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Political Science, B.A.



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:* 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

A Major in Political Science for the B.A. degree requires 30 credit hours of political science courses.

The online option for the B.A. in Political Science degree is designed for transfer students who have earned the associate degree from a North Carolina community college or who have earned at least 60 credit hours and have completed the UNC Charlotte general education courses, including six credit hours in mathematical and logical reasoning.

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 (13 credit hours)

Introductory 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) **

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.*

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 and one of the Senior Courses listed below fulfill the writing intensive courses (W) required for graduation. If an equivalent social science methods course is taken that is not a writing intensive course, then another writing intensive course will need to be taken.

- POLS 2220 - Political Science Methods (4)
- COMM 3100 - Communication Research Methods (3) *(for double major in Political Science and Communication Studies)*
- CJUS 2370 - Research Methods in Criminal Justice (3) *(for double major in Political Science and Criminal Justice)*
- 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)*

Major Elective Courses (17 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 Courses (11-14 credit hours)

Select any POLS courses to achieve a total of 30 credit hours in POLS courses.***

Note:

*** No more than 9 credit hours from 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.

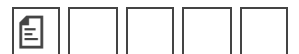
Degree Total = 120 Credit Hours

Progression Requirements

Students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all Political Science courses.

Honors Program

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



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