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Council on Academic Affairs  
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Dear members of the Council on Academic Affairs:

In November 2006, the Department of Political Science submitted the attached proposal to revise the Political Science Minor. The goal of the revision is to change the current track system into 6 new minors and one general Political Science minor. The old track system was outdated and intellectually incoherent. The proposal helps to connect the minors to career paths and is designed to be intellectually coherent.

The Social and Behavioral Sciences Curriculum Committee requested that each minor contain one required course and the department complied. The proposal was vetted by the Arts and Sciences Committee on Curriculum and Instruction (CCI) Subcommittee C in January, 2007 and was approved. It was unanimously approved by the Arts and Sciences Committee on Curriculum and Instruction (CCI) at the March 9, 2007 meeting, with the understanding that the minor sheets and website will stress that students must consult with an advisor before pursuing any of the minors. The CCI respectfully recommends that the Council on Academic Affairs approve this minor revision proposal.

The enclosed packet of materials includes the program proposal and old and new minor sheets.

The contacts for this program are Herbert Weisberg, Chair, Department of Political Science and William Liddle, Professor, Political Science. They can be reached at [Weisberg.1@osu.edu](mailto:Weisberg.1@osu.edu) and [liddle.2@osu.edu](mailto:liddle.2@osu.edu).

Additional information, including the original version of the proposal, can be found on our website, at <http://artsandsciences.osu.edu/currofc/tracking.cfm?TrackingID=585>. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jessica Mercerhill  
Director

CC: Herbert Weisberg  
William Liddle

Enc: Proposal to revise the Political Science Minor  
Minor Sheets

To: Curriculum Committee, SBS  
From: Herbert Weisberg, Chair, Department of Political Science  
Date: January 25, 2007

## **PROPOSAL FOR A REVISED MINOR PROGRAM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

We propose the creation of six focused minors in political science and a general minor in political science. The six focused minors are: Campaigns and Elections, Comparative Politics, Judicial Politics, Political Decision Making, Political Theory, and World Politics. The rationale and requirements for each of these minors are detailed below.

### **Rationale:**

As currently designed, a minor in political science consists of 25 credit hours of political science course work taken at the 200-level or above. Of these hours, a minimum of 15 hours of course work must be at the 500-level or above. [See attached Political Science Minor form.]

As currently constituted, the political science minor allows students to be quite eclectic in their course selection. Given that they only need 25 hours of course work, students can assemble a hodge-podge of courses (or even use GEC courses) to complete the minor. While we often suggest that minor courses center around a particular field or theme, students continue to collect an assortment of classes that, while certainly informative, tend to serve no real purpose other than getting students to the required number of credits to graduate.

A visit to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences' website provides undergraduates with information on major and minor programs for all departments within the College. However, a quick scan of the requirements for the political science minor reveals a program that is woefully out of date. [[http://www.sbs.ohio-state.edu/pdf/Political\\_Science\\_Minor.pdf](http://www.sbs.ohio-state.edu/pdf/Political_Science_Minor.pdf)] *Indeed, the information on this website has not been updated since September of 2002 despite repeated requests.* According to the information presented, an undergraduate could be led to believe that there are ten different "minor programs" available in political science. While the outdated information sheet does explain that these programs are "suggested models," it is not clear what that means and students frequently think that they must organize their courses in such a way as to provide a focus for the minor. [See attached Political Science Minor form.] According to the website, such foci can include "communist systems" and "third world politics." I propose creating a series of truly focused minors.

Revising the political science minor program to provide a series of focused minors will serve two goals. First, it will accommodate the interests and needs of students from a variety of majors who want to develop a coherent and intellectually sound educational program in our nationally ranked department. Second, it will allow students to gain foundational knowledge in various sub-fields of political science in preparation for their post-college careers.

The second goal requires some explication. Undergraduates are constantly envisioning ways to make themselves stand out from other students when applying for law school or graduate study. These new minor programs would each receive a three digit permacun number and students' transcripts would identify their minor program as, for example, "Comparative Politics" or "Judicial Politics" rather than the more ubiquitous "Political Science."

Students choosing one of the focused minors would be allowed to overlap courses with the GEC where applicable. Currently, undergraduates can apply five political science courses to their GEC program (Polit Sc 245, 367, 508, 585, and 597) that would also satisfy the requirements for the minor. There is no reason to discontinue that practice.

