



Bachelor of Arts in World Politics

Major Requirements

Effective for students entering the university June 1, 2012 or after [students who entered the university before June 2012 should talk with a political science advisor and consult the transition policies from quarters to semesters]

A political science major must meet the basic course and credit hour requirements set down by the College of Arts and Sciences for the Bachelor of Arts degree. More information on the BA curriculum is available from Arts and Sciences in Denney Hall.

Prior to declaring a major in World Politics, a student must have credit for one of the following courses: **Political Science 1165, 1200, or 1300.**

Requirements for the undergraduate major in World Politics:

1. An undergraduate major in World Politics consists of a coherent program of courses amounting to a **minimum of 33 hours of course work numbered at the 2000 level or higher.**
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 - a. At least **24 of the 33 hours of course work must be numbered at the 3000 level or higher.** These 24 hours do not include course work taken in other departments that are approved as part of the World Politics major program.
 - b. **A minimum of 21 credit hours must be earned at The Ohio State University.** This limits to 12 hours the course work that can be earned through study at another domestic or foreign institution or through Ohio State-sponsored off-campus programs, and ensures that more than half of a student's major is taken from Ohio State instructors. At least 15 of the 21 Ohio State credit hours must be numbered at the 3000 level or higher.
3. Major program must include at least **4 courses at the 2000 level or higher in one of the 4 specializations, and at least 1 course at the 2000 level or higher in each of the other 3 specializations.** POLITSC 3780 (Data Literacy and Data Visualization), POLITSC 4781 (Data Analysis in Political Science I), and POLITSC 4782 (Data Analysis in Political Science II) may be taken as a part of the major, but cannot be counted in one of the substantive course areas.
4. **A grade of "C-" or better is necessary in order for a course to count as part of a major program.** A student must earn a Cumulative Point-Hour Ratio of 2.0 or higher in all courses included on the major.
5. A maximum combined total of **6 credit hours in the major can be included from the following categories:** independent study; internships; and relevant research, problems and topics courses.
6. **As many as 6 credit hours of the 33 required for the major program may be courses with subject matter related to World Politics in other departments.** There is no official list of acceptable courses; students should request prior approval from an advisor in the department before scheduling such courses as part of their major programs.

Questions? Talk with an advisor in the Department of Political Science. You can make an appointment by calling Arts and Sciences Advising Services at (614) 292-6961.

Specialization areas and courses (consult a department advisor for availability). Other courses can be applied to the major with approval of the department.

Foreign Policy and Security:

PS 2300, American Foreign Policy
PS 4135, The American Constitutional Law
PS 4249, Domestic Politics of International Conflict
PS 4310, Security Policy
PS 4315, International Security and the Causes of War
PS 4318, Politics of International Terrorism
PS 4320, Strategies for War and Peace
PS 4326, Russian Foreign Policy
PS 4330, Global Governance*
PS 4335, International Environmental Politics
PS 4597.01, International Cooperation and Conflict
PS 4940, The Politics of Immigration*

Political Institutions and Processes:

PS 4110, American Presidency
PS 4200, Politics of Modern Democracies
PS 4210, Politics of European Integration*
PS 4212, Politics of Southern Europe
PS 4214, Northern European Politics
PS 4216, Eastern European Politics*
PS 4218, Russian Politics
PS 4219, European Political Development*
PS 4225H, Democracy in Muslim Majority Countries
PS 4230 Chinese Political System*
PS 4231, China: State and Society*
PS 4232, Contemporary Politics of South Asia*
PS 4235, Japanese Politics*
PS 4236, Southeast Asian Politics*
PS 4240, Latin American Government and Politics: An Overview*
PS 4242, Incomplete Democracies*
PS 4262, New Religious Politics
PS 4270, The Canadian Political System
PS 4285, The Comparative Politics of the Welfare State*

PS 4331, The United Nations System

Political Economy and Development:

PS 3220, Politics of the Developing World
PS 4210, Politics of European Integration*
PS 4216, Eastern European Politics*
PS 4219, European Political Development*
PS 4230, Chinese Political System*
PS 4231, China: State and Society*
PS 4232, Contemporary Politics of Southeast Asia*
PS 4235, Japanese Politics*
PS 4236, Southeast Asian Politics*
PS 4240, Latin American Government and Politics: An Overview*
PS 4241, Special Topics in Latin American Politics
PS 4242, Incomplete Democracies*
PS 4250(H), African Politics
PS 4280, State and Economy
PS 4282, Politics of Income Inequality
PS 4285, Comparative Politics of the Welfare State
PS 4327, Politics of the Middle East
PS 4380, International Economic Relations
PS 4381, Comparative Economic Policy
PS 4940, The Politics of Immigration*

International Theory:

PS 3420, Political Theories of Democracy
PS 3430, Politics Theories of Freedom
PS 3460, Global Justice
PS 3910, Identity Politics
PS 3912, Political Leadership
PS 4300, Theories in International Relations
PS 4330, Global Governance*
PS 4450H, Politics and Ethics
PS 4455, Human Rights

* = indicates a cross listed course. A cross-listed course may be counted only once, toward one of the specializations it is listed under. Students are not permitted to double-count cross-listed courses.

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