

Major Day Information Sheet

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Major: Political Science

Description of Major:

The Department of Political Science helps students understand and exercise their responsibilities as citizens of the United States and the world. We do so as part of a wider profession that is organized around the study of governments, public policies and political processes, systems, and political behavior. We use qualitative and quantitative perspectives and a variety of methodological approaches to examine the process, systems, and political dynamics of a wide variety of countries and regions. This requires a broad familiarity with historical, economic, theoretical and structural origins of politics and power. The Department works to ensure that our students understand the importance of bringing their critical skills to bear and defending a particular point of view while they remain open to different viewpoints and be prepared to modify their analyses in the light of evidence.

Is a minor available? Yes!

Students in this major should enjoy the following subjects:

American politics, president, congress, political parties, ethnic politics, elections, and more.

Comparing different nation-states on the basis of their form of government, legal institutions, social conflict, leadership, and more.

Analyzing the scope of international relations between nation-states, especially as regards to peace and war, treaties, global exchange, and systemic processes, United Nations, and more

Study of political theory from Socrates to Marx, especially on issues like the good life, democracy, revolution, obedience, and more

Special requirements to be accepted into this major (ex. Exam, volunteer experience, GPA): 2.0 GPA

Classes to consider if you are interested in this major:

Political Science is traditionally divided into four subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory. Our major consists of ten courses, at least one of which be in each of these subfields. Political Science 11 is a prerequisite for all department courses. We also require students to take Political Science 150- World Politics- and Political Science 185, a senior research seminar. The three additional required courses allow students to specialize in a particular area of simply to take courses that interest them. The major is structured to provide students with a wide range of choices, while also providing a broad introduction to the study of politics.

Examples of jobs alumni of this major have obtained:

Federal Jobs, <http://www.Federaljobs.net>

United States Office of Personnel Management, <http://www.opm.gov/>

Federal Jobs Digest, <http://www.jobsfed.com/>

Public Policy Jobs, <http://www.policyjobs.net>

Federal Job Search, <http://www.federaljobsearch.com>

U.S.A. Jobs, <http://www.usajobs.gov>

U.S. Department of State, <http://www.state.gov/careers/>

FBI Employment, <http://www.fbi.gov/employment/employ.htm>