Undergraduates pursuing an honors minor would be little inconvenienced by the proposed change in the minor program. Currently the honors minor consists of 25 or more credit hours in 200-level honors courses and other political science courses 300-level and above. Honors minor programs must include: 1) at least 20 hours of graded credit in political science courses at the 500-level or higher; 2) at least one course in each of two different fields; and 3) at least 10 credit hours in upper division political science honors courses and seminars. Honors minor programs may include five credit hours in another department, with approval of an honors advisor. Also, it has been customary in the past to allow honors students to substitute a 600- or 700-level political science course for an honors political science course. Students must maintain a 3.4 GPA overall and a 3.5 GPA in political science.

#### **New focused minors:**

(1) The **Campaigns and Elections** minor provides students with knowledge and analytical tools necessary to understand the election process and political campaigning in the United States. Students pursuing a minor in Campaigns and Elections must complete Political Science 503, Public Opinion, plus an additional 20 hours of course work from the following list. A maximum of five hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than five hours of transfer credit may apply; no more than five hours of internship credit (Polit Sc 589) may apply. Polit Sc 581, Survey Research in Political Science, Polit Sc 585, Techniques of Political Analysis, Polit Sc 586, Research Methods in Political Science, Polit Sc 590, Topics in Political Science, and Polit Sc H596, Honors Seminar in Political Science, *may* count toward the minor with permission of an undergraduate advisor. Up to five hours of course work from another department *may* apply with permission of an undergraduate advisor.

##### **Required Course:**

Polit Sc 503	Public Opinion
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##### **Elective Courses:**

Polit Sc 300	American Politics and Policy Making
Polit Sc 305	Introduction to Public Policy
Polit Sc 502	Campaign Politics
Polit Sc H567	Politics and Ethics
Polit Sc 571	Political Theories of Democracy
Polit Sc 574	Political Participation and Voting Behavior
Polit Sc 575	American Political Parties

(2) The **Comparative Politics** minor is intended to give students in-depth knowledge of the politics of contemporary nation-states and tools for comparative analysis to prepare them to work more effectively in an increasingly global environment. Students pursuing a minor in Comparative Politics must complete either Polit Sc 535, Government and Politics of Modern Democracies (if their primary interest is in the developed world), or Polit Sc 541, Politics of the Developing World (if their primary interest is in the developing world), plus an additional 20 hours of course work from the following list. A maximum of five hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than five hours of transfer credit may apply; no more than five hours of internship credit (Polit Sc 589) may apply. Polit Sc 585, Techniques of Political Analysis, Polit Sc 586, Research Methods in Political Science, Polit Sc 590, Topics in Political Science, and Polit Sc H596, Honors Seminar in Political Science, *may* count toward the minor with permission of an undergraduate advisor. Up to five hours of course work from another department *may* apply with permission of an undergraduate advisor.

**Required Course:**

Polit Sc 535	Government and Politics of Modern Democracies
-OR- Polit Sc 541	Politics of the Developing World

**Elective Courses:**

Polit Sc 528	Political Integration of Western Europe
Polit Sc 530	Politics of Post-Communist Societies of Eastern Europe
Polit Sc H531	Democracy in Muslim Majority Countries
Polit Sc 532	Government and Politics of Southern Europe
Polit Sc 533	Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics
Polit Sc 534	Government and Politics of Northern Europe
Polit Sc 535	Government and Politics of Modern Democracies
Polit Sc 537	Government and Politics of China
Polit Sc 539	Contemporary Politics of South Asia
Polit Sc 540.01	Latin American Government and Politics
Polit Sc 540.02	Special Topics in Latin American Politics
Polit Sc 541	Politics of the Developing World
Polit Sc 546	Politics of the Middle East
Polit Sc 547	Identity Politics
Polit Sc 556	Global Governance
Polit Sc 571	Political Theories of Democracy
Polit Sc 579	Domestic Politics and International Conflict
Polit Sc H565	Power and Resistance
Polit Sc 580	State and Economy
Polit Sc 597.02	Political Problems of the Contemporary World
Polit Sc 636	Southeast Asian Politics

(3) The **Judicial Politics** minor will allow students to gain foundational knowledge in judicial politics and judicial behavior in a nationally-ranked sub-field of American politics. It will help students prepare for legal and related careers. Students pursuing a minor in Judicial Politics must complete Political Science 516, Judicial Politics, plus an additional 20 hours of course work from the following list. A maximum of five hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than five hours of transfer credit may apply; no more than five hours of internship credit (Polit Sc 589) may apply. Polit Sc 585, Techniques of Political Analysis, Polit Sc 586, Research Methods in Political Science, Polit Sc 590, Topics in Political Science, and Polit Sc H596, Honors Seminar in Political Science, *may* count toward the minor with permission of an undergraduate advisor. Up to five hours of course work from another department *may* apply with permission of an undergraduate advisor.

