POLITICAL SCIENCE: GENERAL POLITICAL SCIENCE, BALAS

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

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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**

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