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.
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 324W Women and Politics (also offered as WMST 324W)
- POLS 327 Politics Race & Ethnicity in U.S. (USD course; also MCGS 327)
- POLS 401W Sexual Minorities Law/Poltics (USD course)
- POLS 402 State and Local Government*
- POLS 404 Interest Groups & Lobbying
- POLS 427S U.S. Campaigns and Elections
- POLS 460A Intro to Public Administration

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