**Required Course:**

Polit Sc 516                      Judicial Politics

**Elective Courses:**

Polit Sc 210/ H210	Introduction to Political Theory (required for Polit Sc 572)
Polit Sc 305	Introduction to Public Policy
Polit Sc 511/ H511	Political Strategy, Public Policy, and the Private Sector
Polit Sc 514	Women and the Law
Polit Sc 515	The Politics of Legal Decision Making
Polit Sc 519	Civil Liberties and the Courts
Polit Sc 520	The American Constitution and Governmental Powers
Polit Sc H521	Supreme Court Decision Making
Polit Sc 572	Political Theories of Justice

(4) The minor in **Political Decision Making** provides students with the knowledge necessary to understand the methods by which citizens and elites arrive at solutions to political problems. Students pursuing a minor in Political Decision Making must complete Political Science 517, Legislative Politics, plus an additional 20 hours of course work from the following list. A maximum of five hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than five hours of transfer credit may apply; no more than five hours of internship credit (Polit Sc 589) may apply. Polit Sc 585, Techniques of Political Analysis, Polit Sc 586, Research Methods in Political Science, Polit Sc 590, Topics in Political Science, and Polit Sc H596, Honors Seminar in Political Science, *may* count toward the minor with permission of an undergraduate advisor. Up to five hours of course work from another department *may* apply with permission of an undergraduate advisor.

**Required Course:**

Polit Sc 517                      Legislative Politics

**Elective Courses:**

Polit Sc 300	American Politics and Policy Making
Polit Sc 305	Introduction to Public Policy
Polit Sc 503	Public Opinion
Polit Sc 511/ H511	Political Strategy, Public Policy, and the Private Sector
Polit Sc 513	Women, Government and Public Policy
Polit Sc 515	Politics of Legal Decision Making
Polit Sc H521	Supreme Court Decision Making
Polit Sc 545	Foreign Policy Decision Making
Polit Sc 547	Identity Politics
Polit Sc 551	The United Nations System in Global Problem Solving
Polit Sc 574	Political Participation and Voting Behavior
Polit Sc 612	Political Leadership

(5) The **Political Theory** minor allows students to gain foundational knowledge in political theory and helps them develop morally informed attitudes on contemporary political issues. Students pursuing a minor in Political Theory must complete Political Science 210 or H210, Introduction to Political Theory, plus an additional 20 hours of course work from the following list. A maximum of five hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than five hours of transfer credit may apply; no more than five hours of internship credit (Polit Sc 589) may apply. Polit Sc 585, Techniques of Political Analysis, Polit Sc 586, Research Methods in Political Science, Polit Sc 590, Topics in Political Science, and Polit Sc H596, Honors Seminar in Political Science, *may* count toward the minor with permission of an



undergraduate advisor. Up to five hours of course work from another department *may* apply with permission of an undergraduate advisor.

**Required Course:**

Polit Sc 210/ H210 Introduction to Political Theory

**Elective Courses:**

Polit Sc H565	Power and Resistance
Polit Sc H567	Politics and Ethics
Polit Sc 568	Islamic Political Philosophy: The Traditional Eras
Polit Sc 569	Islamic Political Philosophy: The Contemporary Era
Polit Sc 571	Political Theories of Democracy
Polit Sc 572	Political Theories of Justice
Polit Sc 573	American Political Ideas
Polit Sc 670	History of Political Theory: Plato to Machiavelli
Polit Sc 671	History of Political Theory: Machiavelli to Hegel
Polit Sc 672	History of Political Theory: Hegel to Present
Polit Sc 673	Political Theory: 20 <sup>th</sup> Century

(6) The **World Politics** minor is intended to give students foundational knowledge in international relations including the political and economic interactions of the global system and relations between countries and international institutions, in order to prepare them to better understand and to work more effectively in an increasingly globalized environment. Students pursuing a minor in International Politics must complete Political Science 245 or H245, The U.S. in World Politics, plus an additional 20 hours of course work from the following list. A maximum of five hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than five hours of transfer credit may apply; no more than five hours of internship credit (Polit Sc 589) may apply. Polit Sc 585, Techniques of Political Analysis, Polit Sc 586, Research Methods in Political Science, Polit Sc 590, Topics in Political Science, and Polit Sc H596, Honors Seminar in Political Science, *may* count toward the minor with permission of an undergraduate advisor. Up to five hours of course work from another department *may* apply with permission of an undergraduate advisor.

