

POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

Political Science
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All Faculty in PSC

Political science is the study of politics, government, and their relationship with other aspects of society. Courses in political science enable students to use political theory and empirical analyses to make sense of their world, to interpret political phenomena in the United States and in other areas of the world, and to understand global politics. Political science students gain research, critical thinking, and writing skills that help prepare them for a variety of careers including law, public service, electoral politics, public policy, nonprofit advocacy, international relations, business journalism and communication, and academia.

Note

Students are required to fulfill the requirements for the B.A. or minor in political science as stipulated in the course catalog for the academic year in which they enter Syracuse University. Graduation with a B.A. or a minor in political science requires a 2.0 average in the upper-division coursework applied toward the major or minor.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Describe U.S. political institutions and processes and explain how they operate.
2. Describe the structure and politics of the international system or countries outside the United States.
3. Apply political science concepts, theories, and/or philosophies to current political issues and policy debates.
4. Communicate in written and oral form about politics in a way that demonstrates the ability to organize ideas, create and defend an argument, and use and cite sources properly.

Minor Requirements

The minor in political science requires 18 credits of coursework. Students are required to take one of the following courses at the 100 level:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Course		
Select one of the following:		3
PSC 121	American National Government and Politics	
or PSC 122	American State and Local Government and Politics	
PSC 123	Comparative Government and Politics	
PSC 124	International Relations	
or PSC 139	International Relations (Honors)	
PSC 125	Political Theory	
Remaining Credits		

Of the remaining 15 credits, 12 are taken in courses numbered 300 or above. The remaining 3 credits may be taken at either the 100 or 200 level or in a course numbered 300 or above. PSC minors must take at least one course from the approved list of courses with international content (approved courses are designated with an asterisk *, see list below). PSC courses with a grade of D may not be applied toward the minor requirements. Experience credit courses may not be used to satisfy minor requirements.

Total Credits 18

Courses

The courses regularly offered by the department for application toward the minor are listed below. Courses taken abroad may also count with the approval of the undergraduate advisor.

Code	Title	Credits
PSC 121	American National Government and Politics (required for PSC majors)	3
PSC 122	American State and Local Government and Politics	3
PSC 123	Comparative Government and Politics *	3
PSC 124	International Relations *	3
PSC 125	Political Theory	3
PSC 129	American National Government and Politics (Honors)	3
PSC 139	International Relations (Honors) *	3
PSC 202	Introduction to Political Analysis (required for PSC majors)	3
PSC 215	The Politics of Income Inequality	3
PSC 231	Canadian Politics *	3
PSC 300	Selected Topics	1-6
PSC 302	Environmental Politics and Policy	3
PSC 303	The Development of the American State	3
PSC 304	The Judicial Process	3
PSC 305	U.S. Congressional Politics	3
PSC 306	African American Politics	3
PSC 307	The Politics of Citizenship	3
PSC 308	The Politics of U.S. Public Policy	3
PSC 309	Interest Group Politics	3
PSC 310	Refugees in International Politics *	3
PSC 311	American Political Parties	3
PSC 312	The New Deal and American Politics	3
PSC 313	Campaign Analysis	3
PSC 314	Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior	3
PSC 315	Politics and Media	3
PSC 316	The Supreme Court in American Politics	3
PSC 317	Local Internship	3
PSC 318	Technology, Politics, and Environment	3
PSC 319	Gender and Politics	3
PSC 320	Comparative Law and Courts *	3
PSC 321	Populism and Conspiracy Culture	3
PSC 322	International Security *	3
PSC 324	Constitutional Law I	3
PSC 325	Constitutional Law II	3
PSC 326	Foundations of American Political Thought	3
PSC 327	Modern American Political Thought	3

