

POLITICAL SCIENCEwww.polisci.neu.edu

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Political science majors study the art and science of politics, the structure and functions of government, political behavior, and public policymaking. Students will be exposed to the political and policy dimensions of societies, economic systems, and cultures, today and across time, both in the United States and in other nations.

Political science majors begin with a set of core courses covering American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and research methods. Building upon that base of knowledge, majors choose electives from a broad range of offerings. Electives chosen may follow a general path of interest designed by the student, or they can be structured to fit within more specialized concentrations in law and legal issues, international and comparative politics, or public policy and administration. Most majors participate in the cooperative education program, with placements in local, state, and federal government agencies; law firms; nonprofit institutions; and corporations. Many students complete either a co-op position or an internship with a congressional representative, a senator, a governor, or other elected public servant.

Students may also participate in extracurricular programs designed to expand their leadership ability, such as the Political Science Student Association/Pi Sigma Alpha, Model United Nations, Model Arab League, student government, College Democrats, College Republicans, or other student groups. Many students study in one of the college's international programs, such as the Irish Studies program, which includes an internship in the Irish Parliament. Students also may qualify for the University Honors Program.

The major in political science is designed to help prepare students for law school, graduate school, and careers in government and the nonprofit sector, as well as for teaching, journalism, legislative or lobbying positions, public relations activities, and work in international corporations.

Transferring to the Major

Upperclass students transferring to the major must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.000.

Acceptance into the major will be based on students' meeting the department's criteria for admission and availability of space in the program.

Academic Progression Standards

Same as college standards.

BA in Political Science**NU CORE REQUIREMENTS**

See page 42 for requirement list.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA

See page 69 for requirement list.

INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE

POL U100	Political Science at Northeastern	1 SH
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POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS***Political Science Requirements***

Complete the following five courses:

POL U150	American Government	4 SH
POL U155	Comparative Politics	4 SH
POL U160	International Relations	4 SH
POL U399	Research Methods in Political Science	4 SH
POL U400	Quantitative Techniques	4 SH

Political Theory

Complete one course from the following list:

POL U326	Premodern Political Thought	4 SH
POL U328	Modern Political Thought	4 SH
POL U330	American Political Thought	4 SH
POL U332	Contemporary Political Thought	4 SH

Political Science Capstone

Complete the following course:

POL U701	Political Science Senior Capstone	4 SH
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POLITICAL SCIENCE EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

Complete cooperative education or study abroad or one course or experience from the following list. *Note:* Up to two credit-bearing courses count toward political science electives.

POL U905	Moot Court	4 SH
POL U910	Model United Nations	4 SH
POL U915	Model Arab League	4 SH
POL U917	Model European Union	4 SH
POL U919	National Model OAU/African Union	4 SH
POL U940	Internship in Politics	4 SH
POL U941	Student Leadership Practicum	4 SH
POL U942	Internship in American Government	4 SH
POL U943	Community-Based Research Practicum	4 SH
POL U944	Group Internship	4 SH
POL U946	Internship in State Government	4 SH

POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES FOR BA

Complete six political science electives with a minimum of four at or above the 300-level.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATIONS

If you choose to do one of the following concentrations, you may use four courses from the elective area to fulfill a concentration.

Concentration in Law and Legal Issues

Complete four courses from the following list:

POL U300	The U.S. Congress	4 SH
POL U302	Judicial Process and Behavior	4 SH
POL U305	The American Presidency	4 SH
POL U307	Public Policy and Administration	4 SH
POL U324	Law and Society	4 SH
POL U330	American Political Thought	4 SH
POL U500	U.S. Constitutional Law	4 SH
POL U505	U.S. Civil Liberties	4 SH
POL U510	International Law	4 SH
POL U615	Seminar in Public Law	4 SH
POL U905	Moot Court	4 SH

Concentration in International and Comparative Politics

Complete four courses from the following list:

POL U370	Religion and Politics	4 SH
POL U405	International Political Economy	4 SH
POL U407	International Organizations	4 SH
POL U408	International Security	4 SH
POL U415	Ethnic Conflict in Comparative Politics	4 SH
POL U420	National Security, War, and Political Violence	4 SH
POL U425	U.S. Foreign Policy	4 SH
POL U435	Politics in Western Europe	4 SH
POL U440	Politics in Northern Ireland	4 SH
POL U445	Politics in Central and Eastern Europe	4 SH
POL U450	Government and Politics in Russia	4 SH
POL U455	Russian Foreign Policy	4 SH
POL U460	Contemporary Government and Politics in Africa	4 SH
POL U465	Government and Politics in the Middle East	4 SH
POL U470	Arab-Israeli Conflict	4 SH
POL U475	Government and Politics in Latin America	4 SH
POL U480	Government and Politics in Japan	4 SH
POL U485	Government and Politics in China	4 SH
POL U487	Politics of Developing Nations	4 SH
POL U510	International Law	4 SH
POL U515	Democracy in Comparative Politics	4 SH
POL U530	Revolution and International Conflict	4 SH
POL U910	Model United Nations	4 SH
POL U915	Model Arab League	4 SH
POL U917	Model European Union	4 SH
POL U919	National Model OAU/African Union	4 SH

