POLITICAL SCIENCE (BS)

Description

The B.S. in Political Science is a more technical and quantitative degree than the B.A. in Political Science. While both degrees provide strong grounding in core knowledge, the B.S. degree will prepare students for more empirically demanding areas of employment in fields such as business, big data, marketing, campaign work, and sectors of law

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

Degree Requirements

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.

General Education

Code	Title	Hours
Select one of the following First Year Writing I courses:		3
WRIT 1000	Introduction to College Writing	
or WRIT 1010	First-Year Writing I	
Select one of the following First Year Writing II courses:		3
WRIT 1020	First-Year Writing II	
or LIBA 1020	First Year Seminar	
Select six hours of literature survey courses from the following:		6
ENGL 2220	Survey in Literary History	
ENGL 2221	Survey of World Literature to 1650	
ENGL 2222	Survey of World Literature since 1650	
ENGL 2223	Survey of American Lit to the Civil War	
ENGL 2224	Survey of American Lit since Civil War	
ENGL 2225	Survey of British Lit to 18th Century	
ENGL 2226	Survey of Brit Lit since Romantic Period	
Select 12 hours of Social Sciences and Humanities from the following:		12
At least six hours must be chosen from among the social sciences, which consist of anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, and sociology.		
African American Studies		
American Sign Language		
Classical Civilization		
ENVS 1010	Humanities and the Environment	
Gender Studies		
Greek		
History		
LIBA 2020	Interdisciplinary Humanities	
LIBA 2030	Interdisciplinary Social Sciences	
LIBA 3050	Humanities and the Experience of War	
LIBA 3120	Advanced Interdisciplinary Humanities	
LIBA 3130	Advanced Interdisc Social Science	
Philosophy		
Political Science		
Psychology		
Religious Studies		
Southern Studies (Any 1000 level)		
Any Speech, Rhetoric, or Writing course at the 2000 level or higher		
Sociology		
Southern Studies		
Any of the languages offered by the Dept. of Modern Languages		
Select three hours of fine arts courses from the following:		3
Art History		
DANC 2000	Dance Appreciation	
MUSC 1010	Introduction to Music Literature	
MUSC 1020	Fundamentals of Music Theory	
MUSC 1030	Introduction to Music	
MUSC 1040	Introduction to World Music Cultures	
MUSC 1050	Music Theory and Analysis I	
THEA 2010	Appreciation of the Theatre	
THEA 2020	Introduction to Cinema	
LIBA 1300	Introduction to the Fine Arts	
LIBA 2040	Interdisciplinary Arts	
LIBA 3140	Advanced Interdisciplinary Arts	
Select 6-8 hours of natural science. Majors for the B.S. degree must have 2 courses of laboratory science.		6-8
Any Math course at the 1000 level or above except for MATH 2451 and MATH 2452		3
		18
18 hours required; choose from courses listed beside the major. Anthropology - biology, computer science, English, economics, chemistry, geology, history, mathematics, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology Biology - anthropology, chemistry, CLSC 2010 Medical Terminology in Greek and Latin, geology, mathematics, physics, psychology Chemistry - mathematics, physics Economics - math (may include MATH 2611 Unified Calculus & Analytic Geometry I, MATH 2612 Unified Calculus & Analytic Geometry II, and MATH 3750 Introduction to Statistics I, but not MATH 2511 Calculus for Business, Econ., & Accy. I, MATH 2512 Calculus for Business, Econ., & Accy. II), finance, political science, computer science Forensic Chemistry - biology, mathematics, pharmacology, physics; up to 6 hours of pharmacology courses Mathematics - astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, economics, geology, physics Physics - mathematics Political Science - computer science, economics, mathematics, sociology, psychology Psychology - biology, computer science, economics, mathematics, philosophy, sociology Sociology - anthropology, computer science, English, economics, history, mathematics, philosophy, political science, psychology		
Total Hours		**54-56**

Course Requirements

The B.S. in Political Science will require 42 hours of course work, including:

Code	Title	Hours
POLS 1010	Introduction to American Politics	3
POLS 1020	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 1030	Introduction to International Relations	3
POLS 2600	Intro to Political Science Methods	3
POLS 3600	Quantitative Methods in Pol Sci	3
Additional Political Science hours		27
Total Hours		**42**

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, POLS 3702 Topics in Political Science Abroad, POLS 3800 Internship in Government, Senior Seminars (POLS 4100 Senior Seminar in American Politics, POLS 4300 Senior Seminar in Comparative Politics, POLS 4500 Senior Seminar in International Politics), and POLS 3999A Special Topics in Political Science courses can count toward an emphasis area if the content is appropriate to the emphasis.

Specializations

Emphasis - Campaigns and Elections

Code	Title	Hours
Select 12 hours of the following:		12
POLS 3106	Voting and Political Participation	
POLS 3107	Public Opinion and Political Psychology	
POLS 3108	Political Parties and Interest Groups	
POLS 3109	Political Communication	
POLS 3119	Applied Politics	
POLS 3323	Political Parties in a Global Perspective	
Total Hours		**12**

Emphasis - International Conflict and Cooperation

Code	Title	Hours
Select 12 hours of the following:		12
POLS 3500	International Organization	
POLS 3501	Ethnic Conflict and International Terror	
POLS 3502	Politics of the World Economy	
POLS 3503	Intl. Politics of Nuclear Weapons	
POLS 3507	International Conflict	
POLS 3508	War in World Politics	
Total Hours		**12**

Emphasis - Politics of Developing Countries

Code	Title	Hours
Select 12 hours of the following:		12
POLS 3300	Politics of Latin America	
POLS 3302	Politics of China	
POLS 3304	Transitions to Democracy	
POLS 3305	Asia in World Affairs	
POLS 3308	Politics of Mexico and Central America	
POLS 3311	Middle East Politics	
POLS 3320	Political Economy of East Asia	
POLS 3504	Political Economy of Int'l Dev	
Total Hours		**12**

Emphasis - Law and Courts

Code	Title	Hours
Select 12 hours of the following:		12
POLS 3100	American Legislative Process	
POLS 3102	Judicial Process	
POLS 3103	Judicial Behavior	
POLS 3104	Const Law I: Supreme Court & Const.	
POLS 3105	Const Law II: Civil Lib & Civil Rights	
POLS 3117	African American Legal Experience	
POLS 3480	Rule of Law in a Global Perspective	
Total Hours		**12**

Other Academic Requirements

Students must also complete a MATH course at the 1000 level or above except for MATH 2451 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I and MATH 2452 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II. At least 21 hours must be in non-Z-graded courses at the 3000 level or above. Grades lower than C in political science courses will not be counted toward the political science major or minor.