

POLITICAL SCIENCE B.A. - AMERICAN POLITICS

Bachelor of Arts - Political Science; American Politics Concentration

General Education Requirements

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

Summary

Code	Title	Hours
Lower-Division Required Courses		12
Upper-Division Required Courses		1
Degree Electives in American Politics		12
Required Upper-Division Field Courses		12
Total Hours		37

Degree Specific Credits: 37

Required Cumulative GPA: 2.0

Notes: Students majoring in Political Science with a concentration in American Politics option 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.

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.

An internship is strongly recommended.

Lower-Division Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
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
Total Hours		12

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Upper-Division Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Complete the following course:		
PSCI 400	Advanced Writing in Political Science	1
Total Hours		1

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Degree Electives in American Politics

Code	Title	Hours
Complete four of the following courses:		12
PSCI 335	American Foreign Policy	
PSCI 340	Experimental Offering: American Government	
PSCI 341	Political Parties and Election	
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 468	Public Policy Cycle	
PSCI 471	American Constitutional Law	
PSCI 474	Civil Rights	
Total Hours		12

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Required Upper-Division Field Courses

Rule: Complete one upper-division course in four of the five fields listed below – 12 total credits required. Any field course can also be counted toward a Political Science concentration.

Note: PSCI 480 (Research Goals and Strategies) may apply to any of the following categories with the consent of the instructor.

Public Administration and Public Policy

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 3 credits from the following courses:		3
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 461	Administrative Law
PSCI 462	Human Resource Management
PSCI 463	Development Administration
PSCI 468	Public Policy Cycle
PSCI 469	Ethics and Public Policy
PSCI 524	Management and Policy Skills (enrollment with consent of instructor)

Total Hours 3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Political Theory

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 3 credits from the following courses: 3		
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	

Total Hours 3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Comparative Government

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 3 credits from the following courses: 3		
NASX 475	Tribal Sovereignty	
PSCI 311	Revolution & Reform in Modern China	
PSCI 320	Experimental Offering: Comparative Politics	
PSCI 322	Politics of Europe	
PSCI 325	Politics of Latin America	
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 456	Chinese Politics & Societal Thought	
PSCI 481	Origins of Democracy and Authoritarianism	

Total Hours 3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

International Relations

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 3 credits from the following courses: 3		
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	

Total Hours 3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

American Politics

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Complete 3 credits from the following courses: 3		
HONR 394	Honors Seminar (Democracy)	
PSCI 335	American Foreign Policy	
PSCI 340	Experimental Offering: American Government	
PSCI 341	Political Parties and Election	
PSCI 342	Media, Public Opinion, Polling	
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