

# POLITICAL SCIENCE B.A. - AMERICAN POLITICS

## General Degree Requirements

To earn a baccalaureate degree, all students must complete successfully, in addition to any other requirements, the University of Montana General Education Requirements. Please refer to the General Education Requirements page (<https://catalog.umt.edu/academics/general-education-requirements/>) for more information.

Additional requirements for graduation can be found on the Degree/Certificate Requirements for Graduation page (<https://catalog.umt.edu/academics/graduation-requirements/>).

Unless otherwise noted in individual program requirements, a minimum grade point average of 2.00 in all work attempted at the University of Montana-Missoula is required for graduation. Please see the Academic Policies and Procedures page (<https://catalog.umt.edu/academics/policies-procedures/>) for information on how your GPA is calculated.

Courses taken to satisfy the requirements of a major, minor, or certificate program must be completed with a grade of C- or better unless a higher grade is noted in the program requirements.

## BACHELOR OF ARTS - POLITICAL SCIENCE; AMERICAN POLITICS CONCENTRATION

- Students pursuing a Major in Political Science must take a minimum of 37 credits of political science (PSCI) courses, 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.
- An internship is strongly recommended.
- Students can use the same 300/400 course to fulfill both an upper-division field requirement and the degree electives for the concentration, but they cannot double-count the course credits.

## Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Lower-Division Required Courses</b>		
Complete all of the following courses:		
PSCI 210S	Intro to American Government	3
PSCI 220S	Intro to Comparative Government	3
PSCI 230X	Intro to International Relations	3
PSCI 250E	Intro to Political Theory	3
<b>Advanced Writing Requirement</b>		
Complete the following course:		
PSCI 400	Advanced Writing in Political Science	1
<b>Electives in American Politics</b>		
Complete four of the following courses:		12
PSCI 335	American Foreign Policy	
PSCI 340	Experimental Offering: American Government	

PSCI 342	Media, Public Opinion, Polling
PSCI 344	State and Local Government
PSCI 345	American Political System
PSCI 348	US Multicultural Politics
PSCI 349	Montana Government and Politics
PSCI 352Y	American Political Thought
PSCI 365	Public Policy Issues and Analysis
PSCI 370	Courts and Judicial Politics
PSCI 440	Experimental Offering: American Government
PSCI 443	Politics of Social Movements
PSCI 444	American Political Participation
PSCI 445	Political Psychology
PSCI 448	Health Care Policy
PSCI 471	American Constitutional Law
PSCI 474	Civil Rights

### Required Upper Division Field Courses

Complete one upper-division course in four of the five fields listed below. <sup>1</sup> 12

<b>Public Administration and Public Policy</b>	
NPAD 466	Practical Applications in Nonprofit Administration
NPAD 467	Advanced Nonprofit Admin
PSCI 335	American Foreign Policy
PSCI 344	State and Local Government
PSCI 348	US Multicultural Politics
PSCI 349	Montana Government and Politics
PSCI 360	Experimental Offering: Public Administration
PSCI 361	Public Administration
PSCI 365	Public Policy Issues and Analysis
PSCI 377	Global Health Issues
PSCI 431	Politics of Global Migration
PSCI 448	Health Care Policy
PSCI 460	Experimental Offering: Public Administration
PSCI 463	Development Administration
PSCI 469	Ethics and Public Policy
PSCI 524	Management and Policy Skills (enrollment with consent of instructor)

<b>Political Theory</b>	
HONR 394	Honors Seminar (Democracy)
PSCI 350	Experimental Offering: Political Theory
PSCI 352Y	American Political Thought
PSCI 354	Contemporary Issues in Political Theory
PSCI 450	Experimental Offering: Political Theory
PSCI 452	Utopianism and its Critics
PSCI 453	Modern Political Theory

<b>Comparative Government</b>	
NASX 475	Tribal Sovereignty
PSCI 311	Revolution & Reform in Modern China
PSCI 320	Experimental Offering: Comparative Politics
PSCI 322	Politics of Europe

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PSCI 326	Politics of Africa
PSCI 327	Politics of Mexico
PSCI 328	Politics of China
PSCI 377	Global Health Issues
PSCI 381	State Formation
PSCI 420	Experimental Offering: Comparative Politics
PSCI 443	Politics of Social Movements
PSCI 481	Origins of Democracy and Authoritarianism
<b>International Relations</b>	
PSCI 330	Experimental Offering: International Relations
PSCI 332	Global Environmental Politics
PSCI 334	International Security
PSCI 335	American Foreign Policy
PSCI 336	European Union
PSCI 337	Model United Nations
PSCI 430	Experimental Offering: International Relations
PSCI 431	Politics of Global Migration
PSCI 433	International Law & Organization
PSCI 463	Development Administration
PSCI 482	Politics of the World Economy
<b>American Politics</b>	
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**Total Hours****37**

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PSCI 480 may apply to any of the categories with the consent of the instructor. Courses may only count toward one category of requirements.