

Major Requirements: Political Science

I. Core and Distribution Requirements

<u>Course</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Semester</u>
ENGL 101	_____	_____
ENGL 102	_____	_____
HISTORICAL THINKING (6 hours)		
111 OR 112	_____	_____

(101, 102, 103, 108, 104, 105, 106, 109; ARTH 107; FAMS 300; GERM 280)		
FOREIGN LANGUAGE (through 122)		
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SCIENTIFIC LITERACY (8 hours)		
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ANALYTICAL REASONING & PROBLEM SOLVING (6 hours)		
MATH 122, 141, 142, 170, 172, 174; PHIL 114, 115; CSCE 101, 102, 145; STAT 110 OR 112, 201, 205, 206; GEOG 105; ENVR 202		
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HUMANITIES & FINE ARTS (12 hours)		
3 hours approved AIU + 9 hours (3 additional courses)		
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SOCIAL SCIENCES (6 hours) – 3hours GSS + 3 hours additional social science		
POLI _____	_____	_____
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OVERLAY (9 hours – six hours may also be used to fulfill general education but <i>not</i> major or minor requirements) – see list: http://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/provost/academicpriorities/undergradstudies/carolinacore/courses/foundational-courses.php		
a. CMS; b. INF; c. VSR		
a. _____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____
c. _____	_____	_____
ELECTIVES		
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II. Major Requirements

<u>Course</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Semester</u>
Prerequisites		
POLI 1 _____	_____	_____
POLI 201 _____	_____	_____
General Major (required) - 9 POLI courses (27 hours) 300 level or higher. Working with their department advisor, students select 1 or 2 emphasis (interest) area(s) within the political science discipline, based on academic interest, future career and/or educational goals, etc. (eg, US national security, govt & politics of a particular world region, politics & law, elections & political parties, etc.); and course selection is based on the emphasis area(s). Emphasis area(s) and all major courses must be approved by dept. advisor. At least 1 course from three of the five political science fields (American politics, comparative politics, international relations, political theory, public administration – see list on the back of this sheet) must be included in the approved 27 hours.		
Emphasis/Interest Area(s):		
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BA with distinction (optional) – General Major plus POLI 301, 498 and 499.

Intensive Major (optional) – General Major plus six additional hours of POLI major course work, 499, and language certification.

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Certification of completion of language requirement

III. Cognate or Minor

_____ COGNATE	or	_____ MINOR (check one)
(12 hours)		(18 hours)
Name of minor: _____		
<u>Course</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Semester</u>
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DOUBLE MAJOR _____		
(Double major eliminates the cognate/minor requirement. NOTE: dual degree does not eliminate the cognate/minor requirement.)		

POLI COURSES BY POLITICAL SCIENCE FIELD

Political Theory: 300, 302, 303, 304, 307, 400, 401, 402, 404, 503, 504, 505

Public Administration: 370, 371, 373, 374, 431, 478, 553, 571, 573, 670

American Politics: 305, 350, 352, 353, 357, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 368, 406, 450, 451, 452, 454, 462, 463, 470, 476, 477, 554, 567, 569, 570

Comparative Politics: 316, 380, 381, 383, 416, 448, 480, 481, 483, 487, 488, 489

International Relations: 315, 330, 336, 340, 341, 342, 417, 420, 421, 430, 432, 433, 437, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 449

NOTE: POLI 391 courses are topics courses, and field placement depends on course content.

OPTIONS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS

1. **General major** - 27 hours, completed according to requirements listed on the front of this sheet.
2. **BA with distinction** – General major, plus 301, 498, and 499. This option is for students who wish to participate in significant research activities in collaboration with, or under the supervision of, a faculty mentor. Prerequisite: 3.6 minimum GPA in major courses and a minimum overall GPA of 3.3. A written sponsorship agreement from the faculty mentor will be placed on file in the department or college office. Students will produce a piece of original research and make a public presentation of that research in a venue approved by the faculty mentor. Venues include the annual meeting of the SC Political Science Association (or other annual meeting of the appropriate professional organization), a regular or special session of the Political Science Research Workshop, sessions scheduled for the Political Science Awards Day activities, USC Discovery Day, or successful submission of the research to a professional journal. Students who successfully complete these requirements and maintain a GPA of at least 3.6 in major courses and a 3.3 overall will be awarded their degree with “Distinction in Political Science” upon graduation.
3. **Intensive major** – General major plus six additional hours of approved major work and 499. Intensive majors must maintain a B or better in all major courses. Students must also demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language, defined as successful completion of course work in that language through the intermediate level.

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GUIDELINES FOR ADVISEMENT HANDBOOK

This handbook, published by the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, College of Liberal Arts, outlines and defines University and College degree requirements. Students should refer to this book for assistance in selecting courses to meet core and distribution requirements. It also provides assistance in minor/cognate selection and answers questions about many University and College of Liberal Arts academic requirements and academic procedures. Students are given one copy of this book when they enter the College. It is also available online at http://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/internal/undergraduatestudents/index.php.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information about the Political Science major, contact Janis Leaphart, Undergraduate Coordinator in the POLI Office of Undergraduate Student Services at 777-7722 or email her at leaphartj@sc.edu.