

The Minor in Political Science

The minor in political science is a structured program of study that exposes students to the discipline through coursework in two of four major subfields: American politics, comparative politics, political theory, and world politics (sometimes referred to as international relations). The minor consists of two prerequisite courses and five upper level courses (a minimum of 15 upper level credits). All coursework is concentrated in two subfields elected by the student.

The Prerequisite

Prerequisite coursework serves as a broad introduction to the discipline and its subfields. Students prepare for advanced study by completing two of the following introductory courses:

- POLSCI 101: Introduction to Political Theory
- POLSCI 111: Introduction to American Politics
- POLSCI 140: Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POLSCI 160: Introduction to World Politics

A student must complete the prerequisite courses before declaring the minor. To declare, students should make an appointment with an advisor at www.lsa.umich.edu/polisci. Credits from prerequisite coursework are not included in the 15 upper level credits required for the minor.

Upper Level Credit Courses in Two Subfields

In addition to the prerequisite courses, a student must complete five POLSCI courses at the 300 level or above with a minimum of 15 credit hours. These courses must be in the same two subfields as the prerequisite courses. At least one of these courses must be in each of the chosen subfields. In other words, a student cannot take all five of the upper level courses in just one subfield. (POLSCI 391 can be counted toward any subfield in the minor.) At least three of the five upper level courses must be taken in residence on the Ann Arbor campus. Only three credits of EXPERIENTIAL and INDEPENDENT STUDY credit may be included in the minor.

The Minor Checklist

Prerequisite courses

Students must take two introductory courses before declaring the minor.

- POLSCI 101 POLSCI 111 POLSCI 140 POLSCI 160

Upper Level Coursework

Excluding the prerequisite courses, a student must complete a minimum of five POLSCI courses (minimum 15 credits) at 300 or 400 level. These courses must be in the same two subfields as the prerequisite courses.

	<i>course #</i>	<i>subfield</i>	<i>credits</i>	<i>total</i>
POLSCI	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Questions?

Email polsci-advisor@umich.edu for answers to quick advising questions. Visit our website at www.lsa.umich.edu/polisci to make an advising appointment to declare, get answers to more complex advising questions, or to review plan progress.