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.

**Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate:** 120

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POLS 450  Politics of the Developing Countries
POLS 451  Politics of the Industrialized Countries
POLS 452  Comparative Political Economy
POLS 453  Environmental Policy and Politics

Political Science Electives  9

Courses which are eligible to fulfill this requirement may come from the following list of courses, or from Special Topic classes offered by the Political Science department (requires a substitution form to be submitted to the Office of Registration and Records signed by dept. chairperson), or from classes not selected to meet area 1-4 requirements.

POLS 120  Terrorism
POLS 210  Current Politics
POLS 215  Problems and Policies In American Government
POLS 216  Campaigns and Elections
POLS 230  Judicial Process
POLS 350  Gender Issues and the Law
POLS 351  Women and Politics
POLS 360  Principles of Public Administration

Total Credits  39

Degree Requirements and Notes
• Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 required in courses with the POLS prefix.

Major Requirements
Major: Political Science - Pre-Law Option

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.
Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

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Additional Program Requirements: Complete requirements as indicated from each of the three professional areas listed below for the Pre-Law Option (I, II, & III)

Professional Area I: One course from each of the following three areas.  9
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POLS 420  Political Behavior-Executive-Legislative Process
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POLS 422  State and Local Politics
POLS 423  Public Policy Analysis
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Professional Area II: Communication Component - Select 2 courses from the following:  6
COMM 214  Persuasive Speaking
or COMM 308  Business and Professional Speaking
COMM 216  Intercultural Communication
COMM 318  Argumentation and Advocacy
or COMM 383  Organizational Communication I
ENGL 358  Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences

Professional Area III: Law Related Courses - Select 2 courses from the following:  5-6
ACCT 410  Fraud Examination
BUSN 430  Legal and Social Environment of Business
BUSN 431  Business Law I-Contracts, Property and Torts
BUSN 432  Business Law II-Business Organization and Commercial Transactions
CJ 201  Introduction to Criminal Justice
CJ 230  Criminology
CJ 330  Criminal Law and Procedure
COMM 433  Legal Communication
COMM 434  Communication Law

Total Credits  54-55

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**Political Science - Public Service Emphasis:**

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3
| POLS 325 | Applied Research Methods  

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| POLS 489 | Senior Seminar  

3
| POLS 496 | Field Experience  

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**Supplemental Requirements:** Pre-requisites apply to all courses. Select 5 courses from the following:  

- ACCT 200  
Elements of Accounting I
- ACCT 201  
Elements of Accounting II
- MGMT 320  
Foundations of Management
- COMM 383  
Organizational Communication I
- ECON 202  
Principles of Macroeconomics
- EMGT 101  
Emergencies, Disasters, and Catastrophes
- ENGL 320  
Business and Professional Writing
- SOC 115  
Social Problems
- HDFS 353  
Children, Families and Public Policy

**Total Credits**  
- 66

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**Additional Electives:** Selected in consultation with adviser

**Total Credits:** 21

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