

# POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR (BA)

Department website (<https://www.uwp.edu/learn/programs/politicalsciencemajor.cfm>)

College: College of Social Sciences & Professional Studies

## Requirements for Admission to the Political Science Major and to the Major with a Concentration in Law

A student must be in good academic standing at the time of declaring the major.

## Requirements for Graduating with a Political Science Major

All students must complete their degree program within 10 years of declaring a major or minor in political science, or the concentration in law, or completing their first course in political science, whichever is earlier. Credits earned at UW-Parkside or at any other institution that are more than 10 years old cannot be used to complete any major, minor or concentration offered by this department. A student who has been inactive for three or more years must reapply for admission to the major. The department reserves the right to require additional credits or course work.

## Requirements for the Political Science Major

This department offers options for the major: the traditional major in political science and the major in political science with a concentration in law. Students need to complete the requirements for one of these options. For example, a student choosing to major in political science with a concentration in law needs to meet the requirements listed under the concentration in law. The major in political science consists of a minimum of 34 credits.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Introductory Courses</b>		
Select three of the following:		9
POLS 100	American Politics	
POLS 103	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
POLS 104	Introduction to International Relations	
POLS 105	Introduction to Politics	
POLS 202	Public Policy	
<b>Required Research Course</b>		
POLS 200	Research Methods and Sources <sup>1</sup>	4
<b>Advanced Courses</b>		
Select three of the following, one course from at least three different sub-groups, at least 6 credits must be upper-division: <sup>2</sup>		9
<i>American Politics</i>		
POLS 116	Introduction to Law	
POLS 318	Legislative Politics	
POLS 360	Political Parties and Interest Groups	
POLS 375	Elections and Political Participation	
POLS 403	Women, Power and Politics	
<i>World Politics</i>		

POLS 224	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 330	European Politics	
POLS 331	The Politics of Developing Nations	
POLS 332	Socialist Thought and Practice	
POLS 335	Popular Music, Human Rights and Democratization	
POLS 338	Fascism, Nazism, and the Contemporary Radical Right	
POLS 340	The Latin American Left	
POLS 341	International Conflict and Cooperation	
POLS 344	African Politics	
POLS 403	Women, Power and Politics	
POLS 415	International Law	
<i>Political Theory</i>		
POLS 207	Classical Political Philosophy	
POLS 306	Modern Political Philosophy	
POLS 307	Contemporary Political Thought	
POLS 332	Socialist Thought and Practice	
POLS 338	Fascism, Nazism, and the Contemporary Radical Right	
<i>Public Policy</i>		
POLS 202	Public Policy	
POLS 217	Tactical Decision Making	
POLS 302	Environmental Policy	
POLS 312	Introduction to Global Warming Policy and Governance	
POLS 316	Diversity Law: African Americans	
POLS 317	Strategic Decision Making	
POLS 367	Latinos(as) and the Law	
<b>Additional Upper Level Courses</b>		
Select at least three additional courses numbered 300 or above <sup>3</sup>		9
<b>Required Senior Seminar</b>		
POLS 445	Senior Seminar in Political Science	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>34</b>

<sup>1</sup>

This course is required even if another research methods course has been taken.

<sup>2</sup>

Note: Courses offered in more than one category can satisfy either category, but not both.

<sup>3</sup>

The political science internship (POLS 494 Internship in Political Science) and independent study (POLS 490 Special Topics in Political Science) are recommended options but are not required.

No more than 6 credits of internship and 3 credits of independent study can be counted toward meeting the credit-hour requirements for the major.

## Requirements for the Political Science Major with a Concentration in Law

This department offers a concentration in law for political science majors interested in pursuing a career in law or legal studies (practicing law, teaching law, court administration, and government agencies). The

concentration in law brings together the most significant perspectives and tools required for a thorough preparation in law and legal studies, grounded in democratic theory and practice.

Students must complete a minimum of 15 credits at UW-Parkside in their major in courses numbered 300 or above. This concentration requires a minimum of 33 credits. These credits are distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
POLS 100	American Politics	3
POLS 200	Research Methods and Sources	3-4
or PHIL 275	Techniques of Philosophical Research	
POLS 116	Introduction to Law	3
POLS 202	Public Policy	3
POLS 310	Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties	3
POLS 320	Constitutional Law: The Structure and Power of U.S. Government	3
POLS 445	Senior Seminar in Political Science	3
Required Courses Subtotal		21-22
<b>Introductory Course</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
POLS 103	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
POLS 104	Introduction to International Relations	
POLS 105	Introduction to Politics	
<b>Upper Level Electives</b>		
Select three of the following (minimum of one POLS):		9
COMM 385	Conflict Mediation	
COMM 485	Practicum in Conflict Intervention	
CRMJ 316	Criminal Procedure	
CRMJ 325	Restorative Justice	
CRMJ 364	Capital Punishment	
CRMJ 380	Criminal Law	
POLS 302	Environmental Policy	
POLS 312	Introduction to Global Warming Policy and Governance	
POLS 316	Diversity Law: African Americans	
POLS 321	Politics, Law, and Society	
POLS 367	Latinos(as) and the Law	
POLS 415	International Law	
POLS 494	Internship in Political Science <sup>1</sup>	
SOCA 359	Law and Society	
<b>Strongly Recommended</b>		
PHIL 201	Logic	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>33-34</b>

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A maximum of 3 credits of internship can be applied to the 9 credits required in this category.

Note: Courses in other departments may have course or departmental prerequisites.

## General University Degree Requirements (Bachelor's Degree)

In addition to individual program requirements, students must also fulfill the following requirements:

Requirement	Credits
Skills	7-8
General Education	36
Foreign Language**	6-8
Ethnic Diversity	3
Total	52-55

\*\* Transfer students in sustainable management, and health information management and technology collaborative, online degree-completion programs, the business management online degree-completion program, and the flexible option degree-completion program will be exempt from the university's foreign language requirement. See appropriate academic section for further information.

Skills Requirement (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#skills>)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Reading and Writing</b>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Reading	3
<b>Computational Skills</b>		
Select one of the following:		4-5
MATH 102	Survey of Mathematics	
MATH 103	Elementary Statistics	
MATH 104	Quantitative Reasoning	
MATH 111	College Algebra I	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>7-8</b>

General Education (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#general>)

- General Education Course List (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/programs/general-education-program/#coursestext>)

Foreign Language (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#language>)

Ethnic Diversity (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#ethnic>)

Degree Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Minimum Total Credits	120
Upper Level Credits (300 level or above)	36
Residency	30 of final 60

Cumulative Degree GPA: 2.0 minimum