PSC 328	American Social Movements	3	PSC 397	Realism and Power Politics in International Relations *	3
PSC 329	The Modern American Presidency	3	PSC 398	How the United States Became a Great Power *	3
PSC 330	Political Economy of Gender in Industrialized Countries *	3	PSC 399		3
PSC 333	Politics of Latin America *	3	PSC 400	Selected Topics	1-6
PSC 334	Mexico and the United States *	3	PSC 405	Politics of the European Union *	3
PSC 335	Politics of East Asia *	3	PSC 406	Citizenship from Modernity to Globalization *	3
PSC 338	Race, Ethnicity, and American Politics	3	PSC 408	Politics of Immigration in Europe *	3
PSC 339	Transitions to Democracy *	3	PSC 409	The European Union	3
PSC 341	Politics of Africa *	3	PSC 411	Senior Seminars	3
PSC 342	Religion and Politics in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict *	3	PSC 412	Global Governance: The United Nations System *	3
PSC 343	Politics of Europe *	3	PSC 413	Identity and Difference	3
PSC 344	Politics of the Middle East *	3	PSC 414	European Identity: Shifting Borders *	3
PSC 346	Comparative Third World Politics *	3	PSC 420	The East Asian Century? Opportunities and Challenges for the Region & the US *	3
PSC 347	Politics of Russia *	3	PSC 421	Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe *	3
PSC 348	Politics and the Military *	3	PSC 422	Modern Spain: History and Politics *	3
PSC 349	Politics of Iran *	3	PSC 424	Dictatorships, Human Rights, and Historical Memory in the Southern Cone *	3
PSC 350	Problems in International Relations *	3	PSC 426	Religion and Diversity in London *	3
PSC 351	Political Economy of Development *	3	PSC 427	Policy Seminar/Contemporary Europe *	3
PSC 352	International Law *	3	PSC 428	Contemporary Issues in Chile and Latin America *	3
PSC 353	International Organization *	3	PSC 429	European Human Rights *	3
PSC 354	Human Rights and Global Affairs *	3	PSC 432	The Pale and Beyond *	3
PSC 355	International Political Economy *	3	PSC 433	Negotiating Identity Across Europe's Borders *	3
PSC 356	Political Conflict *	3	PSC 441	Europe and International Security Issues *	3
PSC 357	U.S. Foreign Policy *	3	PSC 442	Democratization in East Asia *	3
PSC 358	Latin American International Relations *	3	PSC 444	Culture, Business and Political Economics in East Asia *	3
PSC 360	Sustainability Science and Policy	3	PSC 445	Contemporary British Politics and the Modern World *	3
PSC 362	Religion, Identity and Power *	3	PSC 450	Undergraduate Research Program	1-4
PSC 363	Ethics and International Relations *	3	PSC 451	Italian Politics: Laboratory of Populism *	3
PSC 364	African International Relations *	3	PSC 452	Italy: Past, Present and Future Challenges *	3
PSC 365	International Political Economy of the Third World *	3	PSC 453	Twentieth Century Europe *	3
PSC 368	Islam and the West *	3	PSC 456	Religion and Conflicts in Contemporary Europe *	3
PSC 371	Democratic Theory and Politics	3	PSC 458	Contemporary Issues in Turkey *	3
PSC 373	Political Philosophy: The Social Contract Tradition and its Critics	3	PSC 462	Globalization Development and Environment *	3
PSC 374	Law and Society	3	PSC 464	Borders in Flux: Identities and Conflict in Ireland *	3
PSC 375	Philosophy of Law	3	PSC 469	Global Migration *	3
PSC 376	The Creation of the U.S. Constitution	3	PSC 478	Politics of China *	3
PSC 377	Religion and Politics *	3	PSC 481	East Central Europe in the 20th Century *	3
PSC 378	Power and Identity	3	PSC 490	Independent Study	1-6
PSC 379	*	3	Note: * Foreign or international content		
PSC 381	Islamic Law & Society *	3	1 Foreign or international content		
PSC 382	Contemporary Political Philosophy	3			
PSC 386	Gender, Militarism, and War *	3			
PSC 387	Ethnic Conflict *	3			
PSC 388	Globalization & the Rise of Populism *	3			
PSC 391	Revolutions in the Middle East *	3			
PSC 392	Islamism and Islamist Movements Today *	3			
PSC 393	Middle Eastern Political Systems *	3			
PSC 394	History of Islamic Political Thought *	3			
PSC 395	Democratization in the Muslim World *	3			
PSC 396	European Integration *	3			