POLITICAL SCIENCE: PUBLIC POLICY AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Political Science, Public Policy and Democratic Institutions 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)
college website: https://las.illinois.edu/
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This concentration explores political institutions and processes and how and why they work as they do. Courses use historical and contemporary examples to understand the political system the founders established and the ways it has shaped modern politics. Students study institutions such as the presidency, Congress, courts, the bureaucracy, and political parties, with a focus on their organization and on important patterns of behavior within them, such as interest group lobbying and campaigning.

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

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

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 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.

Public Policy and Democratic Institutions Concentration Requirements

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<td>PS 100</td>
<td>Intro to Political Science</td>
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Select any additional 100- or 200-level Political Science courses

Select 300- or 400-level Political Science courses, at least nine hours of which come from the Public Policy and Democratic Institutions Concentration list maintained by the department. The other six hours may be any 300- or 400-level Political Science course.

Select any Political Science courses at any level

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.

Total Hours

45