Department of Political Science
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Note: Students who wish to become a Political Science major or minor must submit a Major/Minor Declaration Form online. The link to both forms are available on the political science website: polisci.uoregon.edu

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
1. A minimum of 48 credits in undergraduate political science courses; of these, a minimum of 32 credits must be upper division
2. The 48 credits that satisfy major requirements must be taken for letter grades and passed with C- or better with the exception that one course (as many as 4 credits) may be taken pass/no pass (P/N). Courses such as Thesis (PS 403) and Honors Thesis Prospectus (PS 411) are offered pass/no pass only and may be applied to the 48 credits. Credits earned in Practicum (PS 409) may not be applied to the major
3. No more than a total of 16 credits in Research (PS 401), Thesis (PS 403), Reading and Conference (PS 405), Field Studies (PS 406), Workshop (PS 408), Honors Thesis Prospectus (PS 411), and Overseas Studies: Internship (OINT 488) may be applied toward the 48-credit requirement. These courses do not fulfill a subfield requirement. OINT 488 is subject to preapproval by the political science department.
4. No more than 10 credits of Field Studies (PS 406) or Overseas Studies: Internship (OINT 488) may be applied toward the 48 credits. This work must be done under the direction of a faculty member who, prior to registration, must approve and set up academic criteria to evaluate the work. Credit for Field Studies (PS 406) or Overseas Studies: Internship (OINT 488) must be earned at the University of Oregon.
5. Work completed in Special Studies (PS 199 or 399), Seminars (PS 407), or Experimental Courses (PS 410) may be included in the 48-credit requirement and counted toward a subfield requirement.
6. Students must take one 200-level course in each of three subfields (United States politics, international relations, and comparative politics) and one 200-400-level course in the political theory subfield. Students must also take one additional 300-400-level course in three of the four subfields listed above. A minimum of two 400-level courses are required. A complete list of courses and their assigned subfields is available on the department website. Course subfields are also indicated by notes in the class schedule.
7. Students must take one 300-400-level course designated as "writing intensive." A list of courses designated as "writing intensive" is available on the department website and indicated by a note in the class schedule.

Freshmen and Transfer Students
There are no departmental requirements for entering freshmen. Students planning to transfer to the university from two-year colleges should take the basic introductory political science courses offered at those institutions. At least 20 credits in upper-division graded political science courses must be completed in residence at the University of Oregon to qualify for a B.A. or B.S. degree in political science. Transfer students must meet the subfield distribution requirement.

Second Bachelor's Degree or Second Major
Students who want to earn a second bachelor's degree or a second or double major in political science must complete 48 credits in political science, as outlined above under Major Requirements. Students who are considering a second bachelor's degree and have prior political science credits, should consult with the undergraduate advisor, as some prior political science credits may not be applicable to a second bachelor's degree.

Honors in Political Science
To graduate with honors in political science, a student must (1) maintain a 3.7 GPA in the major as well as a 3.5 cumulative (UO and transfer) GPA through the winter term prior to graduation (requests for exceptions may be made to the department head), (2) take Honors Thesis Prospectus (PS 411) during fall term of the academic year in which the thesis is completed, and (3) register for 4 credits in Thesis (PS 403). The thesis must be completed at least one term before the term of graduation. An honors committee reviews the student's performance on the thesis and on courses taken during the senior year before making a final decision about granting the honors distinction.

MINOR REQUIREMENTS
The minor in political science requires 24 credits including 16 upper-division credits. These 24 credits must be taken for letter grade and passed with grades of C- or better. Only 6 of these credits may be in Research (PS 401), Reading and Conference (PS 405), and Workshop (PS 408). As many as 8 credits may be transferred from another institution. Thesis (PS 403), Field Studies (PS 406), Practicum (PS 409), Honors Thesis Prospectus (PS 411), and Overseas Studies: Internship (OINT 488) do not count toward the minor. The minor in Political Science does not have a subfield requirement.
Useful information for the Political Science Major

Welcome to the Political Science Major! Below you will find some general information that will help you throughout your academic career at the University of Oregon as a PS Major.

Good luck and enjoy your time here!

Our Website is a Must!
Please visit our website at for lots of helpful information including the following:

- Subfield course list
- Department directory: contact information and office hours for Political Science Faculty, Graduate Teaching Fellows, and Staff
- Course syllabi: current and archived syllabi
- Political Science forms
- Faculty profiles
- Commencement information

How does the department communicate important announcements, events, opportunities, and general information?

- **Email**: messages that arrive in your uoregon.edu inbox are important. Do not disregard as you may miss out on deadline notices, degree progress reports, and special events.
- **Facebook**: many events, opportunities, drawings, faculty publications, internships, and UO happenings are posted on our Facebook page.
- **Blackboard**: information about graduate school, scholarships, and opportunities pertaining to your degree are announced via *The Vorpal Sword* on Blackboard.
- **Website**: [http://polisci.uoregon.edu](http://polisci.uoregon.edu) has the department directory, office hours, forms, course syllabi, links to declaration forms, scholarships, and much more. It is a great resource.

Peer Advising
Peer advising is one of the services our department offers to our undergrads, and is available all term during the academic year. The Peer Advisors are other PS majors who offer a low-key, friendly venue to get most of your basic degree questions answered. The peer advising office is located in PLC 907. Peer Advising hours are posted on the door.
The Peer Advisors can also be reached by email at pspeers@uoregon.edu.

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