**Required Course:**

Polit Sc 245/ H245 The U.S. in World Politics

**Elective Courses:**

Polit Sc 544	International Security and Causes of War
Polit Sc 545	Foreign Policy Decision Making
Polit Sc 546	Politics of the Middle East
Polit Sc 547	Identity Politics
Polit Sc 550	Theories of International Relations
Polit Sc 551	The United Nations System in Global Problem Solving
Polit Sc 552	Security Policy During and After the Cold War
Polit Sc 553/ H553	Political Analysis of International Economic Relations
Polit Sc 554	Comparative Political Economy
Polit Sc 555	Soviet and Post-Soviet Foreign Policy
Polit Sc 556	Global Governance
Polit Sc 579	Domestic Politics and International Conflict
Polit Sc 597.01	Interdependence and Nationalism in World Politics

In addition to the focused minors, we propose a **General Political Science** minor that would be identical to the current program. As stated above, the current minor in political science consists

of 25 credit hours of political science course work taken at the 200-level or above; of these hours, a minimum of 15 hours of course work must be at the 500-level or above. Our rationale is, first, that political science is after all a discipline, like but different from sociology or anthropology, that does have a coherence of its own. If undergraduates can major in political science, they can surely minor in political science as well. Second, our undergraduate advisers need the flexibility to help students design both general minors and focuses minors that are not encompassed by our list. We recognize that some students will still graduate with a minor in political science that has little intellectual coherence.

Finally, the new language on the Colleges of the Arts and Sciences website for the Political Science Minor will state that students seeking a minor in political science should consult with an advisor in the political science department.

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**CURRENT Political Science Minor (Polit Sc, 395)**

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614-292-2880; <http://psweb.sbs.ohio-state.edu>

The minor in political science consists of 25 credit hours intended to accommodate the interests and the needs of students from a variety of areas who want to develop a coherent educational program from the courses offered. Students are expected to organize their program to develop a focus on a particular aspect of the political world.

The key to approval of a minor program is a well-thought-out schedule of courses and early departmental approval. The department strongly recommends that a student discuss proposed minor programs with a departmental adviser before having completed 10 hours of political science.

Of the 25 credit hours required, a maximum of 10 may be at the 200 or 300 level; the remaining hours must be at the 500 or 600 level. A maximum of five hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than five hours of transfer credit may apply.

Minor program courses fall into several categories as shown below. Many of the categories list a greater number of courses than is necessary to complete the 25 required credit hours.

After an adviser in the Department of Political Science has approved the Minor Program Form, you must file the form with your college or school counselor. For further information about the minor program, contact the Department of Political Science.

American political institutions

Political Science 201, 300, 501, 516, 517

Comparative politics

Political Science 528, 530, 532, 533, 534, 535, 537, 540, 541, 636

International politics

Political Science 245, 544, 545, 546, 547, 550, 551, 552, 553, 555, 556, 560

Judicial politics

Political Science 300, 514, 515, 516, 519, 520

Political ideas

Political Science 210, 571, 572, 573, 568, 569, 670, 671, 672, 673

Practical politics

Political Science 201, 300, 502, 503, 574, 575, 581, 585, 586

State and local politics

Political Science 300, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 608, 614

Politics of the Developing World

Political Science 537, 540, 541, 546, 553, 636

Europe

Political Science 528, 530, 532, 534, 535

**Political Science minor program guidelines**

The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 25

Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 5

Overlap with the GEC Permitted

Overlap with the major Not allowed and

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

Overlap between minors Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Maximum of 5 credit hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor.

Approval required The minor program description sheet indicates if the minor course work must be approved by:

- The academic unit offering the minor

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by:

- The academic unit offering the minor



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Campaigns and Elections Minor (XXX,XXX)

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The minor in Campaigns and Elections consists of 25 credit hours intended to provide students with knowledge and analytical tools necessary to understand the election process and political campaigning in the United States.

Students must complete Political Science 503, Public Opinion, plus an additional 20 hours of course work from the list below. A maximum of 5 hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than 5 hours of transfer credit may apply and no more than 5 hours of internship credit (Political Science 589) may apply.

