

Political Science

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Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science in Political Science

All School of Continuing & Professional Studies undergraduate students must satisfy the same general-education requirements.

Required: 30 units minimum

To major in political science, students must complete a minimum of 30 units of political science course work, including at least 6 units of introductory course work and the course U25 PolSci 323 Introduction to Quantitative Methods. Of the remaining 21 units of elective course work in political science, at least 18 units must be at the 300 or 400 level. The 18 advanced units for the major must include at least one 3-unit course from three of the following five fields:

- American politics
- Comparative politics
- International politics
- Political and social theory
- Methods of political research and analysis

The department encourages students to explore a wide variety of courses in political science. A student's program should be planned in close consultation with an academic advisor.

The Minor in Political Science

Required: 15 units

15 units of course work in political science, including at least 9 units of advanced-level courses, are required.

This program is offered either mostly or fully online. Students entering the U.S. on an F-1 or J-1 Visa must enroll in a program full time. F-1 students are only permitted to enroll in one online course per semester and J-1 students may only enroll in non-credit online courses that do not count toward their degree program. The School of Continuing & Professional Studies (CAPS) cannot guarantee face-to-face enrollment options each semester of full time enrollment, therefore cannot issue an I-20 or DS 2019 to F-1 and J-1 students for this program. If you are an F-1 or J-1 student and wish to enroll in a CAPS program while here on a Visa, please contact our recruitment team to discuss your options for face-to-face program enrollment. F-1 and J-1 students should not enroll in online courses or programs without first consulting the university's Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS).