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), Internship (PS 404), 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 8 credits of Internship (PS 404) 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 Internship (PS 404) 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 100–200 level course in each of three subfields (United States Politics, International Relations, and Comparative Politics) and one 100-400 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. Course subfields are indicated by notes in the class schedule.

7. Students must take one 300-400 level course designated as "writing intensive." All courses designated as "writing intensive" are indicated by a note in the class schedule.

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), Internships (PS 404), 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.

Requirements as of Fall 2017
Useful Information for the Political Science Major

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
Junior and Senior standing Political Science majors with a major GPA of 3.7 and a cumulative UO GPA of 3.5 are eligible to participate in the department’s Honors Program. The Honors Thesis is a year long research project based within any specific area of Political Science that interests the student. Find more information at polisci.uoregon.edu/undergraduates/honors-program.

Peer Advising
Peer Advisors are Poli Sci majors who offer a low-key venue to get most of your basic degree questions answered. The peer advising office is located in PLC 907. Peer advising is available during the academic year; drop-in office hours are posted on the door. The Peer Advisors can also be reached by email at pspeers@uoregon.edu.

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