

# POLITICAL SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Offered by Department of Political Science (<http://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/departments-programs/political-science/>)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>General Education</b>		
<i>Foundational Requirements (LOPERs 1-4)</i>		12
Including:		
LOPER 4: Mathematics, Statistics, and Quantitative Reasoning		
STAT 235	Introduction to Statistics for Social Sciences <sup>1</sup>	
or STAT 241 Elementary Statistics		
<i>Broad Knowledge Requirements (LOPERs 5-8)</i>		12
<i>Dispositional Requirements (LOPERs 9-10)<sup>2</sup></i>		6
Including:		
LOPER 9: Civic Competency and Engagement		
PSCI 140	Democracy and Global Citizenship	
LOPER 10: Respect for Human Diversity		
PSCI 168	Introduction to International Relations	
<i>Wellness (LOPER 11) Optional</i>		0
<b>BS Science-related course requirements</b>		
Complete all required courses		0
<b>Major Option</b>		
Complete all required courses		36
<b>Minor or 2nd Major</b>		
Complete all required courses <sup>3</sup>		24
<b>Unrestricted electives</b>		
Needed to reach 120 credit hour minimum		30
Total Credit Hours		120

## Major Option

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Political Science Core</b>		
PSCI 110	Introduction to American Politics	3
PSCI 281	Political Analysis	3
PSCI 489	Senior Seminar	3
<b>Political Science Requirements</b>		
Select at least 3 credit hours from five separate subfields:		15
<i>Political Thought</i>		
PSCI 372	Theoretical Foundations of American Politics and Law	
PSCI 373	Ancient Political Thought	
PSCI 374	Modern Political Thought	
PSCI 375	Democratic Political Thought	
PSCI 376	20th & 21st Century Political Thought	
PSCI 377	Topics in Political Thought <sup>4</sup>	
PSCI 378	Feminist Political Thought	

### *American Government*

PSCI 212	Introduction to Public Administration
PSCI 252	The Courts and the Judicial Process
PSCI 351	The American Congress
PSCI 352	The American Presidency
PSCI 360	Topics in American Politics <sup>4</sup>
PSCI 361	State and Local Government
PSCI 410	Advanced Study in American Government: Special Topics

### *Mass Political Behavior*

PSCI 347	Comparative Political Behavior
PSCI 365	Campaigns and Elections
PSCI 366	Political Parties and Interest Groups
PSCI 371	Religion & Politics
PSCI 382	Public Opinion and Political Problems
PSCI 420	Advanced Study in Political Behavior: Special Topics

### *Public Law*

PSCI 252	The Courts and the Judicial Process
PSCI 300	American Constitutional Law
PSCI 325	Individual Liberties and Civil Rights
PSCI 368	International Law and Organization

### *Public Policy Administration*

PSCI 212	Introduction to Public Administration
PSCI 332	Environmental Politics & Policy
PSCI 333	The Politics and Policy of Health Care
PSCI 341	Politics of the Drug War
PSCI 353	Race & Politics
PSCI 355	Public Budgeting
PSCI 356	Public Personnel Administration
PSCI 370	American Foreign Policy
PSCI 385	Foundations of Public Policy
PSCI 400	Public Administration
PSCI 486	Policy Analysis

### *Comparative Politics*

PSCI 340	Topics in Comparative Politics <sup>4</sup>
PSCI 341	Politics of the Drug War
PSCI 344	Politics of the Developed World
PSCI 345	Politics of the Developing World
PSCI 346	Latin American Politics
PSCI 347	Comparative Political Behavior
PSCI 348	Military Politics and Civil-Military Relations
PSCI 362	Dynamics of Humanitarian Crises and Global Society
PSCI 390	Politics & Culture of Asia
PSCI 440	Advanced Study in Comparative Politics: Special Topics
PSCI 450	Nations in Transition

### *International Relations*

PSCI 269	The Institutions and Processes of the United Nations
PSCI 320	Politics and Law of International Human Rights

PSCI 341	Politics of the Drug War
PSCI 342	Politics of Globalization
PSCI 362	Dynamics of Humanitarian Crises and Global Society
PSCI 367	Human Security and Global Peacekeeping
PSCI 368	International Law and Organization
PSCI 369	International Political Economy
PSCI 370	American Foreign Policy
PSCI 380	Topics in International Relations <sup>4</sup>
PSCI 434	U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East
PSCI 468	War in World Politics

<b>Political Science Electives</b>	
Take 12 credit hours of any PSCI courses 200-499	12
It is strongly recommended that at least one elective course be in experiential learning: PSCI 456 Field Study (6 hours max), PSCI 475 Internship in Political Science (9 hours max) AND/OR PSCI 490 Directed Research	
Total Credit Hours	36

1  
Students without sufficient preparation will also need to take the following courses, increasing the total credit hours needed:

- MATH 102
- MATH 103

2  
Designated courses with the appropriate content may be approved to satisfy one of the Broad Knowledge requirements plus LOPER 9 or Broad Knowledge plus LOPER 10. Courses may be approved to satisfy LOPER 9 or LOPER 10 alone. (Courses satisfying LOPER 9 or LOPER 10 alone must be 3 credit hours.) Students applying this option will need to take additional hours in other categories to meet the required General Education hours.

3  
A minor or second major is required for a complete degree program. The number of required electives needed to reach 120 total credit hours overall will depend upon the specific program chosen.

4  
May be repeated once with different topic.

This document represents a sample 4-year plan for degree completion with this major. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with your academic advisor. Advisors can also help you plan other experiences to enrich your undergraduate education such as internships, education abroad, undergraduate research, learning communities, and service learning and community-based learning.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Semester 1</b>		
PSCI 110	Introduction to American Politics	3
PSCI 168	Introduction to International Relations	3
LOPER 1: First-year Seminar		3
LOPER 2: Writing Skills		3

LOPER 5: Visual or Performing Arts	3
Total Credit Hours	15

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<b>Semester 2</b>		
PSCI 140	Democracy and Global Citizenship	3
Major Elective		3
Major Elective		3
STAT 235	Introduction to Statistics for Social Sciences	3
or STAT 241 Elementary Statistics		
LOPER 8: Natural Science		3
Total Credit Hours		15

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<b>Semester 3</b>		
Major Elective		3
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Minor or 2nd Major Course		3
LOPER 6: Humanities		3
Total Credit Hours		15

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<b>Semester 4</b>		
PSCI 281	Political Analysis	3
Major Elective		3
Minor or 2nd Major Course		3
Minor or 2nd Major Course		3
LOPER 3: Oral Communication Skills		3
Total Credit Hours		15

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<b>Semester 5</b>		
Minor or 2nd Major Course		3
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Minor or 2nd Major Course		3
Major Elective		3
LOPER 7: Social Science		3
Total Credit Hours		15

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<b>Semester 6</b>		
Major Elective		3
Minor or 2nd Major Course		3
Minor or 2nd Major Course		3
Unrestricted Elective		3
Unrestricted Elective		3
Total Credit Hours		15

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<b>Semester 7</b>		
Unrestricted Elective		3
Unrestricted Elective		3
Unrestricted Elective		3
Unrestricted Elective		3
Unrestricted Elective		3
Total Credit Hours		15

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
<b>Semester 8</b>		
PSCI 489	Senior Seminar	3
Unrestricted Elective		3
Unrestricted Elective		3
Unrestricted Elective		3
Unrestricted Elective		3
Total Credit Hours		15