Political Science

Department Information

- **Department Location:** Putnam Hall
- **Department Phone:** 701-231-8567
- **Department Web Site:** www.ndsu.edu/politicalscience/ (http://www.ndsu.edu/politicalscience/)
- **Credential Offered:** B.S.; B.A.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:** bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/political-science/#planofstudystandardtext (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/political-science/#planofstudystandardtext)

Major Requirements

**Major: Political Science - Standard**

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.
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Pre-Law Emphasis Requirements:
A single International Law course satisfies either a core requirement or an Area 2 requirement, but not both.

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**Political Science - Public Service Emphasis:**

| POLS 215 | Problems and Policies In American Government                         | 3       |
| POLS 325 | Applied Research Methods                                            | 3       |
| or CJ 325 | Applied Research Methods                                           |         |
| POLS 420 | Political Behavior-Executive-Legislative Process                  | 3       |
| POLS 422 | State and Local Politics                                           | 3       |
| POLS 423 | Public Policy Analysis                                              | 3       |
| POLS 430 | Constitutional Law-Civil Liberties                                 | 3       |
| or POLS 431 | Constitutional Law-Criminal Justice                            |         |
| POLS 442 | Global Policy Issues                                                | 3       |
| or POLS 444 | International Law                                                  |         |
| or POLS 446 | International Criminal Law                                       |         |
| POLS 450 | Politics of the Developing Countries                                 | 3       |
| or POLS 451 | Politics of the Industrialized Countries                         |         |
| or POLS 452 | Comparative Political Economy                                    |         |
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| POLS 496 | Field Experience                                                    | 9       |

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