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Political Science, Comprehensive Social Studies Teacher Licensure, B.A.



The [Department of Political Science and Public Administration](#), in collaboration with the College of Education, offers a concentration to a North Carolina Teaching License in Social Studies. The coursework for this program includes 30 credit hours of coursework in political science (which is close to the 32 credit hours in education supervised by the Department of Middle, Secondary, and K-12 Education), and up to 21 credit hours of content in other social science disciplines. Students interested in teacher licensure should declare their intent

with the Department of Political Science and Public Administration as soon as possible to prevent unnecessary delays.

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*
- *Transferable Credit Hours: 24*

Currently Enrolled Students

- *Declaration of Major: Teaching license orientation/advising session required upon declaration of major*

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 .

Foundation 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)

Restricted Elective Courses (9-10 credit hours)

Select at least one course from each list.

Methods Course (3-4 credit hours)

Select one of the following. POLS 2220 should be taken unless there is a double major, as indicated.

- POLS 2220 - Political Science Methods (4)
- CJUS 2370 - Research Methods in Criminal Justice (3) *(for double major in Political Science and Criminal Justice)*
- COMM 3100 - Communication Research Methods (3) *(for double major in Political Science and Communication Studies)*
- PSYC 3292 - Research Methodology II (3) *(for double major in Political Science and Psychological Science)*
- SOCY 3155 - Sociological Research Methods (4) *(for double major in Political Science and Sociology)*

Political Philosophy Course (3 credit hours)

Select a minimum of 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)

Non-Western Political Science Course (3 credit hours)

Select a minimum of one of the following:

- POLS 3133 - Middle East Politics (3)
- POLS 3143 - African Politics (3)
- POLS 3144 - Latin American Politics (3)
- POLS 3148 - Chinese Politics (3)

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 Political Science Elective Courses (8-9 credit hours)

Select any POLS courses to achieve a total of 30 credit hours in POLS courses. No more than 9 credit hours from POLS 3400, POLS 3800, POLS

4110, and POLS 4163 may be used to fulfill major requirements.

Social Studies Courses (18 credit hours)

- ECON xxxx - Economics Course (3) (ECON 1101 is recommended)
- GEOG 1501 - Global Social Science: Global Geography (3)
- HIST 1502 - Global Arts/Humanities: Issues in Global History (3)
- HIST 1575 - American Democracy's Past and Promise (3)
- HIST 2050 - Themes in United States History (3)
- HIST 2051 - Themes in European History (3)

Minor in Secondary Education (32 credit hours)

Students must have a Minor in Secondary Education to obtain teaching licensure. See the College of Education section of this Catalog for details on the requirements for the minor.

Licensure applications are the responsibility of the student and the Office of Teacher Education Advising and Licensure (TEAL) in the College of Education.

Degree Total = 120 Credit Hours

Progression Requirements

Students must obtain a cumulative GPA of 2.7 for admission to the College of Education. To complete the program, students must earn a grade of C or above in all Political Science, Social Studies background, and Education courses; earn a GPA of 2.75 or better in Political Science and Social Studies

background courses; and earn a GPA of 2.75 or above in all Education courses.

Honors Program

For details about the Political Science Honors Program, visit the [program page](#).



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