

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 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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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 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
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.

Public Policy and Democratic Institutions Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
PS 101	Intro to US Gov & Pol	3
Select six (6) hours any Political Science courses at any level		6
Select nine (9) hours of 300- or 400-level courses from the Public Policy and Democratic Institutions Concentration list:		9
PS 220	Intro to Public Policy	
PS 222		
PS 224	Politics of the National Parks	
PS 225	Environmental Politics & Policy	
PS 230	Intro to Pol Research	
PS 231	Strategic Models	
PS 282	Governing Globalization	
PS 300	Special Topics (as appropriate)	
PS 301	The US Constitution I	
PS 302	The US Constitution II	
PS 303	The US Congress	
PS 304	The US Presidency	
PS 305	The US Supreme Court	
PS 306	Judicial Politics	
PS 307	Separation of Powers	
PS 308		
PS 309	State Gov in the US	
PS 310	Politics of Organizations	
PS 311	Political Parties in the US	
PS 313	Congress and Foreign Policy	
PS 321	Principles of Public Policy	
PS 322	Law and Public Policy	
PS 323	Law and Representation	
PS 355	Democratization	
PS 356	Comparative Political Economy	
PS 379	Intl Rel & Domestic Politics	
PS 385	Politics of the European Union	
PS 395	International Organization	
PS 457	Dem Gov in a Global Setting	
PS 494	Junior Honors Seminar (as appropriate)	
Total Hours		18