

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (B.A.)

Political Science majors complete a minimum of 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree: 49–51 credits of core courses (<https://catalog.salve.edu/undergraduate/curriculum-degree-programs/>), 32–37 elective credits, and 37 credits in their major. Majors take one introductory course at the 100-level, three foundation courses at the 200-level, a seven credit sequence of Skills for Success courses in the junior and senior years, and six elective credits at the 200-level and above.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Gateway to Political Science</b>		
Select one of the following two courses; the other course will not count for the major:		3
POL-115	The American Political System	
POL-120	How to Rule the World: Introduction to International Relations	
<b>Political Theory Foundation</b>		
Select one of the following two courses; the other course may count as an elective for the major:		3
POL-201	Classical Political Philosophy	
POL-202	Modern Political Philosophy	
<b>American Government Foundation</b>		
POL-215	American Government: Classic and Contemporary Readings	3
<b>International Relations and Comparative Politics Foundation</b>		
Select one of the following two courses; the other course may count as an elective for the major:		3
POL-211	International Relations and Diplomacy	
POL-240	Comparative Politics	
<b>Skills for Success</b>		
POL-372	Seminar in Research and Methodology	3
POL-400	Guided Research Capstone	3
POL-402	Multi-Media Research Application Capstone	1
<b>Electives</b>		
Select six additional Political Science courses at the 200-level or above		18
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>37</b>

## Concentrations

The major does not require a concentration. Majors in Political Science may, however, take either of two concentrations: Political Science, American Government and Public Law or Political Science, International Relations and Comparative Politics Concentration. To complete a concentration, four of the six electives (12 out of the 18 elective credits) must be taken from one of the following lists.

### American Government and Public Law Concentration Requirements

The three courses taken as part of the Foundation requirement—Theory Foundation (POL-201 Classical Political Philosophy or POL-202 Modern Political Philosophy) and American Government Foundation (POL-215 American Government: Classic and Contemporary Readings) will not count toward a concentration.

Code	Title	Credits
Select four of the following:		12
POL-201	Classical Political Philosophy <sup>1</sup>	
or POL-202	Modern Political Philosophy	
POL-222	American Legal History	
POL-247	State Government Internship	
POL-299	Special Topics	
POL-324	American Political Thought	
POL-398	Special Topics in American Government	
POL-403	Constitutional Law and Development	
POL-406	The Fourth Amendment: Search and Seizure	
POL-414	Civil Liberties	
POL-415	Modern American Foreign Policy	
POL-421	Congress and the Legislative Process	
POL-422	American Presidency	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

<sup>1</sup> POL-201 Classical Political Philosophy or POL-202 Modern Political Philosophy (whichever course is not taken to fulfill the Political Theory Foundation requirement).

### International Relations and Comparative Politics Concentration Requirements

The three courses taken as part of the Foundation requirement—American Government Foundation (POL-215 American Government: Classic and Contemporary Readings and International Relations and Comparative Politics Foundation (POL-211 International Relations and Diplomacy or POL-240 Comparative Politics) will not count toward a concentration.

Code	Title	Credits
Select four of the following:		12
POL-211	International Relations and Diplomacy <sup>1</sup>	
or POL-240	Comparative Politics	
POL-299	Special Topics	
POL-331	Contemporary Latin America	
POL-332	Contemporary Middle East	
POL-333	Contemporary Africa	
POL-334	Contemporary Asia	
POL-345	International Environment and Development	
POL-399	Special Topics in International and Comparative Politics	
POL-415	Modern American Foreign Policy	
POL-416	Contemporary Europe and Russia	
POL-420	Political Economy of Industrial Societies	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

<sup>1</sup> POL-211 International Relations and Diplomacy or POL-240 Comparative Politics (whichever is not taken to fulfill the International Relations and Comparative Politics Foundation requirement).

*Students preparing for graduate school are recommended to take the following: STA-173 Statistical Methods, ECN-101 Introductory*

Macroeconomics, and one or two History courses (American, European, or Non-Western, depending on student's area of interest).

### Degree Plan for Political Science (B.A.)

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
UNV-101 & FYT-101	University Seminar and First Year Studio	4
POL-115 or POL-120	The American Political System or How to Rule the World: Introduction to International Relations	3
Core Course		3
Core Course		3
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
UNV-102	University Seminar II	3
POL Elective		3
Core Course		3
Core Course		3
Core Course		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
RTS-225 or PHL-225	The Quest for the Ultimate: Dialogue with Global Religious Traditions <sup>1</sup> or Quest for the Good Life	3
POL-211	International Relations and Diplomacy	3
POL-201	Classical Political Philosophy	3
POL Elective		3
Core Course		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
RTS-225 or PHL-225	The Quest for the Ultimate: Dialogue with Global Religious Traditions <sup>1</sup> or Quest for the Good Life	3
POL-215	American Government: Classic and Contemporary Readings	3
POL-240	Comparative Politics	3
Core Course		3
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
POL Elective		3
Core Course		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
POL-202	Modern Political Philosophy	3
POL-372	Seminar in Research and Methodology	3
POL Elective		3
Core Course		3
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
POL-400	Guided Research Capstone	3
POL Elective		3
Elective		3

Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
POL-402	Multi-Media Research Application Capstone	1
POL Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>122</b>

<sup>1</sup> One each semester.