**POLITICAL SCIENCE, BALAS**

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

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**department page:**
**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))
**overview of college admissions & requirements:** Liberal Arts & Sciences ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/las](http://catalog.illinois.edu/las))
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Students must complete one concentration in consultation with an academic advisor.

- Citizen Politics Concentration ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/citizen-politics](http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/citizen-politics))
- Civic Leadership Concentration ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/civic-leadership](http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/civic-leadership))
- General Political Science Concentration ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/general-political-science](http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/general-political-science))
- International Relations Concentration ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/international-relations](http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/international-relations))
- Law & Power Concentration ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/law-power](http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/law-power))
- Public Policy & Democratic Institutions Concentration ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/public-policy-democratic-institutions](http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/public-policy-democratic-institutions))
- World Politics Concentration ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/world-politics](http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/political-science-balas/world-politics))

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**Departmental distinction**

To be eligible for distinction, a student majoring in Political Science must complete one of the following two tracks:

1. **Individual Study Track.** On this track, a student must:
   a. Complete a senior thesis,
   b. Earn a political science major grade point average on this campus of at least 3.25 or higher, and
   c. Earn a grade point average in of 3.67 or higher.
2. **Honors Program Track.** On this track, a student must:
   a. Complete a senior thesis,
   b. Earn a political science major grade point average on this campus of at least 3.25 or higher,
   c. Be admitted to and maintain good standing within the departmental honors program, and
   d. Complete required coursework in the departmental honors program with a grade point average in and between 2.67 and 3.66.

Admission to the departmental honors program requires the following:

1. Completion of or or an acceptable substitute,
2. An on-campus political science major grade point average of 3.5,
3. Completion of nine hours (including at least three advanced hours) of political science on this campus,
4. Application and affirmative vote of a departmental committee.

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**High Distinction**

To be eligible for high distinction, a student majoring in Political Science must:

1. Complete a senior thesis,
2. Earn a political science major grade point average on this campus of at least 3.25 or higher,
3. Be admitted to and maintain good standing in the departmental honors program, and
4. Complete required coursework in the departmental honors program with a grade point average in and of 3.67 or higher.

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