

POLITICAL SCIENCE: CITIZEN POLITICS, BALAS

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

department page:
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/las>)
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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.

See the Political Science Distinction page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/academic-units/political-science/#distinctionstext>) for departmental distinction information.

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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.

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| PS 100 | Intro to Political Science | 3 |
| Select 6 hours from any additional 100- or 200-level Political Science courses | | 6 |
| Select 6 hours from any 300- or 400-level Political Science courses ¹ | | 6 |
| Students will select a second major, or a minor, or a set of courses of at least 12 hours of thematically-related coursework outside political science, developed in conjunction with an academic advisor. | | 12 |
| Total Hours | | 27 |

¹ 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.

Citizen Politics Concentration Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Select at least one course from the following: | | 3 |
| PS 101 | Intro to US Gov & Pol | |
| PS 240 | Intro to Comp Politics | |
| PS 241 | Comp Politics in Dev Nations | |
| Select 3 hours of any level Political Science Course | | 3 |
| Select 12 hours from the following including 9 hours at the 300- or 400-level | | 12 |
| PS 201 | US Racial & Ethnic Politics | |
| PS 202 | Religion & Politics in the US | |
| PS 230 | Intro to Pol Research | |
| PS 231 | Strategic Models | |
| PS 300 | Special Topics (as appropriate) | |
| PS 311 | Political Parties in the US | |
| PS 312 | Politics and the Media | |
| PS 314 | Political Psychology | |
| PS 315 | African American Politics | |
| PS 316 | Latina/Latino Politics | |
| PS 317 | Asian American Politics | |
| PS 318 | Interests Grps & Soc Movements | |
| PS 319 | Campaigns and Elections | |
| PS 320 | Public Opinion | |
| PS 323 | Law and Representation | |
| PS 328 | Introduction to Biology and Politics | |
| PS 329 | Immigration & Citizenship | |
| PS 330 | Intro to Political Behavior | |
| PS 331 | Intro to Electoral Behavior | |
| PS 339 | | |
| PS 357 | Ethnic Conflict | |
| PS 358 | Comparative Political Behavior | |
| PS 410 | | |
| PS 411 | Campaigning to Win | |
| PS 456 | Democracy and Identity | |
| PS 494 | Junior Honors Seminar (as appropriate) | |
| Total Hours | | 18 |