

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

Requirements for a Major in Political Science

Bachelor of Arts

Must earn grades of C- or better in all courses used to complete the major. Must complete a total of at least 34 hours in Political Science.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
PSCI 101	Introduction to Politics	3
PSCI 102	American Government and Politics	3
PSCI 203	Success Strategies in Political Science	1
PSCI 301	Research Methods	3
<i>Group I - American Government</i>		
Select at least one of the following:		3
PSCI 211	Identity Politics	
PSCI 212	State and Local Government and Politics	
PSCI 213	Social Movements	
PSCI 214	Religion and Politics	
PSCI 306	Retail Politics:Presidential Campaigning in the U.S.	
PSCI 308	American Campaigns and Elections	
PSCI 309	Political Parties	
PSCI 310	Interest Group Politics	
PSCI 315	Public Policy	
PSCI 316	Judicial Process and Behavior	
PSCI 317	The American Presidency	
PSCI 318	The U.S. Congress	
PSCI 319	The Federal Budget	
PSCI 411	Constitutional Law	
HONR 129	Democracy Reform in the US	
HONR 133	Seminar in Political Leadership	
<i>Group II - International Relations</i>		
Select at least one of the following:		3
PSCI 320	American Foreign Policy	
PSCI 321	International Relations	
PSCI 322	International Organization: Model United Nations	
PSCI 326	U.S. Intelligence and Foreign Policy	
PSCI 327	International Terrorism	
PSCI 423	International Political Economy	
PSCI 429	International Law:Model United Nations	
<i>Group III - Foreign and Comparative Government</i>		
Select at least one of the following:		3
PSCI 330	Comparative Legislatures	
PSCI 331	European Politics	
PSCI 332	Russian Politics	
PSCI 333	Latin American Politics	
PSCI 334	African Politics	
PSCI 335	Chinese Politics	
PSCI 337	Mexican Politics	
PSCI 338	Middle Eastern Politics	

PSCI 339	Politics of Nationalism	
<i>Group IV - Political Theory</i>		
PSCI 241	Introduction to Political Theory	3
Additional Requirements		
Select three additional PSCI courses		9
Capstone		
Select one of the following:		3
PSCI 401	Senior Seminar in Political Science ¹	
Capstone experience approved by the department		
Total Hours		34

¹ PSCI 401 Senior Seminar in Political Science fulfills the capstone requirement and is required for the major, unless a student opts to complete the capstone requirement offered in a different major program, in which case they may substitute the credits from an additional PSCI elective. The Senior Seminar requirement also may be waived, with the permission of the department, if the student conducts directed research, or other appropriate experiential learning as approved by the department, under the supervision of a member of the political science department faculty that culminates in the student's senior year.

The Requirements for Teacher Certification

The program requirements of a student planning to minor in education for the purpose of certification in secondary social science vary slightly from those of other political science majors. Students seeking such certification should complete the following courses, as well as the Education minor (<https://catalog.rmc.edu/programs/education/education-minor-secondary/>) (not all courses required for certification will apply to the Political Science major):

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 185	Critical Reading and Writing	4
ECON 201	Principles of Economics-Micro	3
HIST 111	World History I	3
HIST 112	World History II	3
HIST 210	African-American History since 1865	3
HIST 211	The United States to 1865	3
HIST 212	The U.S. Since 1865	3
HIST 319	Geographical History	3
or another geography course		
PSCI 101	Introduction to Politics	3
PSCI 102	American Government and Politics	3
PSCI 212	State and Local Government and Politics	3
PSCI 301	Research Methods	3