practical material about political systems – domestic and international - and their processes. The department is additionally committed to developing a strong understanding of the concept of citizenship and a commitment to public service and civic life. Political Science faculty take pride in challenging students and helping them in developing critical research, writing and oral communications skills while introducing them to a multitude of hands on, real-world opportunities in the field.

A Benedictine University political science degree prepares students to pursue career opportunities in national, state and local governments, journalism, education, nonprofit organizations, and international development, among others, and graduate study in political science, law, public administration, business or other advanced study.

The program is designed to:

1. Provide theoretical and practical knowledge about politics in the United States and political systems and processes around the world;
2. Prepare students to pursue careers in law, journalism, business, advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, politics and public service, and government and international organizations and agencies, among others;
3. Provide students an opportunity to choose from concentrations in pre-law or international affairs;
4. Develop writing and research ability and critical-thinking essential for success in any career choice;
5. Develop a strong understanding of the concept of citizenship and a commitment to public service;
6. Provide non-classroom learning experiences in government, law, business, and other opportunities under the Center for Civic Leadership;