

THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON  
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## About the Program

Political science is the study of governments, public policies and political behavior in the United States and all countries and regions of the world.

Our political science major offers a strong undergraduate education in the liberal arts tradition. You'll develop skills in critical thinking, active learning and leadership. Discover a strong community of students discussing, collaborating and leading the charge for the next generation of civic and political leaders.

## Outcomes & Opportunities

- Whether you want to be an attorney, public servant, nonprofit professional, journalist, marketing professional, professor or something else entirely – a degree in political science will prepare you for any path you choose.
- Political science majors also go on to pursue graduate degrees and advanced study of topics including public administration, international relations and law.
- The Center for Ethics and Excellence in Public Service (CEEPS) provides students with internship, research, training, and networking opportunities in an important swing state. Political science majors regularly intern with Members of Congress, Lackawanna Pro Bono, the Federal District Courthouse, as well as numerous other political campaigns, law firms, and government agencies in Scranton and Washington, D.C.

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# POLITICAL SCIENCE CURRICULUM

	Department & Number - Descriptive Title of Course	Fall Cr.	Spr. Cr.
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>			
MAJOR	PS 120 - (S) U.S. Politics: Principles & Citizenship –		
	PS 121 - (S) U.S. Politics: Institutions & Policy	3	3
COGNATE	Choose one of the following sequences: HIST 110 & HIST 111; HIST 120 & HIST 121; HIST 125 & HIST 126; HIST 130 & HIST 131; HIST 132 & HIST 133; or HIST 238 & HIST 239	3	3
GE ELECT	ELECT - Free Electives <sup>1</sup>		6
GE EP	PS 110 - (FYOC, FYDT) Scranton and the World <sup>2</sup>	3	
GE WRTG	WRTG 107 - (FYW) Composition	3	
GE T/RS-PHIL	T/RS 121 - Theology I: Introduction to the Bible – PHIL 120 - Introduction to Philosophy	3	3
GE FSEM	First Year Seminar*		
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>			
MAJOR	PS 212 - (S) International Relations – PS 217 - Comparative Government	3	3
MAJOR	PS 210 - (Q,W,EPW) Political Science Research	3	
GE ELECT	FREE ELECT - Free Elective <sup>1</sup>	3	6
GE HUMN	HUMN ELECT - Humanities Electives	3	3
GE PHIL-T/RS	PHIL 210 - Ethics– T/RS 122 - Theology II: Introduction to Christian Theology	3	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>THIRD YEAR</b>			
MAJOR	PS 313 - (D) Classical Political Ideas <sup>3</sup> OR PS 314 - (D) Modern Political Ideas <sup>3</sup>	3	
MAJOR	PS ELECT - Political Science Electives		6
GE NSCI	NSCI ELECT - Natural Science Electives	3	3
GE PHIL or T/RS	PHIL ELECT- Philosophy Elective or T/RS ELECT - T/RS Elective	3	
GE ELECT	FREE ELECT - Free Electives <sup>1</sup>	6	6
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>			
MAJOR	PS ELECT - Political Science Electives	6	6
GE ELECT	FREE ELECT - Free Electives <sup>1</sup>	9	9
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
		<b>Total: 120 Credits</b>	



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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<sup>1</sup> The department strongly recommends a modern foreign language, especially for those students interested in international politics. Consult with an advisor in the Advising Center if you have any questions.

<sup>2</sup> Political Science recommends that students enroll in PS 110 - (FYOC, FYDT) Scranton and the World in order to satisfy First Year Oral Communication and First Year Digital Technology requirements. Consult with an advisor in the Advising Center if you have any questions.

<sup>3</sup> Political Science majors are required to take either PS 313 - (D) Classical Political Ideas or PS 314 - (D) Modern Political Ideas.

\*The selection of a First Year Seminar is likely to fulfill requirements both for the First Year Seminar and a General Education Requirement. Thus, the First Year Seminar will not add to the total credits for the semester. Talk with an advisor in the Advising Center if you have any questions.

Curriculum grid effective for the 2022-23 academic year in accordance with the undergraduate course catalog.