

**General Requirements
(For Students entering Fall 2011)**

A major in Political Science consists of at least 36 credits to a maximum of 45 credits (i.e., 3 credit Practicum and 33 to 42 other credits.) At least 15 credits must be taken at the 300 level or above,³ NOT counting Practicum but counting courses that may also meet the Distribution and/or Seminar⁴ requirements.

Freshman Year/Fall Semester		Cr.	Freshman Year/Spring Semester		Cr.
___42.101	(Gen. Ed.) College Writing I	3	___42.102	(Gen. Ed.) College Writing II	3
___92. ___	(Gen. Ed.) Mathematics (92.111/151 recommended)	3	___ __. __	(Gen. Ed.) Science w/lab	4
___46.101	Intro. to American Politics*	3	___46. ___	(Gen. Ed.) AH (Arts/Humanities)	3
___ __. __	(Gen. Ed.) SS (Social Science)	3	___46. ___	Distribution Req. ²	3
___ __. __	Beginning Language I	3	___ __. __	Beginning Language II	<u>3</u>
___59.109	First Year Seminar*	<u>1</u>			16
		16			
Sophomore Year/Fall Semester		Cr.	Sophomore Year/Spring Semester		Cr.
___ __. __	(Gen. Ed.) AH (Arts/Humanities)	3	___46. ___	Distribution Req. ²	3
___ __. __	(Gen. Ed.) SS (Social Science)	3	___46.201	Political Analysis ¹	3
___ __. __	(Gen. Ed.) Science w/lab	4	___46. ___	Political Science elective	3
___ __. __	Intermediate Language I	3	___ __. __	Intermediate Language II	3
___46. ___	Distribution requirement ²	<u>3</u>	___ __. __	Political Science or Free Elective	<u>3</u>
		16			15
Junior Year/Fall Semester		Cr.	Junior Year/Spring Semester		Cr.
___46. ___	Distribution Requirement ²	3	___46. ___	Distribution Requirement ²	3
___46. ___	Political Science elective	3	___46. ___	Distribution Requirement ²	3
___ __. __	(Gen. Ed.) AH (Arts/Humanities)	3	___ __. __	(Gen. Ed.) SS (Social Science)	3
___ __. __	(Gen. Ed.) Science (non-lab)	3	___ __. __	Free Elective	3
___46. ___	Political Science or Free Elective	<u>3</u>	___ __. __	Free Elective	<u>3</u>
		15			15
Senior Year/Fall Semester		Cr.	Senior Year/Spring Semester		Cr.
___46.401	Seminar Requirement ⁴	3	___46.4 __	Practicum Experience OR	
___ __. __	Political Science or Free Elective	3	___46.4 __	Practicum of the Law	3
___ __. __	Free Elective	3	___ __. __	Free Elective	3
___ __. __	Free Elective	3	___ __. __	Free Elective	3
___ __. __	Free Elective	<u>3</u>	___ __. __	Free Elective	3
		15	___ __. __	Free Elective	<u>3</u>
					15

Minimum Total Credits = 120

1. The Gen. Ed. Ethics and Diversity requirement can be met with the Political Analysis (46.201) or any of several courses with ethics and diversity designation.
2. Distribution Requirements: The Department also requires at least 2 courses at any level in the 3 following sub-areas: 1) American Politics, Government and Policy, 2) Law, Theory and Politics, 3) Comparative and International Politics. 46.101 & 46.201 may NOT be used to meet distribution requirements.
3. A minimum of 5 Political Science courses (15 credits) **MUST** be at the 300/400 level. These may NOT include the Practicum but may include courses that also meet the Distribution and/or Seminar Requirements.
4. Seminar Requirement: Take any course that meets the Political Science Seminar Requirement from the approved list posted regularly on the Department Bulletin Board.

(See p. 2)

To assure a depth of knowledge, the Department expects Political Science majors, in conjunction with the faculty advisor, to formulate a Program of Studies in the major that includes 3 to 5 courses that focus in progressively more advanced stages upon a sub-area. The Department also recommends that Political Science majors select supporting coursework from Economics, History, Sociology, etc., and encourages students to develop minor areas of study or supporting majors in related social science disciplines.

Waivers: Waiver of any requirement may be granted only by the Department chair in unusual circumstances and for a valid reason.

***Freshman Political Science majors must take Freshman majors-only section of 46.101.**

****First Year Seminar is required for all entering Freshmen.**