

# Political Science

## Bachelor of Science

## Bachelor of Arts

### Tracks:

### General

### Pre-Law

### Public Administration

### Secondary Teaching

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## Career Choices:

Attorney

Government Employee

Political Professional

Journalist

Teacher

Business Executive

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## Student Profile:

*Do you ...*

enjoy debating current issues?

enjoy leadership?

have an interest in public affairs?

work well with people?

## Program Description:

Political science is the systematic study of government, politics and public policy. It is one of a number of liberal arts majors that prepare students for a broad range of career opportunities.

Political science majors choose one of four tracks or concentrations: general political science, pre-law, public administration or secondary teaching. Each concentration provides a combination of knowledge and skills especially appropriate for those with particular career goals. However, choosing one concentration over the others does not limit you to a particular career path — each of the tracks provides a solid grounding in political science and a broad liberal arts background.

General education requirements and sufficient elective credits must be completed so that at least 124 semester credits have been earned.

**Other Qualifications** — Graduate degrees are required for some positions; thus, a law degree is required for work as an attorney and a Ph.D. is required for appointment to permanent teaching and research positions in colleges and universities.

## Career Descriptions:

With the skills they acquire in writing, speaking, analysis, critical thinking and leadership, political science majors are able to pursue a wide variety of career options (some of which require additional education).

A sample of typical occupations includes:

**Attorney** — Represents clients in private practice, in small or large law firms; represents corporations, labor unions, trade associations or governments as a salaried employee; serves as a prosecutor or public defender; serves as a judge. Requires the completion of a law degree following college.

**Government Employee** — Works for government agencies at the federal, state or provincial, or local level, or for international organizations, such as the United Nations.

**Political Professional** — Works as a campaign manager; staff assistant to legislators; elected office holder; or as a political liaison for professional, trade, business or other interest groups.

**Journalist**— Serves as reporter, editorial writer, editor or newscaster for newspapers, news magazines, or on radio or television.

**Teacher**—Teaches government and politics at the high school or college level.

**Business Executive** — Works in management, human resources, public relations or other areas in business.

**Other Opportunities**— Include preparation for graduate or professional schools in other fields such as business.

## Political Science General Track Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The general political science concentration is designed to provide a broad education in political science. It is most appropriate for students who plan to attend graduate school in political science and for those with an interest in government and politics who wish to get a broad, liberal education. Students who continue their education in graduate school most often pursue careers as professors, researchers, consultants or government officials. Students who do not pursue graduate study choose from a wide variety of career options in government, politics, teaching, journalism and business.

### Political Science Courses

POLI110	Introduction to American Government and Politics	4
POLI211	Political Science Research and Statistics	4

*A minimum of one course in each of four political science fields, and two courses in one of the fields:*

POLI	American Politics (325, 364, 367, 467)	3-4
POLI	Comparative Politics (160, 331, 333, 334, 335, 340)	3-4
POLI	International Relations (241, 411, 413, 420)	3-4
POLI	Political Philosophy (351, 352)	4
POLI491	Senior Seminar I	4
POLI492	Senior Seminar II	4

Additional political science electives to reach 42 credits 6-10

*A minimum of 21 credits must be at the 300/400 level. (At least nine of these credits must be at the 400 level.)*

### General Political Science Cognates

COMM302	Argumentation and Advocacy	3-4
	<i>or</i>	
COMM320	Public Relations	
CSCI101	Intro. to Microcomputer Applications	3
ECON201	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ENGL310	Advanced Writing	3
	<i>or</i>	
ENGL221	Creative Writing	3
HIST	Full-year history sequence (usually HS101-102 or HS131-132)	8
PHIL204	Introduction to Philosophy	3
	<i>or</i>	
PHIL205	Logic	3

### Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Cognates

Bachelor of arts cognates:		
	One year of a foreign language	8
	<i>or</i>	
Bachelor of science cognates: A minimum of nine credits from the following:		
ECON202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology	4
SOCY101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCY213	Introduction to Anthropology	3

## Political Science Pre-Law Track Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The pre-law concentration is designed to provide students interested in legal careers with a planned curriculum that prepares them especially well for law school and for careers in law. Students who choose this option are often interested in careers as attorneys, prosecutors or judges. It should be noted that this is not a mandatory pre-law curriculum; it is a curriculum for pre-law students who have a special interest in government and politics.

### Political Science Courses

POLI110	Introduction to American Government and Politics	4
POLI120	Introduction to Legal Processes	3
POLI130	Introduction to State and Local Government	4
POLI211	Political Science Research and Statistics	4
POLI222	Introduction to the Legal Profession	3

*A minimum of one course in each of three political science fields:*

POLI	Comparative Politics (160, 331, 333, 334, 335, 340)	3-4
POLI	International Relations (241, 411, 413, 420)	3-4
POLI	Political Philosophy (I351, 352)	4
POLI467	Constitutional Law and Civil Liberties	4
POLI491	Senior Seminar I	4
POLI492	Senior Seminar II	4

Additional political science electives to reach 42 credits 1-3

*A minimum of 21 credits must be at the 300/400 level. (At least nine of these credits must be at the 400 level.)*

