**POLITICAL SCIENCE: GENERAL POLITICAL SCIENCE, BALAS**

for the degree of Bachelor of Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Political Science, General Political Science concentration

**department website:** [https://www.pol.illinois.edu](https://www.pol.illinois.edu)

**department faculty:** Political Science Faculty ([https://pol.illinois.edu/directory/faculty/](https://pol.illinois.edu/directory/faculty/))

**advising:** Political Science advising ([https://pol.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/academic-advising/](https://pol.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/academic-advising/))

**overview of college admissions & requirements:** Liberal Arts & Sciences ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/))

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See the Political Science BALAS page ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/)) for departmental distinction information.

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**Political Science Core Requirements**

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.

**General Political Science Concentration Requirements**

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<td>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.</td>
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**Total Hours** 45

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