

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political science is the study of government and politics. A degree in political science provides academic training for many different careers in law, government, electoral politics, business, and nonprofit organizations. Majors learn how government affects social, economic, and political conditions both in the United States and in other countries. Students majoring in political science learn how to think critically, creatively, and ethically about contemporary political problems. There are opportunities for practical experience working in political campaigns and serving as interns in law offices, government agencies, businesses, interest groups, and news organizations.



◆ STUDY

Political science majors at USI are taught by highly qualified faculty with doctoral or law degrees from major universities. As a political science student, you will have the opportunity to take courses in the areas that follow:

- LAW
- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FOREIGN POLICY
- AMERICAN GOVERNMENT
- POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
- STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY
- COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT
- LEGAL AND POLITICAL RESEARCH

◆ FIRST JOBS

- ATTORNEY
- LOBBYIST
- SOCIAL SCIENCE TEACHER
- POLITICAL CONSULTANT
- LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT
- JOURNALIST

◆ CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A major in political science offers a solid foundation for a liberal arts education regardless of career objectives. Those interested in careers in law, teaching, government, private corporations, nonprofit organizations, and journalism will find political science an excellent preparation for such vocations. Recent political science graduates of USI have found career opportunities in:

- LAW FIRMS
- DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS
- SOCIAL SCIENCE TEACHING
- CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS
- LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
- NEWSPAPERS AND TELEVISION NEWS

ACCREDITATION

University of Southern Indiana is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.



A degree in Political Science will typically include the following

(You will work closely with an academic advisor to determine your individual schedule.)

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Political science majors are required to take 33 semester hours (11 courses) in political science. Political Science 101 and 102 are recommended prerequisites for all other courses in the discipline.

Each of the following courses is required:

101 - Introduction to Political Science, 3 hrs.
102 - Introduction of American Politics, 3 hrs.
271 - International Politics, 3 hrs.
281 - Comparative Politics, 3 hrs.

One course selected from the following courses:

309 - American Political Theory, 3 hrs.
345 - Man vs. the State, 3 hrs.
445 - Political Theory I, 3 hrs.
446 - Political Theory II, 3 hrs.

Eighteen semester hours (nine courses) from among 30 different electives.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political science minors are required to take 21 semester hours (seven courses) in political science. Political Science 101 and 102 are recommended prerequisites for all other courses in the discipline.

Each of the following courses is required:

101 - Introduction to Political Science, 3 hrs.
102 - Introduction of American Politics, 3 hrs.
271 - International Politics, 3 hrs.
or 281 - Comparative Politics, 3 hrs.

One course selected from the following courses:

309 - American Political Theory, 3 hrs.
345 - Man vs. the State, 3 hrs.
445 - Political Theory I, 3 hrs.
446 - Political Theory II, 3 hrs.

Nine semester hours (three courses) from among 30 different electives.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CORE CURRICULUM

Core Curriculum requires 50 credit hours of coursework according to the distribution below:

A. The Mind: Enhancement of Cognitive Abilities

English I - 3 hrs.
English II - 3 hrs.
Speech - 3 hrs.
Mathematics - 3 to 4 hrs.

B. The Self: Enhancement of Individual Development

Ethics - 3 hrs.
The Arts - 3 hrs.
Health/Fitness - 2 hrs.

C. The World: Enhancement of Cultural and Natural Awareness

History - 3 hrs.
Individual Development/Social Behavior - 6 hrs.
Science - 8 to 9 hrs.
Western Culture - 6 hrs.
Global Communities - 3 hrs.

D. The Synthesis: Integration and Application of Knowledge

Capstone Seminar - 3 hrs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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