### Pre-law Cognates

ACTG230	Fundamentals of Accounting (or ACTG132 or OFFC119)	4
COMM302	Argumentation and Advocacy	3
CSCI101	Intro. to Microcomputer Applications	3
ENGL310	Advanced Writing	3
	<i>or</i>	
ENGL221	Creative Writing	3
HIST	Full-year history sequence (usually 101-102 or 131-132)	8
LAWS102	Legal Research and Case Analysis	3
LAWS202	Legal Writing and Analysis	3
PHIL205	Logic	3

Two law courses from the following:

LAWS	Any legal assistant courses	2-4
CJUS202	Canadian Criminal Law	3
CJUS319	Substantive Criminal Law	3
CJUS406	Advanced Canadian Jurisprudence	3
CJUS409	Procedural Criminal Law	3
BUSN350	Business Law I	3
BUSN355	Business Law II	3

### Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science Cognates

*Bachelor of Arts cognates:*  
One year of a foreign language 8

*Bachelor of Science cognates: A minimum of nine credits from the following:*

ECON201	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON202	Principles of Microeconomics	3
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology	4
SOCY101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCY213	Introduction to Anthropology	3

### Bachelor of Arts Degree:

One year (8 credits) of a modern language other than English. If taken at LSSU, this would be:

CHIN151-152, FREN151-152 or 251-252, GRMN141-142 or 241-242, NATV141-142 or 201-202, or SPAN161-162.

*One-half year of two different languages will not meet this requirement.*

### Bachelor of Science Degree:

At least eight (8) semester credits *in addition* to courses used for general education requirements from categories of social science, natural science or mathematics.

*These bachelor of science degree requirements can be used for majors or minors, but not general education.*

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## Political Science Public Administration Track

Bachelor of Arts  
Bachelor of Science

The public administration concentration is most appropriate for students who plan to work in an administrative capacity in public agencies or nonprofit organizations with public missions. Students who choose this option are preparing for careers of public service. Such careers may be pursued through positions in government agencies at the local, state or provincial, and national levels. Other positions may be found in nonprofit organizations involved in public concerns, such as Common Cause, the Environmental Defense Fund, and the Michigan Health Council. Some of these careers of public service may be pursued with only a bachelor's degree. Others may require completion of a master's degree in public administration or a related field.

### Political Science Courses

POLI110	Introduction to American Government and Politics	4
POLI130	Introduction to State and Local Government	4
POLI201	Intro. to Public Administration	3
POLI211	Political Science Research and Statistics	4
POLI301	Policy Analysis and Evaluation	4
POLI401	Principles of Public Administration	3
POLI491	Senior Seminar I	4
POLI492	Senior Seminar II	4
POLI499	Public Administration Internship	3
A minimum of one course in each of three political science fields:		
POLI	Comparative Politics (160, 331, 333, 334, 335, 340)	3-4
POLI	International Relations (241, 411, 413, 420)	3-4
POLI	Political Philosophy (351, 352)	4

### Public Administration Cognates

ACTG230	Fundamentals of Accounting (or ACTG132 or OFFC119)	4
COMM302	Argumentation and Advocacy	3-4
COMM320	Public Relations	
CSCI101	Intro. to Microcomputer Applications	3
ECON201	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON305	Public Finance	3
ENGL310	Advanced Writing	3
ENGL221	Creative Writing	
HIST	Full-year history sequence (usually 101-102 or 131-132)	8
MGMT360	Principles of Management	3
MGMT365	Human Resource Management	3
PSYC228	Organizational Behavior	3
SOCY313	Work and Organization	

## Political Science Secondary Teaching

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Bachelor of Science

The secondary teaching concentration in political science is designed to provide a broad education in political science that will prepare students to teach high school courses in government and politics.

### Political Science Requirements (41 credits)

POLI110	Introduction to American Government and Politics	4
POLI130	Introduction to State and Local Government	4
POLI211	Political Science Research and Statistics	4
POLI241	Intro. to International Relations	4
POLI352	Political Philosophy II	4
POLI367	Congress and the Presidency	4
POLI411	U.S. Foreign Policy	3
POLI467	Constitutional Law & Civil Liberties	4
ECON201	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
GEOG201	World Regional Geography	4

Complete one methods course from the following:  
EDUC444 Secondary Methods in Social Studies 3

EDUC454 Directed Study: Social Studies Methods

### Departmental Requirements (19 credits)

Required for standards

POLI160	Introduction to Canadian Government and Politics	3
POLI491	Senior Seminar I	4
POLI492	Senior Seminar II	4
HIST131	United States History I	4
HIST132	United States History II	4

### Secondary Teaching Political Science Cognates

CSCI101	Introduction to Microcomputer Applications	3
EDUC150	Reflections on Learning and Teaching	3
EDUC250	Student Diversity and Schools	3
EDUC301	Learning Theory and Teaching Practice	4
EDUC430	General Methods for Secondary Teachers	3
EDUC431	The Secondary Learner	3
EDUC440	Reading in the Content Area	3
EDUC444	Content Area Methods for Secondary Teachers	3

Following graduation, students complete a full-year intern teaching experience at an approved secondary school. This experience is supported by six required courses: EDUC491, 492, 601, 602, 603, 604.

### Minor 20-28

Complete the requirements of a certifiable teaching minor

### Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Cognates

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Bachelor of Arts Cognates

One year of a foreign language 8

or  
Bachelor of Science Cognates

Three courses (minimum nine credits) from the following:

ECON202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology	4
SOCY101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCY213	Introduction to Anthropology	3

### Total Required Credits 124-140

Depending upon minor chosen