

Politics Major

TOTAL HOURS FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A POLITICS MAJOR

Students must complete a minimum of 36 hours of coursework as outlined below. Internships do not count toward the 36-hour minimum major requirements. Students who double major in history and politics may count two departmental cross-listed courses toward each major, and they only take the Capstone course once. Except with specific department permission, no more than three courses taken at any place other than Converse, including courses taken at Wofford, may count toward the minimum hours for the major. Students on approved study abroad programs (with prior authorization) and transfer students may request that the department grant a larger exemption.

The major requirements are as follows:

Program: Politics

Type: Bachelor of Arts, BA

Government

Item #	Title	Credits
POL 101	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT	3-4

Introductory Courses

Optional introductory courses

Item #	Title	Credits
POL 102	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	3-4
POL 125	FIRST YEAR SEMINAR IN POLITICS	3
POL 199	FRESHMAN HONORS SEMINAR	3
POL 299H	INTERDISCIPLINARY HONORS COURSE	3

National Affairs

Chooses two courses from the following (one must consist of the study of an institution):

Item #	Title	Credits
POL 301	THE AMERICAN CONGRESS	3
POL 308	SPECIAL STUDIES IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS	3
POL 311	THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY	3
POL 333	SOUTHERN POLITICS	3
POL 335	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	3
POL 350	ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL PARTIES	3
POL 441	RECENT UNITED STATES, 1945 TO THE PRESENT	3
POL 442	THE CIVIL RIGHTS ERA	3
POL 448	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	3

Political Theory

Choose two courses from the following (one of which must be POL 300, 310, or 312):

Item #	Title	Credits
POL 300	SCRIPTURE AND POLITICS	3
POL 310	ANCIENT, MEDIEVAL, AND RENAISSANCE POLITICAL THEORY	3
POL 312	EARLY MODERN AND MODERN POLITICAL THEORY	3
POL 316	AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	3
POL 317	GENDER AND POLITICS	3
POL 415	SELECTED TOPICS IN POLITICAL THOUGHT	3

Foreign Policy and International Relations/Comparative Government

Choose three with at least one from each of the two categories. Course descriptions include the category.

Foreign Affairs: POL 375, POL 405, POL 455

Comparative Government and Politics: POL 402, POL 409, POL 420, POL 465, POL 470

Item #	Title	Credits
POL 375	THE VIETNAM EXPERIENCE	3
POL 402	WOMEN'S LIVES IN ASIAN AND AFRICAN CULTURES	3
POL 405	STUDIES IN WORLD AFFAIRS	3
POL 409	POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN FILM	3
POL 420	MODERN RUSSIAN HISTORY AND POLITICS	3
POL 455	AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY	3
POL 465	COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	3
POL 470	ISLAMIC AND MIDDLE EAST POLITICS	3

Additional Electives

Item #	Title	Credits
POL 220	SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICS	3
POL 303	SOCIAL STATISTICS	4
POL 490	DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY IN SPECIAL TOPICS	3-4

Senior Seminar

Item #	Title	Credits
POL 480	SENIOR SEMINAR	3

Internships

Internships do NOT count toward the 36 minimum credits for the degree.

Item #	Title	Credits
POL 494	THE CONGRESSIONAL INTERNSHIP	3-6
POL 495	STATE LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP	3-6
POL 496	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIP	3-6
POL 498	COURT AND LAW OFFICE INTERNSHIP	3-6
Total credits:		36-37