



BA in Political Science, Option in U.S. Politics, 2020-2021 Catalog

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Total Course Units for BA in U.S. Politics: 42 Units

Major Core Program Courses: 22 Units

Research Methodology - 1 Course Required:

_____ POLS 331W Introduction to Research Methods (4 units)

Introductory Political Science - 1 Course Selected From:

_____ POLS 101 Vital Political Problems
_____ POLS 112 Law, Politics, and Justice

International Relations and Comparative Politics - 1 Course Selected From:

_____ POLS 141 Introduction to International Relations
_____ POLS 142 Introduction to Comparative Politics

Political Theory - 1 Course Selected From:

_____ POLS 432 Recent American Political Thought
_____ POLS 434 Origins of Western Political Thought
_____ POLS 437 Contemporary Political Thought
_____ POLS 438 Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law

U.S. Politics - 1 Course Selected From:

_____ POLS 402 State and Local Government
_____ POLS 472 The Presidency
_____ POLS 473 Congress

Public Policy and Public Administration - 1 Course Selected From:

_____ POLS 250 Introduction to Criminal Justice
_____ POLS 344 U.S. Foreign Policy
_____ POLS 460A Introduction to Public Administration
_____ POLS 461 Environmental Politics and Policy
_____ POLS 471A Public Policy Formation

Constitutional Law - 1 Course Selected From:

_____ POLS 451A Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints
_____ POLS 451B Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (also offered as MCGS 451B)

Option in U.S. Politics: 20 Units

Research Methodology – 3 units

_____ POLS 421 Methods of Political Inquiry
Prerequisite: POLS 331W or permission of instructor

U.S. Political Institutions – 1 Course Selected From:

_____ POLS 402 State and Local Government*
_____ POLS 472 The Presidency*
_____ POLS 473 Congress*

* If not used above in the major core.

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U.S. Politics – 1 Course Selected From:

_____	POLS 324W	Women and Politics (also offered as WMST 324W)
_____	POLS 327	The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the United States (USD course; also offered as MCGS 327)
_____	POLS 328	Latino Politics
_____	POLS 404	Interest Groups and Lobbying
_____	POLS 427S	U.S. Campaigns and Elections

Internship or Practicum – 1 Course Selected From:

_____	POLS 489A	Internship in Public Administration
_____	POLS 489C	Internship in Political Science
_____	POLS 489E	Internship in Criminal Justice
_____	POLS 489K	Internship in Legal Studies
_____	POLS 489P	Work or Community Experience in Selected Govt/Community Agencies
_____	POLS 490	Legal Clinic Practicum

Required Senior Capstone Courses – 5 units:

_____	POLS 397	Tutorial in Political Science (1 unit)
_____	POLS 399	Special Problems (1 unit)
_____	POLS 429W	Capstone in American Politics (Upper-Division Writing Requirement)

Elective Requirement – 3 units

Any upper-division (300 or 400 level) political science (POLS) course (with no more than 6 units from internships and 3 units of independent research or study counting toward the major).

Minor in Political Science: 22 Units**2 American Government and Politics Courses – 6 units**

_____	POLS 402	State and Local Government
_____	POLS 472	The Presidency
_____	POLS 473	Congress

1 Legal Studies Course – 3 Units

_____	POLS 451A	Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints
_____	POLS 451B	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (also offered as MCGS 451B)

1 Political Theory Course – 3 Units

_____	POLS 432	Recent American Political Thought
_____	POLS 434	Origins of Western Political Thought
_____	POLS 437	Contemporary Political Thought
_____	POLS 438	Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law (also offered as PHIL 438)

1 International Relations/Comparative Politics Course – 3 Units

_____	POLS 102	Politics of the Developing World (GC course)
_____	POLS 141	International Relations
_____	POLS 142	Introduction to Comparative Politics

2 Courses – 6 Units

_____	POLS 301	Vital Political Problems	_____	POLS 471A	Public Policy Formation
_____	POLS 324W	Women and Politics (also offered as WMST 324W)	_____	POLS 472	The Presidency*
_____	POLS 327	Politics Race & Ethnicity in U.S. (USD course; also MCGS 327)	_____	POLS 473	Congress*
_____	POLS 401W	Sexual Minorities Law/Politics (USD course)	_____	POLS 489A	Internship Public Admin
_____	POLS 402	State and Local Government*	_____	POLS 489B	Internship Intl. Relations
_____	POLS 404	Interest Groups & Lobbying	_____	POLS 489C	Internship Political Science
_____	POLS 427S	U.S. Campaigns and Elections	_____	POLS 489E	Internship Criminal Justice
_____	POLS 460A	Intro to Public Administration	_____	POLS 489G	Internship Sustainability
_____	POLS 461	Environmental Politics & Policy	_____	POLS 489K	Internship Legal Studies
			_____	POLS 490	Legal Clinic Practicum

* If not used above as an American Government and Politics course requirement.