

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

To obtain a B.S. with a major in Political Science, a student must fulfill university, college, and departmental requirements. Hour requirements follow:

- 46 hours of University General Education courses
- 12-19 hours college breadth requirement
- 51 hours of major courses
- 4-11 hours of electives

TOTAL HOURS: 120

Requirements

The major consists of a minimum of 36 credit hours in political science. At least 18 hours of political science courses must be taken at the 3000 and 4000 levels.

Code	Title	Credits
PSCI 1100	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT	3
PSCI 2000	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL INQUIRY AND WRITING	3
PSCI 2210	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	3
PSCI 2310	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THOUGHT	3
PSCI 2500	INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS	3
PSCI 3000	QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	3
PSCI 4950	SENIOR ASSESSMENT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	0
Electives		
Remaining hours in political science shall be elected by students in accordance with their interests.		18
Cognate Courses		
Select a minimum of 15 credit hours of cognate course work in other disciplines.		15
Total Credits		51

Cognate Courses

A minimum of 15 credit hours of cognate course work in other disciplines must also be taken to support the student's work in the major. This requirement is the same as that of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Students should consult with departmental advisers and the department chair to determine which courses are suitable for inclusion in the cognate. Students should be aware that some courses require pre-requisites. In addition, no more than six hours of courses at the 1000 level nor courses used to satisfy general education requirements will be credited as cognate course work.

Optional Concentrations

The Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees are available with or without a concentration. If students choose, a concentration may be pursued in government affairs and civic engagement, foreign and national security affairs, law and the courts, political thought, or race, ethnicity and gender politics.

Concentration in Government Affairs and Civic Engagement

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credit hours from the following:		
PSCI 2110	INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC POLICY	12
PSCI 2120	INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP	
PSCI 3010	URBAN POLITICS	
PSCI 3040	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF NEBRASKA	
PSCI 3050	STATE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	
PSCI 3160	POLITICAL PARTIES	
PSCI 3170	INTEREST GROUPS	
PSCI 3180	CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS	
PSCI 4030	THE PRESIDENCY	
PSCI 4040	CONGRESS AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS	
PSCI 4050	THE JUDICIAL PROCESS	
PSCI/PSYC 4110	POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSCI 4120	PUBLIC OPINION AND POLLING	
PSCI 4910	POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP	
Total Credits		12

Concentration in Foreign and National Security Affairs

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credit hours from the following:		
BLST/PSCI 2130	AFRICAN POLITICS	
PSCI 3220	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	
PSCI/WGST 3230	GENDER AND GLOBAL POLITICS	
PSCI 3240	THE POLITICS AND PRACTICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS	
PSCI 3260	UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY	
PSCI 3500	EUROPEAN POLITICS	
PSCI 3580	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF RUSSIA AND THE POST-SOVIET STATES	
PSCI 3640	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF CHINA AND EAST ASIA	
PSCI/LLS 3680	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA	
PSCI 3700	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST	
PSCI 4200	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF EAST ASIA	
PSCI 4210	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST	
PSCI 4240	INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION	
PSCI 4250	INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY	
PSCI 4260	INTERNATIONAL LAW	
PSCI/ENVN 4270	GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS	
PSCI/LLS 4280	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA	
PSCI 4290	INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SUSTAINABILITY	
PSCI 4350	DEMOCRACY	
PSCI 4360	AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES	
PSCI 4500	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF GREAT BRITAIN	

PSCI 4520	POLITICS OF FRANCE	
PSCI 4550	POLITICAL VIOLENCE, INSURGENCY, AND TERRORISM	
PSCI 4620	ISLAM AND POLITICS	
PSCI 4710	COMPARATIVE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION	
Total concentration credits		12

Concentration in Law and the Courts

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credit hours from the following: 12		
PSCI 2180	INTRODUCTION TO LAW	
BLST/PSCI 3410	LAW AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY	
PSCI 4050	THE JUDICIAL PROCESS	
PSCI 4140	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL RIGHTS	
PSCI 4150	LAW AND THE COURTS: MOCK TRIAL	
PSCI 4160	LAW AND THE COURTS: MOCK TRIAL PRACTICUM	
PSCI 4170	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: FOUNDATIONS	
PSCI 4180	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: THE FEDERAL SYSTEM	
PSCI 4190	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL LIBERTIES	
PSCI 4260	INTERNATIONAL LAW	
PSCI 4910	POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP	
Total Credits		12

Concentration in Race, Ethnicity and Gender Politics

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credit hours from the following: 12		
BLST/PSCI 2130	AFRICAN POLITICS	
PSCI/WGST 3100	LGBT POLITICS	
PSCI/BLST 3120	THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN POLITICS	
PSCI/WGST 3130	WOMEN AND POLITICS	
PSCI/LLS 3140	LATINO/-A POLITICS	
PSCI 3150	ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS AND THE NEW MINORITY POLITICS	
PSCI/WGST 3230	GENDER AND GLOBAL POLITICS	
BLST/PSCI 3410	LAW AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY	
Total Credits		12