Concentration in Public Policy and Administration

Complete four courses from the following list:

POL U300	The U.S. Congress	4 SH
POL U302	Judicial Process and Behavior	4 SH
POL U305	The American Presidency	4 SH
POL U307	Public Policy and Administration	4 SH
POL U310	Parties and Elections	4 SH
POL U315	Interest Groups and Public Policy	4 SH
POL U320	Politics and Mass Media	4 SH
POL U334	Bureaucracy and Government Organizations	4 SH
POL U335	Budgeting and Taxation	4 SH
POL U340	Business and Government	4 SH
POL U345	Urban Policies and Politics	4 SH
POL U350	State and Local Politics	4 SH
POL U355	Intergovernmental Relations	4 SH
POL U357	Growth and Decline of Cities and Suburbs	4 SH
POL U358	Current Issues in Cities and Suburbs	4 SH
POL U360	Politics of Poverty	4 SH
POL U385	U.S. Health and Welfare Policy	4 SH
POL U390	Science, Technology, and Public Policy	4 SH
POL U395	Environmental Politics	4 SH
POL U402	Survey Research and Polling	4 SH
POL U405	International Political Economy	4 SH
POL U425	U.S. Foreign Policy	4 SH
POL U943	Community-Based Research Practicum	4 SH

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR CREDIT REQUIREMENT

Complete 52 semester hours in the major.

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS

128 total semester hours required

Minimum 2.000 GPA required

BS in Political Science**NU CORE REQUIREMENTS**

See page 42 for requirement list.

INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE

POL U100	Political Science at Northeastern	1 SH
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POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS***Political Science Requirements***

Complete the following five courses:

POL U150	American Government	4 SH
POL U155	Comparative Politics	4 SH
POL U160	International Relations	4 SH

POL U399	Research Methods in Political Science	4 SH
POL U400	Quantitative Techniques	4 SH

Political Theory

Complete one course from the following list:

POL U326	Premodern Political Thought	4 SH
POL U328	Modern Political Thought	4 SH
POL U330	American Political Thought	4 SH
POL U332	Contemporary Political Thought	4 SH

Political Science Capstone

Complete the following course:

POL U701	Political Science Senior Capstone	4 SH
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POLITICAL SCIENCE EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

Complete cooperative education or study abroad or one course from the following list. *Note:* Up to two credit-bearing courses count toward political science electives.

POL U905	Moot Court	4 SH
POL U910	Model United Nations	4 SH
POL U915	Model Arab League	4 SH
POL U917	Model European Union	4 SH
POL U919	National Model OAU/African Union	4 SH
POL U940	Internship in Politics	4 SH
POL U941	Student Leadership Practicum	4 SH
POL U942	Internship in American Government	4 SH
POL U943	Community-Based Research Practicum	4 SH
POL U944	Group Internship	4 SH
POL U946	Internship in State Government	4 SH

POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES FOR BS

Complete eight political science electives with a minimum of six at or above the 300-level.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATIONS

If you choose to do one of the following concentrations, you may use four courses from the elective area to fulfill a concentration.

Concentration in Law and Legal Issues

Complete four courses from the following list:

POL U300	The U.S. Congress	4 SH
POL U302	Judicial Process and Behavior	4 SH
POL U305	The American Presidency	4 SH
POL U307	Public Policy and Administration	4 SH
POL U324	Law and Society	4 SH
POL U330	American Political Thought	4 SH
POL U500	U.S. Constitutional Law	4 SH
POL U505	U.S. Civil Liberties	4 SH
POL U510	International Law	4 SH
POL U615	Seminar in Public Law	4 SH
POL U905	Moot Court	4 SH

Concentration in International and Comparative Politics

Complete four courses from the following list:

POL U370	Religion and Politics	4 SH
POL U405	International Political Economy	4 SH

