

POLITICAL SCIENCE, MINOR

To earn a minor in political science at Saint Louis University, students complete six courses with 18 credits of coursework.

In the general minor, students take three courses in each of the four major subfields of political science (American politics, comparative politics, international relations and political thought) for a total of nine credits. Students also take three political science electives for an additional nine credits of coursework.

In the specialized minor, students take three courses from just one of the subfields, as well as nine credits of political science electives.

No more than six credits of transfer credit and no more than three credits of internship can count toward the minor.

Requirements

Students can choose between a general or a specialized minor. No one class can fulfill more than one requirement within the minors.

General Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course from three of the four subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Thought.		
American Politics subfield (classes in the range POLS 1100-1399, 2100-2399, 2820, 3100-3399, 4100-4399) (p. 1)		
Comparative Politics subfield (classes in the range POLS 1500-1599, 2500-2599, 3500-3599, 3810, 4500-4599) (p. 1)		
International Relations subfield (classes in the range POLS 1600, 2600-2699, 2820, 3600-3699, 4600-4699, 3810) (p. 2)		
Political Thought subfield (classes 1700-1799, 2700-2799, 3700-3799, 4700-4799) (p. 2)		
Select three Political Science electives in any subfield.		9
Total Credits		18

Specialized Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Select three courses from a single subfield: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, or Political Thought.		
American Politics subfield (classes in the range POLS 1100-1399, 2100-2399, 2820, 3100-3399, 4100-4399) (p. 1)		
Comparative Politics subfield (classes in the range POLS 1500-1599, 2500-2599, 3500-3599, 3810, 4500-4599) (p. 1)		
International Relations subfield (classes in the range POLS 1600, 2600-2699, 2820, 3600-3699, 4600-4699, 3810) (p. 2)		
Political Thought subfield (classes 1700-1799, 2700-2799, 3700-3799, 4700-4799) (p. 2)		
Select three Political Science electives in any subfield.		9
Total Credits		18

American Politics Courses

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1100	Introduction to American Government	
POLS 1105		
POLS 1150	American Political Systems	
POLS 1300	Introduction to Law	

POLS 2100	The American Constitution
POLS 2140	The American Presidency
POLS 2150	Race and Politics
POLS 2160	Campaigns and Elections
POLS 2200	State and Local Politics
POLS 2220	Urban Politics
POLS 2300	Public Administration
POLS 2350	Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll: Morality Politics in the United States
POLS 2820	American Foreign Policy
POLS 3100	Judicial Politics
POLS 3110	American Political Movements
POLS 3130	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
POLS 3140	Public Opinion and Mass Communication
POLS 3150	American Presidential Elections
POLS 3250	American Politics and Film
POLS 3300	U.S. Public Policy
POLS 3330	Metropolitan Environment
POLS 3340	Foundations of Law
POLS 3350	Church and State
POLS 4120	Civil Rights: A Moot Court Seminar
POLS 4126	Sexuality and the Law
POLS 4131	Race, Class, and Punishment
POLS 4140	Political Parties
POLS 4150	Gender and Politics
POLS 4170	Electoral Politics
POLS 4171	Law, Policy, Society
POLS 4300	Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy
POLS 4325	Public Sector Budgeting
POLS 4340	Issues in Public Policy
POLS 4360	Urban Economic Development

Comparative Politics Courses

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1500	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
POLS 1510	Politics of the Developing World	
POLS 1540	Blood and Money: Ethnic War	
POLS 2510	European Politics	
POLS 2520	Introduction to African Politics	
POLS 2530	Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics	
POLS 2550	Political Systems of the Sub-Sahara	
POLS 2560	The Politics of Asia	
POLS 2570	Introduction to Latin American Politics	
POLS 2590	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	
POLS 3500	East Asian Political Economy	
POLS 3520	Communism, Capitalism and Social Justice	
POLS 3567	Political Development in Contemporary Spain	
POLS 3810	Latin American-U.S. Relations	
POLS 4500	Russian Political Culture	
POLS 4520	Political Change	

POLS 4530	Authoritarian Politics: Rigging Elections and Clinging to Power
POLS 4590	Crisis of Leadership

International Relations Courses

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1600	Introduction to International Politics	
POLS 2600	Introduction to International Political Economy	
POLS 2640	International Terrorism	
POLS 2691	Theory and Practice of Human Rights	
POLS 2820	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 3600	Problems of Globalization	
POLS 3620	International Organization and the Management of World Problems	
POLS 3630	International Security and Conflict Resolution	
POLS 3640	International Law	
POLS 3650	International Relations of Africa	
POLS 3810	Latin American-U.S. Relations	
POLS 4610	International Relations: Theory and Practice	
POLS 4630	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	
POLS 4650	War, Peace, and Politics	
POLS 4662	International Challenges	
POLS 4692	Theories of World Politics	

Political Thought Courses

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1700	Foundations of Political Theory	
POLS 2700	Fundamental Issues in Political Philosophy	
POLS 2710	Theories of Justice	
POLS 2720	American Anomaly: American Political Institutions in Comparative Perspective	
POLS 3710	Ancient and Medieval Classics in Political Thought	
POLS 3720	Renaissance and Modern Political Theories	
POLS 3740	Capitalism, Racism, Patriarchy: Theorizing Structural Power	
POLS 3750	The Modern Democratic State	
POLS 3760	The Politics of Pope Francis	
POLS 3770	Feminist Theory: Gender Justice	
POLS 4710	Citizenship and Social Difference	
POLS 4730	Seminar: Contemporary Political Ideologies	
POLS 4740	Marx's CAPITAL	
POLS 4750	American Political Thought	

Continuation Standards

Students in the political science minor must maintain a 2.00 grade point average (GPA) in political science coursework.

Madrid

Students can complete all or part of the political science minor at SLU's campus in Madrid.

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