

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

The major in political science serves as preparation for:

1. graduate study in politics, government, and related fields, including area studies, public policy, and public administration;
2. law school;
3. careers in government and public affairs; and
4. work in the private and non-profit sectors that require knowledge of government and politics.

Requirements

Along with specific requirements for any major, all students in the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree programs must meet all general education (<https://catalog.wheaton.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-information/academic-requirements-general-education/>) and graduation requirements (<https://catalog.wheaton.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-information/academic-requirements-general-education/#text>) under a single catalog.

Requirements for the Political Science major are 34 hours of Political Science, Global Programs and Studies, and International Relations courses and 4 hours of Political Research or Statistics.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		22
PSCI 135	American Politics and Government	
PSCI 145	Political Philosophy	
IR 155	Comparative Politics	
or IR 175	International Politics	
PSCI 361	Political Research (or a department-approved equivalent)	
or MATH 263	Introduction to Statistics	
PSCI 494	Senior Seminar	
or IR 494	Senior Seminar	
PSCI 496	Internship	
Electives		16
Select 16 credits of PSCI, GPS, and/or IR courses at the 200-level and above, of which at least 8 credits must be taken in PSCI, GPS, and/or IR courses numbered 300-level or above. No more than 6 credits can come from GPS 319, GPS 323, GPS 331, or GPS 332.		
Total Credits		38