POLITICAL SCIENCE: CITIZEN POLITICS, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Political Science, Citizen Politics Concentration

department website: https://www.pol.illinois.edu
department faculty: Political Science Faculty (https://pol.illinois.edu/directory/faculty)
overview of college admissions & requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units)
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Citizen politics is the study of mass politics. Topics include how and why citizens form political attitudes, beliefs, and identities; how people engage in political decision-making; and what political behaviors individuals choose to participate in.

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A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60-75 hours). Please see your advisor. The plan will consist of the selection of a concentration and 12 hours of supporting coursework approved by an advisor.

Restrictions: Except as otherwise noted, or by petition to the department, PS 191, PS 291, PS 292, PS 490, PS 491, and PS 492 are excluded from all concentration lists maintained by the department. These courses may be used only for requirements of courses "at any level" without respect to concentration. As an exception, these courses may be used toward the General Concentration or the Civic Leadership Concentration.

Students may include in the major no more than nine hours from any combination of PS 291, PS 292, PS 490, PS 491, and PS 492. Of these, only six hours from PS 490, PS 491, and PS 492 within that group can count toward the major.

Students may count a maximum of six (6) hours of credit of any combination of hours from PS 494 toward the advanced hours requirement. Not more than 6 hours of individual study courses in political science (PS 490) or 6 hours of internships (PS 491) or 6 hours of supervised research (PS 492) may be included in the major; a student with any mix of independent study hours and internship hours and supervised research hours may include a maximum of 9 hours of such credit in the major. (PS 496) is reserved for those seniors doing honors theses for distinction in political science and may not be counted in the 45-hour minimum required for the major.

General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

Minimum required major and supporting course work: Normally equates to 70 hours. Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level in the major must be taken on this campus.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

Citizen Politics Concentration Requirements

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