

POLITICAL SCIENCE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Utilize various social science analytical methods to answer questions about social, political, legal, policy, and economic issues.
- Evaluate rival theories, interpretations, and arguments.
- Plan and conduct social science research.
- Use evidence-based arguments to communicate effectively.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements (https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)¹		31
Required Courses		
ECNS 201	Principles of Microeconomics *	3
PSCI 210	Intro to American Government *	3
PSCI 220	Intro to Comparative Govt *	3
PSCI 230	Intro to International Rel *	3
PSCI 240	Introduction to Public Admin	3
PSCI 342	Media, Public Opinion, Polling	3
or PSCI 427	Research Methods	
or ECNS 403	Introduction to Econometrics	
WRIT 201	College Writing II	3
Subtotal		21

Restricted Electives

Select a minimum of 15 credits from at least 3 of the 5 areas of concentration below. Of the 15 credits, at least 9 must be upper division (300-400 level).

Area 1: International Relations and Comparative Politics

PSCI 343	Comparative Institutions
PSCI 424	Democratization
PSCI 425	International Conflict

Area 2: The Legal System

ECNS 456	Law and Economics
PSCI 448	Language and Law
PSCI 472	Const Law: Civil Liberties
PSCI 473	Const Law: Powers & Structures

Area 3: U.S. Government

PSCI 335	American Foreign Policy
PSCI 345	American Political System
PSCI 370	Courts and Judicial Politics

Area 4: Public Administration

PSCI 407	Public Policy Analysis
PSCI 416	Public Organizational Theory
PSCI 469	Ethics & Public Policy

Area 5: Political and Economic Thought

PSCI 426	Comparative Political Economy
ECNS 450	Econ of Global Development

ECNS 457	Economics of Organizations	
Supporting Coursework which may be used to satisfy Restricted Electives:		
NASX 476	American Indian Policy and Law	
PSCI 260	Intro to State and Local Govt	
PSCI 491	Special Topics	
PSCI 492	Independent Study	
PSCI 494	Seminar/Workshop	
PSCI 498	Internship/Cooperative Educ	
Subtotal		15
Restricted electives selected with advisor approval		6
Minor or Extended Major		
Select one of the following options:		
Option 1		
Minor		21
Unrestricted Electives		32
Option 2		
In lieu of a minor, students may choose the Political Science Extended Major. This option requires 15 additional credits from the lists above, for a total of 51 major credits.		
Extended Major		15
Unrestricted Electives		38
Total Minimum Credits		120

¹ The following General Education courses also satisfy requirements in the major: PSCI 220, PSCI 210, and PSCI 230. Please refer to the General Education requirements.

* May satisfy General Education requirements.

Certain courses in this program have prerequisites; students should check the course descriptions for required prerequisites.