**Required Course:**

Polit Sc 503 – Public Opinion

**Elective Courses:**

Polit Sc 300 - American Politics and Policy Making  
Polit Sc 305 - Introduction to Public Policy  
Polit Sc 502 - Campaign Politics  
Polit Sc H567 - Politics and Ethics  
Polit Sc 571 - Political Theories of Democracy  
Polit Sc 574 - Political Participation and Voting Behavior  
Polit Sc 575 - American Political Parties

**Political Science minor program guidelines**

The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 25

Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 5

Overlap with the GEC Permitted

Overlap with the major Not allowed and

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

Overlap between minors Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
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**Comparative Politics Minor (XXX,XXX)**

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The minor in Comparative Politics consists of 25 credit hours intended to give students in-depth knowledge of the politics of contemporary nation-states and tools for comparative analysis to prepare them to work more effectively in an increasingly global environment.

Students must complete either Political Science 535, Government and Politics of Modern Democracies, or Political Science 541, Politics of the Developing World, plus an additional 20 hours of course work from the list below. A maximum of 5 hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than 5 hours of transfer credit may apply and no more than 5 hours of internship credit (Political Science 589) may apply.

**Required Course:**

Polit Sc 535 - Government and Politics of  
Modern Democracies  
-OR- Polit Sc 541- Politics of the Developing World

**Elective Courses:**

Polit Sc 528 - Political Integration of Western Europe  
Polit Sc 530 - Politics of Post-Communist Societies of  
Eastern Europe  
Polit Sc H531 - Democracy in Muslim Majority Countries  
Polit Sc 532 - Government and Politics of  
Southern Europe  
Polit Sc 533 - Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics  
Polit Sc 534 - Government and Politics of Northern Europe  
Polit Sc 535 - Government and Politics of Modern  
Democracies  
Polit Sc 537 - Government and Politics of China  
Polit Sc 539 - Contemporary Politics of South Asia  
Polit Sc 540.01 - Latin American Government and Politics  
Polit Sc 540.02 - Special Topics in Latin American Politics  
Polit Sc 541 - Politics of the Developing World  
Polit Sc 546 - Politics of the Middle East  
Polit Sc 547 - Identity Politics  
Polit Sc 556 - Global Governance  
Polit Sc 571 - Political Theories of Democracy  
Polit Sc 579 - Domestic Politics and International Conflict  
Polit Sc H565 - Power and Resistance  
Polit Sc 580 - State and Economy  
Polit Sc 597.02 - Political Problems of the  
Contemporary World  
Polit Sc 636 - Southeast Asian Politics

**Political Science minor program guidelines**

The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 25

Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 5

Overlap with the GEC Permitted

Overlap with the major Not allowed and

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

Overlap between minors Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Maximum of 5 credit hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor.

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Judicial Politics Minor (XXX,XXX)

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The minor in Judicial Politics consists of 25 credit hours that will allow students to gain foundational knowledge in judicial politics and judicial behavior as well as help students prepare for legal and related careers.

Students must complete Political Science 516, Judicial Politics, plus an additional 20 hours of course work from the list below. A maximum of 5 hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than 5 hours of transfer credit may apply and no more than 5 hours of internship credit (Political Science 589) may apply.

**Required Course:**

Polit Sc 516 - Judicial Politics

**Elective Courses:**

Polit Sc 210/ H210 - Introduction to Political Theory  
(required for Polit Sc 572)

Polit Sc 305 - Introduction to Public Policy

Polit Sc 511/ H511 - Political Strategy, Public Policy,  
and the Private Sector

Polit Sc 514 - Women and the Law

Polit Sc 515 - The Politics of Legal Decision Making

Polit Sc 519 - Civil Liberties and the Courts

Polit Sc 520 - The American Constitution and  
Governmental Powers

Polit Sc H521- Supreme Court Decision Making

Polit Sc 572 - Political Theories of Justice

**Political Science minor program guidelines**

The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 25

Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 5

Overlap with the GEC Permitted

Overlap with the major Not allowed and

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

Overlap between minors Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Maximum of 5 credit hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor.

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**Political Decision Making Minor (XXX,XXX)**

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The minor in Political Decision Making consists of 25 credit hours that provide students with the knowledge necessary to understand the methods by which citizens and elites arrive at solutions to political problems.

Students must complete Political Science 517, Legislative Politics, plus an additional 20 hours of course work from the list below. A maximum of 5 hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than 5 hours of transfer credit may apply and no more than 5 hours of internship credit (Political Science 589) may apply.

