# Political Science

**Department of Political Science**

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A 2.0 GPA in the major at graduation is required for the B.A. in political science. Students **must** consult with their assigned advisor before they will be able to register for courses.

Political Science B.A.

Course Requirements

Required Courses

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| POL 102 | American Government | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 103 | Global Politics | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 104 | Introduction to Political Thought | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 300 | Methodology in Political Science | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 308W | Current Political Controversy | 4 | F, Sp |

**and SIX additional 3 or 4-credit political science courses, at least FOUR of which must be at the 300-level or above**

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Total Credit Hours: 41-44

Internship

The Department of Political Science strongly encourages students to undertake internship experiences as part of their undergraduate education. Every fall, spring, and summer the department offers a twelve-week internship for students in political science, public administration, justice studies, gerontology, and other programs. Students are placed in federal, state, and local government agencies; in private sector public service organizations; and in organizations engaged in campaigns or political advocacy. To enroll in this internship, students should register for POL 328.

In addition, under the auspices of the Rhode Island State Internship Program, the department offers a twelve-week internship every spring semester, placing students with individual members of the Rhode Island state legislature or with members of the executive and judicial branches of state government. To enroll in this internship, students should register for POL 327.

The London Course

The London Course is the study of British politics, government, and culture, as well as urban geography and city planning in London. The course is divided into two components—a six-week proseminar at Rhode Island College during Summer Session I, followed by a three-week stay in London during July in conjunction with South Bank University. The stay in Europe includes trips to the House of Commons, Cambridge University, the Home Counties, and Paris.

Political Science Minor

Course Requirements

The minor in political science consists of a minimum of 21 credit hours, as follows:

Courses

TWO COURSES from:

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| POL 102 | American Government | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 103 | Global Politics | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 104 | Introduction to Political Thought | 4 | F, Sp |

and THREE additional 3 or 4-credit Political Science courses, at least TWO of which must be at the 300-level or above..

Total Credit Hours: 21-24