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B.A. in Political Science **Description**

Political science is the study of political institutions and political behavior at the local, state, national, and international levels. Students of political science will develop critical thinking, writing, and oral communication skills essential to effective citizenship, as well as many careers.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

General Education Requirements

See the 'General Education/Core Curriculum' for the College of Liberal Arts.

Course Requirements

A major in political science for the B.A. degree consists of 33 semester hours chosen from the subfields of American government and politics, comparative government and politics, international relations, and political analysis, including Pol 101, 102, 103, and 251.

Students may choose from the following optional emphasis areas by completing at least four courses from an emphasis area. At the discretion of the department chair or undergraduate academic adviser, Study Abroad (Pol 380), Internships (Pol 389), Senior Seminars (Pol 401, Pol 421, Pol 431), and Special Topics (Pol 398) courses can count toward an emphasis area if the content is appropriate to the emphasis.

Campaigns and Elections

- Pol 308. Voting and Political Participation
- Pol 309. Public Opinion and Political Psychology
- Pol 310. Political Parties and Interest Groups
- Pol 311. Political Communication
- Pol 391. Applied Politics

International Conflict and Cooperation

- Pol 331. International Organization
- Pol 332. Ethnic Conflict and International Terror
- Pol 335. Intl. Politics of Nuclear Weapons
- Pol 334. Politics of World Economy
- Pol 339. International Conflict
- Pol 363. War in World Politics

Politics of Developing Countries

- Pol 321. Politics of Latin America
- Pol 324. Politics of China
- Pol 329. Transitions to Democracy
- Pol 336. Political Economy of International Development
- Pol 337. Asia in World Affairs
- Pol 342. Politics of Mexico and Central America
- Pol 349. Middle East Politics
- Pol 387. Political Economy of East Asia

Law and Courts

- Pol 300. Judicial Process
- Pol 304. American Legislative Process
- Pol 305. Judicial Behavior
- Pol 306. Constitutional Law I
- Pol 307. Constitutional Law II

Other Academic Requirements

At least 18 hours must be in non-Z-graded courses at the 300 level or above. Grades lower than C in political science courses will not be counted toward the political science major or minor.

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The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

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General Education

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
First Year Writing I	3	Complete Hon 101 , Writ 100 or Writ 101 with a passing grade.
First Year Writing II	3	Complete one of the following courses with a passing grade: Liba 102 , Writ 102 or Hon 102 .
6 hrs literature survey	6	Complete 6 hours of literature survey with a passing grade. Choose from the following courses: Eng 220 , 221 , 222 , 223 , 224 , 225 , or Eng 226 .
6 hrs modern/ancient language 200+	6	Successfully complete at least 6 hours at the 200 level or above in one modern or ancient language.
6 hrs history	6	Complete 6 hours in History (HST) course work with a passing grade.
3 hrs humanities	3	African American studies; classical civilization; environmental studies 101, gender studies (G St 201 , 301 , 333 , 350); Liba 202 , 305 , 312 ; philosophy; religion; Southern studies (S St 101 , 102). In addition, gender studies courses that are cross-listed with African American studies, classical civilization, English, modern languages, philosophy, or religion courses will satisfy this requirement.
6 hrs social science	6	Successfully complete 6 semester hours in anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, or sociology.
3 hrs fine arts	3	Complete 3 hours in the area of fine or performing arts. Choose from art history, music, dance, and theatre arts. Studio and workshop courses cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Acceptable freshman or sophomore-level courses are: AH 101 , AH 102 , AH 201 , AH 202 ; Music 101, Music 102, Music 103, Music 104, Music 105; Dance 200; and Theatre 201.
3 hrs math 100+	3	Successfully complete 3 hours of Math at the 100 level or above except for Math 245 and Math 246 .
9-12 hrs science	9	Complete a full year of science course work in one subject area (6-8 hrs) and complete 3 credit hours in a subject area from another department. Courses may be chosen from the departments of Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Geology and Geological Engineering, or Physics and Astronomy. Note that a student taking the required 6 hours of one subject (astronomy or physics) from the Department of Physics and Astronomy must take the remaining 3 hours from another department.
2 associated science labs	2	Successfully complete at least two science laboratory courses.
Astr & Phys Can't be used together		

Major Requirements

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Pol 101	3	Pol 101: Introduction to American Politics
Pol 102	3	Pol 102: Govt and Business , Pol 102: Introduction to Comparative Politics
Pol 103	3	Pol 103: Introduction to International Relations
Pol 251	3	Pol 251: Intro to Political Science Methods
Add'l 3 hrs political science	3	Complete an additional 3 hrs of Political Science with a grade of C or better and non-Z-graded.
18 hrs 300+ level	18	Complete 18 hrs of Political Science courses at the 300+ level with a grade of C or better. Courses must be non-Z-graded.
Overall Major GPA		Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements.
Resident Major GPA		Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements.
Pol residency hrs	12	Student must earn at least 12 hours of their major courses in residence.

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REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
12 Hrs Law & Courts	12	Complete 12 hours of Political Science chosen from Pol 300 , 304 , 305 , 306 , or Pol 307 with a grade of C or better.

