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Political Science, Security and Intelligence Studies Concentration, B.A.



The B.A. in Political Science with Concentration in Security and Intelligence Studies encourages students to gain a broad, well-rounded understanding of the ethics, processes, priorities, and outcomes of national security policy, with a focus on the role of information and intelligence in the policymaking process. The concentration is designed to prepare students to work in a wide range of occupations in the government, private, non-profit sectors that deal with national security broadly understood, and for the obligations of state, national, and global citizenship in the 21st century.

All program-level Admissions and Progression Requirements are in addition to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Admission Requirements.

Admission Requirements

Freshmen and Transfers

- See University Admission Requirements
- *Minimum GPA:* 2.0 in POLS courses
- *Other Requirements:* Political Science major

Currently Enrolled Students

- *Declaration of Major:* Change of Major form accepted year-round.
Students declaring the major should meet with the assigned academic advisor before registering for the next semester.

Degree Requirements

General Education Courses (31-32 credit hours)

For details on required courses, refer to the General Education Program. Total hours to satisfy General Education Requirements may vary as some general education requirements may be double-counted in the major with departmental approval. Please see your advisor for information.

Foreign Language Requirement (0-8 credit hours)

For details on required courses, refer to the College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences Foreign Language Requirement.

Major Courses (30 credit hours)

Major Core Courses (12-13 credit hours)

Required Core Courses (9 credit hours)

- POLS 1150 - International Politics (3)
- POLS 1501 - Global Social Science: Introduction to Comparative Politics (3) *
- POLS 1575 - Foundations of American Democracy (3) **

Elective Core Course (3-4 credit hours)

Select one of the following:

- POLS 2220 - Political Science Methods (4)
- CJUS 2370 - Research Methods in Criminal Justice (3)
- COMM 3100 - Communication Research Methods (3)
- PSYC 3292 - Research Methodology II (3)
- SOCY 3155 - Sociological Research Methods (4)

Notes

* Students who receive an evaluation of Qualified (3) or above on the Advanced Placement examination in Comparative Politics will receive credit for POLS 1501.

** Students who receive an evaluation of Qualified (3) or above on the Advanced Placement examination in American Politics will receive credit for POLS 1575.

Major Concentration Courses (9 credit hours)

- POLS 3380 - Security and Intelligence in a Democratic Society (3)
- POLS 3381 - Critical Thinking Skills for Security and Intelligence (3)
- POLS 3382 - Analytic Writing and Briefing (3)

Major Elective Courses (9 credit hours)

Political and Legal Philosophy Elective Course (3 credit hours)

Select one of the following:

- POLS 1170 - Introduction to Political Philosophy (3)
- POLS 3070 - Topics in Political or Legal Philosophy (3)
- POLS 3171 - History of Classical Political Philosophy (3)
- POLS 3172 - African American Political Philosophy (3)
- POLS 3173 - History of Modern Political Philosophy (3)
- POLS 3175 - Philosophy of Law (3)
- POLS 3176 - Fascism and Communism (3)
- POLS 3177 - Social and Political Philosophy (3)

Political Science Elective Course (3 credit hours)

Select any 3 credit hour POLS course to achieve a total of 30 credit hours in POLS courses. No more than 9 credit hours of POLS 3400, POLS 3800, POLS 4110, and POLS 4163 may be used to fulfill major requirements.

Capstone Course (3 credit hours)

Select one of the following:

- POLS 4110 - North Carolina Student Legislature (3)
- POLS 4163 - Advanced Model United Nations (3)
- POLS 4600 - Senior Seminar (3)
- POLS 4700 - Honors Thesis (3)
- POLS 4990 - Senior Thesis (3)

Unrestricted Elective Courses

As needed to complete the credit hours required for graduation.

Degree Total = 120 Credit Hours

Progression Requirements

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in concentration courses is required.



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