**Required Course:**

Polit Sc 517 - Legislative Politics

**Elective Courses:**

Polit Sc 300 - American Politics and Policy Making  
Polit Sc 305 - Introduction to Public Policy  
Polit Sc 503 - Public Opinion  
Polit Sc 511/ H511- Political Strategy, Public Policy,  
and the Private Sector  
Polit Sc 513 - Women, Government and Public Policy  
Polit Sc 515 - Politics of Legal Decision Making  
Polit Sc H521 - Supreme Court Decision Making  
Polit Sc 545 - Foreign Policy Decision Making  
Polit Sc 547 - Identity Politics  
Polit Sc 551 - The United Nations System in Global  
Problem Solving  
Polit Sc 574 - Political Participation and Voting Behavior  
Polit Sc 612 - Political Leadership

**Political Science minor program guidelines**

The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 25

Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 5

Overlap with the GEC Permitted

Overlap with the major Not allowed and

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

Overlap between minors Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Maximum of 5 credit hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor.

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**Political Theory Minor (XXX,XXX)**

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The minor in Political Theory consists of 25 credit hours that allow students to gain foundational knowledge in political theory.

Students must complete Political Science 210 or H210, Introduction to Political Theory, plus an additional 20 hours of course work from the list below. A maximum of 5 hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than 5 hours of transfer credit may apply and no more than 5 hours of internship credit (Political Science 589) may apply.

**Required Course:**

Polit Sc 210/ H210 - Introduction to Political Theory

**Elective Courses:**

Polit Sc H565 - Power and Resistance  
Polit Sc H567 - Politics and Ethics  
Polit Sc 568 - Islamic Political Philosophy:  
    The Traditional Eras  
Polit Sc 569 - Islamic Political Philosophy:  
    The Contemporary Era  
Polit Sc 571 - Political Theories of Democracy  
Polit Sc 572 - Political Theories of Justice  
Polit Sc 573 - American Political Ideas  
Polit Sc 670 - History of Political Theory:  
    Plato to Machiavelli  
Polit Sc 671 - History of Political Theory:  
    Machiavelli to Hegel  
Polit Sc 672 - History of Political Theory:  
    Hegel to Present  
Polit Sc 673 - Political Theory: 20<sup>th</sup> Century

**Political Science minor program guidelines**

The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 25

Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 5

Overlap with the GEC Permitted

Overlap with the major Not allowed and

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

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World Politics Minor (XXX,XXX)

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The minor in World Politics consists of 25 credit hours intended to give students foundational knowledge in international relations including the political and economic interactions of the global system and relations between countries and international institutions.

Students must complete Political Science 245 or H245, the U.S. in World Politics, plus an additional 20 hours of course work from the list below. A maximum of 5 hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than 5 hours of transfer credit may apply and no more than 5 hours of internship credit (Political Science 589) may apply.

**Required Course:**

Polit Sc 245/ H245 - The U.S. in World Politics

**Elective Courses:**

Polit Sc 544 - International Security and Causes of War

Polit Sc 545 - Foreign Policy Decision Making

Polit Sc 546 - Politics of the Middle East

Polit Sc 547 - Identity Politics

Polit Sc 550 - Theories of International Relations

Polit Sc 551 - The United Nations System in Global  
Problem Solving

Polit Sc 552 - Security Policy During and After the  
Cold War

Polit Sc 553/ H553 - Political Analysis of International  
Economic Relations

Polit Sc 554 - Comparative Political Economy

Polit Sc 555 - Soviet and Post-Soviet Foreign Policy

Polit Sc 556 - Global Governance

Polit Sc 579 - Domestic Politics and International Conflict

Polit Sc 597.01 - Interdependence and Nationalism in  
World Politics

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Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 25

Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 5

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The minor in political science consists of 25 credit hours intended to accommodate the interests and the needs of students from a variety of areas who want to develop a coherent educational program from the courses offered. Students are expected to organize their program to develop a focus on a particular aspect of the political world.

Students must meet with an advisor in the Political Science Department to develop their minor program. After an adviser in the Department of Political Science has approved the Minor Program Form, you must file the form with your college or school counselor. For further information about the minor program, contact the Department of Political Science.

All of the 25 credit hours required must be taken at the 200-level or above; 15 hours must be at the 500-level or above. A maximum of five hours of courses graded S/U may be applied to the minor. No more than five hours of transfer credit may apply.

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