POL U407	International Organizations	4 SH
POL U408	International Security	4 SH
POL U415	Ethnic Conflict in Comparative Politics	4 SH
POL U420	National Security, War, and Political Violence	4 SH
POL U425	U.S. Foreign Policy	4 SH
POL U435	Politics in Western Europe	4 SH
POL U440	Politics in Northern Ireland	4 SH
POL U445	Politics in Central and Eastern Europe	4 SH
POL U450	Government and Politics in Russia	4 SH
POL U455	Russian Foreign Policy	4 SH
POL U460	Contemporary Government and Politics in Africa	4 SH
POL U465	Government and Politics in the Middle East	4 SH
POL U470	Arab-Israeli Conflict	4 SH
POL U475	Government and Politics in Latin America	4 SH
POL U480	Government and Politics in Japan	4 SH
POL U485	Government and Politics in China	4 SH
POL U487	Politics of Developing Nations	4 SH
POL U510	International Law	4 SH
POL U515	Democracy in Comparative Politics	4 SH
POL U530	Revolution and International Conflict	4 SH
POL U910	Model United Nations	4 SH
POL U915	Model Arab League	4 SH
POL U917	Model European Union	4 SH
POL U919	National Model OAU/African Union	4 SH

Concentration in Public Policy and Administration

Complete four courses from the following list:

POL U300	The U.S. Congress	4 SH
POL U302	Judicial Process and Behavior	4 SH
POL U305	The American Presidency	4 SH
POL U307	Public Policy and Administration	4 SH
POL U310	Parties and Elections	4 SH
POL U315	Interest Groups and Public Policy	4 SH
POL U320	Politics and Mass Media	4 SH
POL U334	Bureaucracy and Government Organizations	4 SH
POL U335	Budgeting and Taxation	4 SH
POL U340	Business and Government	4 SH
POL U345	Urban Policies and Politics	4 SH
POL U350	State and Local Politics	4 SH
POL U355	Intergovernmental Relations	4 SH
POL U357	Growth and Decline of Cities and Suburbs	4 SH
POL U358	Current Issues in Cities and Suburbs	4 SH
POL U360	Politics of Poverty	4 SH
POL U385	U.S. Health and Welfare Policy	4 SH
POL U390	Science, Technology, and Public Policy	4 SH
POL U395	Environmental Politics	4 SH
POL U402	Survey Research and Polling	4 SH
POL U405	International Political Economy	4 SH

POL U425	U.S. Foreign Policy	4 SH
POL U943	Community-Based Research Practicum	4 SH

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR CREDIT REQUIREMENT

Complete 60 semester hours in the major.

UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVES

Complete three general electives at 300-level or above.

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS

128 total semester hours required

Minimum 2.000 GPA required

BA in Political Science and Economics

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS

See page 42 for requirement list.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA

See page 69 for requirement list.

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Political Science Requirements

Complete the following four courses:

POL U150	American Government	4 SH
POL U155	Comparative Politics	4 SH
POL U160	International Relations	4 SH
POL U400	Quantitative Techniques	4 SH

Political Theory

Complete one course from the following list:

POL U326	Premodern Political Thought	4 SH
POL U328	Modern Political Thought	4 SH
POL U330	American Political Thought	4 SH
POL U332	Contemporary Political Thought	4 SH

Political Science Restricted Electives

Complete two courses from the following list:

POL U307	Public Policy and Administration	4 SH
POL U335	Budgeting and Taxation	4 SH
POL U340	Business and Government	4 SH
POL U345	Urban Policies and Politics	4 SH
POL U405	International Political Economy	4 SH
POL U487	Politics of Developing Nations	4 SH

Political Science Electives

Complete any two upper-division political science courses.

ECONOMICS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS FOR BA

Breadth Courses

Complete the following two courses:

CS U101	Computer Science and Its Applications	4 SH
MTH U131	Calculus for Business and Economics	4 SH

Required Economics Courses

Complete the following six courses. Grades in these courses must average a minimum of 2.000:

ECN U115	Principles of Macroeconomics	4 SH
ECN U116	Principles of Microeconomics	4 SH
ECN U315	Macroeconomic Theory	4 SH
ECN U316	Microeconomic Theory	4 SH
ECN U350	Statistics	4 SH
ECN U520	History of Economic Thought	4 SH

Economics Electives

Complete three courses from the following list. At least one course must be at or above the intermediate level:

ECN U230	Health Care and Medical Economics	4 SH
ECN U240	Economics of Crime	4 SH
ECN U270	Economic Status of Ethnic Minorities	4 SH
ECN U290	The Global Economy	4 SH
ECN U415	Poverty and Income	4 SH
ECN U420	Urban Economic Issues	4 SH
ECN U423	Environmental Economics	4 SH
ECN U440	Public Finance	4 SH
ECN U461	Government and Business	4 SH
ECN U634	Comparative Economics	4 SH
ECN U635	International Economics	4 SH

INTEGRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Senior Seminar/Capstone

Complete one of the following courses:

ECN U692	Senior Economics Seminar	4 SH
POL U701	Political Science Senior Capstone	4 SH

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS

128 total semester hours required

Minimum 2.000 GPA required

BS in Political Science and Economics**NU CORE REQUIREMENTS**

See page 42 for requirement list.

