The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree: 120 units

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

A suggested Major Academic Plan (MAP) has been prepared to help students meet all graduation requirements within four years. You can view MAPs on the Degree MAPs page in the University Catalog or you can request a plan from your major advisor.

General Education Pathway Requirements: 48 units

See General Education in the University Catalog and the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education Pathway Requirements and course offerings.

This major has approved GE modification(s). See below for information on how to apply these modification(s).

- POLS 429 is an approved GE Capstone substitution.

Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

See Diversity Requirements in the University Catalog. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education.

Literacy Requirement:

See Mathematics and Writing Requirements in the University Catalog. Writing proficiency in the major is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of a course in your major which has been designated as the Writing Proficiency (WP) course for the semester in which you take the course. Students who earn below a C- are required to repeat the course and earn a C- or higher to receive WP credit. See the Class Schedule for the designated WP courses for each semester. You must pass ENGL 130I or JOUR 130I (or equivalent) with a C- or higher before you may register for a WP course.

Course Requirements for the Major: 36 39-46 units

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Additional required courses, depending upon the selected option are outlined following the major core program requirements.
Major Core Program: 10 units

Foundation: 4 units

2 courses required:

- POLS 331 Introduction to Political Inquiry 3.0 FS WP
  Prerequisites: ENGL 130 or JOUR 130 (or equivalent) with a grade of C- or higher.
- POLS 331X Techniques in Political Science Research 1.0 FS

Political Theory: 3 units

1 course selected from:

- POLS 432 Recent American Political Thought 3.0 SP
- POLS 434 Origins of Western Political Thought 3.0 FS
- POLS 437 Contemporary Political Thought 3.0 INQ
- POLS 438 Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law 3.0 FS
  This course is also offered as PHIL 438.

International Relations: 3 units

1 course required:

- POLS 341 International Relations 3.0 FS GE

Major Option Course Requirements: 26-36 39 units

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required dependent upon the option chosen. Students must select one of the following options for completion of the major course requirements. Use the links below to jump to your chosen option.

- Option in General Political Science
- Option in Legal Studies
Option in Legal Studies: **36 39 units**

**8 9 courses required:**

- **POLS 112**  Law, Politics, and the Distribution of Justice  3.0 FA GE USD
- **POLS 351**  Introduction to Legal Studies  3.0 FS

- **POLS 451B**  Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties  3.0 FS
  This course is also offered as MCGS 451B .
- **POLS 454**  Legal Research and Writing  3.0 FS

- **POLS 455**  The Legal Para-Professional
  Prerequisite: POLS 454.
- **POLS 459**  Senior Seminar in Legal Studies  3.0 SP

- **POLS 489K**  Internship in Legal Studies  3.0 FS
  Prerequisites: Faculty permission.
- **POLS 489L**  Internship in Public Law  3.0 FS
  Prerequisites: Faculty permission.
- **POLS 491G**  Trial and Appellate Advocacy  3.0 SP
  Prerequisites: Upper-division standing.

**4 courses selected from:**

Select 4 different courses from the list below.

- **BLAW 413**  Employment Law  3.0 FS
  Prerequisites: At least junior standing.
- **BLAW 414**  Labor Law and Collective Bargaining  3.0 FS
  Prerequisites: At least junior standing or faculty permission.
- **EDAD 614**  The Law and Education  3.0 FS
- **FINA 453**  Estate Planning  3.0 FS
  Prerequisites: FINA 307.
- **HCSV 332**  Laws, Ethics, and Regulations in Health Services  3.0 FA
JOUR 320  Mass Communication Law
Prerequisites: JOUR 101, JOUR 260.

POLS 112  Law, Politics, and the Distribution of Justice
Prerequisites: POLS 250 or faculty permission.

POLS 258  Introduction to Criminal Law
Prerequisites: POLS 250 or faculty permission.

POLS 365Z  Justice System Administration - Capstone

POLS 401I  Sexual Minorities Law/Politics
This course is also offered as MCGS 401I.

POLS 450  Criminal Procedure
Prerequisites: POLS 250.

POLS 451A  Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints

POLS 452  Alternative Dispute Resolution

POLS 453  Legal Analysis

POLS 461  Environmental Politics and Policy

POLS 463  Administrative Law

POLS 464  Administrative Law
Prerequisites: Approval of the Department of Political Science.

POLS 468  Planning Law

POLS 481  Law and Disadvantaged Persons
This course is also offered as SWRK 481.

POLS 493  Community Research
Prerequisites: Approval of the Department of Political Science.

POLS 495  Community Legal Information Center Directorship
Prerequisite: Approval of the Department of Political Science.

RECR 428  Recreation Law and Legal Principles
Prerequisites: Junior standing.
Note: **POLS 493 or POLS 495** must be taken for 3 units.

**Electives Requirement:**

To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.
Minor Change to an Undergraduate Program

Program Name: Legal Studies

Complete only if applicable
Program named above is:
☑ Option within Political Science (degree program name)

☐ Advising Pattern within ____________________________ (option name)

within ____________________________ (degree program name)

☐ Minor

☐ Certificate

☐ Changes being made affect a subject matter preparation or credential program.

Brief rationale for change:
Adding POLS 112 Law, Politics, and the Distribution of Justice, our lower-division introductory course, as a required course for the option.
Deleting POLS 493 Community Research as an elective because legal studies students may be engaging in non-legal studies research when they take the course from non-legal studies faculty.

Does the proposed change enhance or support the Diversity Action Plan (see definition & Task 3.1)? Yes
If yes, please explain.
POLS 112 engages faculty and students in scholarship on diversity and issues of justice.

Required Signatures

The Department of Political Science has reviewed and approves this program change

[Signature] 10/24/14
Chair, Department Curriculum Committee

Department Chair

The College of Behavioral and Social Sciences has reviewed and approves this program change

[Signature] 11/21/14
Chair, College Curriculum Committee

College Dean

Send signature page with proposal attached to Curriculum Services at Academic Affairs, zip 110
AA Technical Review Completed
9 units selected from:

Any upper-division political science (POLS) courses (with no more than 6 units from internships and 3 units of independent research or study counting toward the major).

**Option in Legal Studies: 35-36-38-39 units**

7-8 courses required:

**POLS 112** Law, Politics, and the Distribution of Justice 3.0 FA

**POLS 351** Introduction to Legal Studies 3.0 FS

**POLS 451B** Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties 3.0 FS

This course is also offered as MCGS 451B.

**POLS 454** Legal Research and Writing 3.0 FS

**POLS 455** The Legal Para-Professional 3.0 FS

Prerequisite: POLS 454.

**POLS 459** Senior Seminar in Legal Studies 3.0 SP

**POLS 489K** Internship in Legal Studies 3.0 FS

Prerequisites: Faculty permission.

**POLS 489L** Internship in Public Law 3.0 FS

Prerequisites: Faculty permission.

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Any course selected from:

**POLS 491F** Simulation in Political Science: Public Law 2.0 INQ

Prerequisites: Upper-division standing.

**POLS 491G** Trial and Appellate Advocacy 3.0 SP

Prerequisites: Upper-division standing.

4 courses selected from:

Select 4 different courses from the list below.

**BLAW 413** Employment Law 3.0 FS

Prerequisites: At least junior standing.

**BLAW 414** Labor Law and Collective Bargaining 3.0 FS

Prerequisites: At least junior standing or faculty permission.