Concentration in Political Thought

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credit hours from the following: 12		
PSCI 3340	AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSCI 4310	CLASSICAL POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSCI 4320	EARLY MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSCI 4330	LATE MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
PSCI 4340	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT	
Total Credits		12

Freshman

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 1150	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (*)	3
PSCI 1100	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT (**)	3

MATH 1220	COLLEGE ALGEBRA (***)	3
or MATH 1120	or INTRODUCTION TO	
or MATH 1130	MATHEMATICAL AND	
or STAT 1100	COMPUTATIONAL THINKING	
or STAT 1530	or QUANTITATIVE LITERACY	
	or DATA LITERACY AND	
	VISUALIZATION	
	or ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	

Humanities/Fine Arts		3
PSCI 2210	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (#)	3
*ENGL 1150: requires placement via EPPE or AP		
**PSCI 1100: counts as a Social Science and U.S. Diversity requirement, as well as major requirement.		
***MATH 1220 and STAT 1530: require placement.		
#PSCI 2210: counts as a Social Science and Global Diversity requirement, as well as major requirement.		

Credits		15
Spring		
ENGL 1160	ENGLISH COMPOSITION II	3
CMST 1110	PUBLIC SPEAKING FUNDS	3
PSCI 2310	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THOUGHT (*)	3
Natural/Physical Science w/ Lab		4
Humanities/Fine Arts		3
*PSCI 2310: counts as a Humanities/Fine Arts course and major requirement.		
Credits		16

Sophomore

Credits		15
Fall		
PSCI 2000	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL INQUIRY AND WRITING (*)	3
PSCI 2500	INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS	3
Natural/Physical Science without lab**		3
Non-PSCI Social Science		3
HIST 1000 or Minor/2nd Major Course***		3
*PSCI 2000: requires PSCI 1100 or PSCI 1000. ENGL 1150 required and ENGL 1160 strongly recommended. This course also counts for the Writing in the Discipline requirement.		
**NPS must come from 2nd discipline.		
***A&S College Requirement Options.		

Credits		15
Spring		
PSCI 3000	QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (*)	3
PSCI-3000/4000 Level Elective		3
HIST 1010 or Minor/2nd Major Course**		3
Cognate Course		3
PSCI-1000-4000 Level Elective***		3
*PSCI 3000: requires MATH 1120, MATH 1130, STAT 1530, MATH 1220 or permission of the department.		
**A&S College Requirement Options.		
***PSCI major requires 36 credits of PSCI, with a minimum of 18 credits at the 3000/4000 level.		

Credits		15
Junior		
Fall		
PSCI-3000/4000 Level Elective		3
PSCI-3000/4000 Level Elective		3

Additional Social Science for A&S or Minor/2nd Major Course*	3
Cognate Course	3
Elective	3
*A&S College Requirement Options. Additional SS must be from 3rd discipline.	

**Transfer credit or placement exam scores may change suggested plan of study

Credits 15

Spring

PSCI-3000/4000 Level Elective	3
Cognate Course	3
Additional Natural/Physical Science Course with Lab for A&S or Minor/2nd Major Course*	3-4
Elective	3
Elective	3
*A&S College Requirement Options.	

Credits 15-16

Senior

Fall

PSCI-3000/4000 Level Elective	3
Additional Humanities/Fine Arts Course for A&S or Minor/2nd Major Course*	3
Cognate Course	3
Elective/Minor/2nd Major Course	3
Elective/Minor/2nd Major Course	3
*A&S College Requirement Options. Additional HFA must be in a 3rd discipline.	

Credits 15

Spring

Cognate Course	3
Elective/Minor/2nd Major Course	3
Elective/Minor/2nd Major Course	3
Elective/Minor/2nd Major Course	3
Elective/Minor/2nd Major Course	1-2
PSCI 4950	0
SENIOR ASSESSMENT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	

NOTE: *Students need a minimum of 120 total credits with no less than 27 upper level credits throughout the entire degree. Students may need to select 3000/4000 level free electives, cognate courses, or may earn minors or second majors to reach these specific minimums.

Credits 13-14

Total Credits 119-121

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult an advisor in your major program for further guidance.

This plan is not a contract and curriculum is subject to change

Additional Information About this Plan:

University Degree Requirements: The minimum number of hours for a UNO undergraduate degree is 120 credit hours. Please review the requirements for your specific program to determine all requirements for the program. In order to graduate on-time (four years for an undergraduate degree), you need to take 30 hours each year.

Placement Exams: For Math, English, Foreign Language, a placement exam may be required. More information on these exams can be found at <https://www.unomaha.edu/enrollment-management/testing-center/placement-exams/information.php>