

POLITICAL SCIENCE - MINOR

The Political Science minor equips students with the analytical tools and critical thinking skills necessary to understand the complex systems of governance, political behavior, and the distribution of power and resources that shape societies. This minor provides a foundational understanding of political institutions while exploring the socio-political, economic, and cultural forces that influence both historical and contemporary political landscapes.

Designed to be a valuable complement to a variety of majors, the Political Science minor emphasizes research, writing, and analytical skills, helping students develop a nuanced perspective on American and global politics. Courses explore critical topics such as Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict, Public Policy, The Politics of Global Cities, and Haves and Have Nots, offering students the tools to understand how political decisions can impact communities, challenge systemic inequalities, and promote social justice.

Students are encouraged to tailor their upper-level political science coursework in collaboration with a professor, aligning their studies with career aspirations in fields such as public policy, advocacy, international relations, community organizing, or governmental affairs. This flexibility allows students to focus on topics and issues that resonate with their values and passions.

Internship opportunities at local, state, national, and international levels are an integral part of the program, providing students with hands-on experience and the chance to build professional connections that will support their future work in addressing social and political issues. The Political Science Club also provides a space for students to engage with passionate peers and participate in local political events, and deepen their involvement in advocacy and social change.

This minor is offered in the College for Women only.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| POSC 1710W | Introduction to American Government and Policy | 4 |
| POSC 2200W | Introduction to Comparative Politics | 4 |
| POSC 2250 | Introduction to World Politics | 4 |
| Two other POSC courses | | 8 |
| Total Credits | | 20 |