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**Political Science Requirements**

Complete the following four courses:

POL U150	American Government	4 SH
POL U155	Comparative Politics	4 SH
POL U160	International Relations	4 SH
POL U400	Quantitative Techniques	4 SH

Political Theory

Complete one course from the following list:

POL U326	Premodern Political Thought	4 SH
POL U328	Modern Political Thought	4 SH
POL U330	American Political Thought	4 SH
POL U332	Contemporary Political Thought	4 SH

Political Science Restricted Electives

Complete two courses from the following list:

POL U307	Public Policy and Administration	4 SH
POL U335	Budgeting and Taxation	4 SH
POL U340	Business and Government	4 SH
POL U345	Urban Policies and Politics	4 SH
POL U405	International Political Economy	4 SH
POL U487	Politics of Developing Nations	4 SH

Political Science Elective

Complete any two upper-division political science courses.

ECONOMICS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS FOR BS**Breadth Courses**

Complete the following two courses:

CS U101	Computer Science and Its Applications	4 SH
MTH U131	Calculus for Business and Economics	4 SH

Required Economics Courses

Complete the following six courses. Grades in these courses must average a minimum of 2.000:

ECN U115	Principles of Macroeconomics	4 SH
ECN U116	Principles of Microeconomics	4 SH
ECN U315	Macroeconomic Theory	4 SH
ECN U316	Microeconomic Theory	4 SH
ECN U350	Statistics	4 SH
ECN U560	Applied Econometrics	4 SH

Economics Electives

Complete three courses from the following list. At least one course must be at or above the intermediate level:

ECN U230	Health Care and Medical Economics	4 SH
ECN U240	Economics of Crime	4 SH
ECN U270	Economic Status of Ethnic Minorities	4 SH
ECN U290	The Global Economy	4 SH
ECN U415	Poverty and Income	4 SH
ECN U420	Urban Economic Issues	4 SH
ECN U423	Environmental Economics	4 SH

ECN U440	Public Finance	4 SH
ECN U461	Government and Business	4 SH
ECN U634	Comparative Economics	4 SH
ECN U635	International Economics	4 SH

INTEGRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**Senior Seminar/Capstone**

Complete one of the following courses:

ECN U692	Senior Economics Seminar	4 SH
POL U701	Political Science Senior Capstone	4 SH

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS

128 total semester hours required

Minimum 2.000 GPA required

BA in Political Science and International Affairs**NU CORE REQUIREMENTS**

See page 42 for requirement list.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA

See page 69 for requirement list.

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**Political Science Requirements**

Complete the following four courses:

POL U150	American Government	4 SH
POL U155	Comparative Politics	4 SH
POL U160	International Relations	4 SH
POL U400	Quantitative Techniques	4 SH

Political Theory

Complete one course from the following list:

POL U326	Premodern Political Thought	4 SH
POL U328	Modern Political Thought	4 SH
POL U330	American Political Thought	4 SH
POL U332	Contemporary Political Thought	4 SH

POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES

Complete four upper-division political science electives.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**Required Courses**

Complete the following four courses:

ECN U115	Principles of Macroeconomics	4 SH
or ECN U290	The Global Economy	4 SH
HST U211	World History since 1945	4 SH
IAF U101	Globalization and International Affairs	4 SH
IAF U400	International Conflict and Negotiation	4 SH

Regional Analysis

Complete three regional analysis courses, two of which must be in one region, from the list “Approved Courses: International Affairs—Regional Analysis and Global Dynamics” on page 163. Summer-session study abroad are also acceptable in combination with “Dialogue of Civilizations.” See department for additional courses.

Global Dynamics

Complete two global dynamics courses, one of which must be at the 300-level or above, from the list “Approved Courses: International Affairs—Regional Analysis and Global Dynamics” on page 163. *Note:* POL U155 is a required course and may not be used to satisfy the global dynamics requirement. See department for additional courses.

INTEGRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**Capstone**

Complete one of the following courses:

IAF U700	Senior Capstone Seminar in International Affairs	4 SH
POL U701	Political Science Senior Capstone	4 SH

International Experiential Education

Complete at least one “international semester” (one full semester or two summer half semesters) via study abroad, international internship, or international co-op.

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS

128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required

BA in Environmental Studies and Political Science

See page 131.

BA/MA in Political Science

Undergraduate students apply to the combined program through the graduate school. Once admitted, students may count a limited amount of graduate credit toward the undergraduate degree. Consult the department for information on this program.

BS/MA in Political Science

Undergraduate students apply to the combined program through the graduate school. Once admitted, students may count a limited amount of graduate credit toward the undergraduate degree. Consult the department for information on this program.

Minor in Political Science**REQUIRED COURSES**

Complete two of the following courses:

POL U150	American Government	4 SH
POL U155	Comparative Politics	4 SH
POL U160	International Relations	4 SH

ELECTIVE COURSES

Complete three political science courses.

GPA REQUIREMENT

2.000 GPA required in the minor