POLITICAL SCIENCE B.A.

Bachelor of Arts - Political Science

College Humanities & Sciences

Degree Specific Credits: 37

Required Cumulative GPA: 2.0

Catalog Year: 2017-2018

Note: Students pursuing a general political science degree must take a minimum of 37 credits of political science, including one 300-400 level course in four of the five major fields.

- 21 of the 37 credits must be in upper-division courses.
- No more than 7 credits of PSCI 492 and PSCI 498 combined may count toward the 37 required credits.
- A maximum of 60 PSCI credits can count towards the Political Science Major. An internship is strongly recommended.

General Education Requirements
Information regarding these requirements can be found in the General Education Section (http://catalog.umt.edu/academics/general-education-requirements) of the catalog.

Summary

Required Lower Division Courses 12
Upper Division Writing 1
Required Upper Division Field Courses 12
- Public Administration
- Political Theory
- Comparative Government
- International Relations
- American Politics
Degree Electives 12
Total Hours 37

Required Lower Division Courses

Rule: Must complete all of the following courses:

- PSCI 210S Intro to American Government 3
- PSCI 220S Intro to Comparative Govt 3
- PSCI 230X Intro to International Rel 3
- PSCI 250E Intro to Political Theory 3
Total Hours 12
Minimum Required Grade: C-

Upper Division Writing

Rule: Must complete the following course

- PSCI 400 Adv Writing in Pol Science 1
Total Hours 1

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Required Upper Division Field Courses

Rule: Must complete 1 upper division course in 4 of the 5 fields:

Minimum Required Grade: C-

12 Total Credits Required

Public Administration and Public Policy

Select 3 credits from the following:

- PSCI 344 State and Local Government 3
- PSCI 360 Exp Offering: Public Admin
- PSCI 361 Public Administration
- PSCI 365 Pub Policy Issues and Analysis
- PSCI 448 Health Care Policy
- PSCI 449 Environmental Health Policy
- PSCI 461 Administrative Law
- PSCI 462 Human Resource Management
- PSCI 463 Development Administration
- PSCI 466 Nonprofit Adm & Pub Svc
- PSCI 467 Adv Nonprofit Adm
- PSCI 468 Public Policy Cycle and the Climate
- PSCI 469 Ethics and Public Policy
Total Hours 3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Political Theory

Select 3 credits from the following:

- PSCI 350 Exp Offering: Political Theory 3
- PSCI 352 American Political Thought
- PSCI 354 Contemp Issues in Pol Theory
- PSCI 450 Exp Offering: Political Theory
- PSCI 452 Utopianism and its Critics
- PSCI 453 Modern Political Theory
Total Hours 3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Comparative Government

Select 3 credits from the following:

- PSCI 311 Rev & Reform Modern China 3
- PSCI 320 Exp Offering: Comp Politics
- PSCI 322 Politics of Europe
- PSCI 324 Climate Policies: China & U.S.
- PSCI 325 Politics of Latin America
- PSCI 326 Politics of Africa
- PSCI 327 Politics of Mexico
- PSCI 328 Politics of China
- PSCI 420 Exp Offering: Comp Politics
- PSCI 381 State Formation
- PSCI 443 Politics of Social Movements
- PSCI 456 Chinese Polit & Soc Thought
Total Hours 3

Minimum Required Grade: C-
Teaching Government Track

Individuals interested in teaching in K-12 schools must complete a degree in the content area they want to teach plus the teacher preparation program through the Department of Teaching and Learning. Individuals must complete the teaching major/teaching track within that degree program, which may contain different course requirements than the academic major since the sequence of courses is designed to meet state standards. Upon completion of the degree program with the teaching track and the secondary licensure program, one will be eligible for a standard Montana teaching license in this content area.

- Secondary Education Licensure Program (http://www.coehs.umt.edu/departments/currinst/undergradprograms/seced/default.php)
- Licensure Degree Requirements (http://catalog.umt.edu/colleges-schools-programs/education-human-sciences/teaching-learning/lic-secondary-licensure)

To sign up for this option, you need to contact the Teaching and Learning Department. Do not fill out a major/minor form for graduation or the major/minor/concentration section of the major change form. Approvals for this option must come from the Teaching and Learning Department.

Tracks will not appear on your UM transcript, diploma, university lists, student data system, or university publication and are used for advising purposes only. You do not fill out a major change for a track.

Note: Students with a teaching major in political science must also complete a teaching major or minor in a second field. For the political science teaching major, students must be formally admitted to the Teacher Education Program and complete all of the professional education licensure requirements. See the Department of Teaching and Learning (http://catalog.umt.edu/colleges-schools-programs/education-human-sciences/teaching-learning) in the College of Education and Human Sciences for more information. A major GPA of 2.75 is required to be eligible for student teaching.

PSCI courses may only count toward one category of requirements.

Upper Division Core

Rule: Must complete the following course:

EDU 497  Teaching and Assessing  4

Total Hours  4

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Degree Electives

Rule: Must complete 12 additional elective credits from PSCI courses numbered 300 and above

Note: PSCI courses may only count toward one category of requirements.

Minimum Required Grade: C-

12 Total Credits Required