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Department of Political Science

Website: www.iup.edu/politicalscience

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Political scientists focus on political systems, including the effect of environment on the system, inputs, the decision-making agencies that render binding public policies, and system outputs. Approaches to the study of government and politics include the normative approach, in which philosophical attention centers on values by asking the question “What ought to be?” and the behavioral approach, in which an attempt is made to develop verifiable theories through scientific methods by asking the questions “How?” and “Why?”

Students majoring in political science have employment opportunities in federal, state, and local governments and with private civic groups, interest groups, and political groups. Students who go on to graduate work find appointments at higher levels and in college teaching. Students graduating in political science, as in any of the social sciences, are in demand by employers in business and industry. Students completing the political science internship program have experienced considerable success in finding employment upon graduation. The political science major is also especially suitable for the pre-law student.

Degree programs offered by the Political Science Department are the bachelor of arts degree programs in political science or political science/pre-law. An interdisciplinary major and an International Studies minor are sponsored by the Political Science Department. The department also offers a Political Science minor and a Homeland Security minor.

### Bachelor of Arts—Political Science

**Liberal Studies:** As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications:

- **Mathematics:** 3cr
- **Social Science:** PLSC 111
- **Liberal Studies Electives:** 6cr, no courses with PLSC prefix

**College:**

- Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1) 0-6

**Major:**

- **Required Courses:**
  - PLSC 101 World Politics (2) 3cr
  - PLSC 111 Power and Democracy in America (3) *cr
  - PLSC 260 Contemporary Political Ideas 3cr
  - PLSC 300 Research Methods in Political Science 3cr

- **Controlled Electives:**
  - At least one course in three of the four areas:
    - **American Studies:** PLSC 251, 346, 350, 351, 353, 354, 355, 356, 358, 359
    - **Political Theory:** PLSC 360, 361, 362
    - **Public Policy and Administration:** PLSC 250, 370, 371
    - **International Studies:** PLSC 280, 282, 283, 383
    - **Free Electives:**
      - At least one course in three of the four areas:
        - **American Studies:** PLSC 251, 346, 350, 351, 353, 354, 355, 356, 358, 359
        - **Political Theory:** PLSC 360, 361, 362
        - **Public Policy and Administration:** PLSC 250, 370, 371
        - **International Studies:** PLSC 280, 282, 283, 383
  - **Total Degree Requirements:** 120
  - **Other Requirements:** Pre-law Interdisciplinary Track

### Bachelor of Arts—International Studies/Political Science

**Liberal Studies:** As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications:

- **Mathematics:** 3cr
- **Social Science:** PLSC 111
- **Liberal Studies Electives:** 6cr, no courses with PLSC prefix

**College:**

- Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1) 0-6

**Major:**

- **Required Courses:**
  - PLSC 101 World Politics (2) 3cr
  - PLSC 111 Power and Democracy in America (2) 3cr
  - PLSC 260 Contemporary Political Ideas 3cr
  - PLSC 282 International Relations 3cr
  - PLSC 300 Research Methods in Political Science 3cr

- **Specializations:**
  - International Political Economy 21cr

**Required specialization course:** PLSC 422

Six courses from the following: ACCT 471; BCOM 342; COMM 320; ECON 121, 325, 326, 339, 345, 346, 350; FSMR 357; GEOG 231, 333; MGM 350, 451, 454, 459; MKTG 350, 430; PLSC 361, 383; SOC 337

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Bachelor of Arts—Political Science/Pre-law Track

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- **Social Science:** PLSC 111
- **Liberal Studies Electives:** 6cr, no courses with PLSC prefix

**College:**

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**Major:**

- **Required Courses:**
  - PLSC 101 World Politics (2) 3cr
  - PLSC 111 Power and Democracy in America (3) *cr
  - PLSC 260 Contemporary Political Ideas 3cr
  - PLSC 300 Research Methods in Political Science 3cr

- **Controlled Electives:**
  - At least one course in three of the four areas:
    - **American Studies:** PLSC 251, 346, 350, 351, 353, 354, 355, 356, 358, 359
    - **Political Theory:** PLSC 360, 361, 362
    - **Public Policy and Administration:** PLSC 250, 370, 371
    - **International Studies:** PLSC 280, 282, 283, 383
  - **Total Degree Requirements:** 120
  - **Other Requirements:** Pre-law Interdisciplinary Track

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- **Required Courses:**
  - PLSC 101 World Politics (2) 3cr
  - PLSC 111 Power and Democracy in America (2) 3cr
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  - PLSC 282 International Relations 3cr
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International Security Studies 21cr

**Required specialization course:** PLSC 283, 388, or 465

Six courses from the following: BIOL 117, 119; CRIM 344; ECON 361; GEOG 230, 331, 334, 335, 341; HIST 251, 308, 361, 362; JRNL 375; PLSC 283*, 422, 388*, 465*, RLST 110, 200

*(if not taken as the required specialization course)*

International Political Systems 21cr

**Required specialization course:** PLSC 280, 285, or 389


*(if not taken as the required specialization course)*

**Other Requirements:** (3) 0

Free Electives: 34-41

Total Degree Requirements: 120

(1) Intermediate-level foreign language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.

(2) Credits for PLSC 111 are counted in the Liberal Studies social science requirements.

(3) Majors are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the study abroad opportunities available through IUP departmental programs and of exchange opportunities available through the Office of International Education.

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**Minor—Political Science** 18

**Required Courses:**
- PLSC 101  World Politics  3cr
- PLSC 111  Power and Democracy in America  3cr

**Controlled Electives:**
Four additional PLSC courses, at least two of which must be 300 level or higher  12cr

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**Minor—Homeland Security** 18

**Required Courses:**
- PLSC 101  World Politics (1)  3cr
- PLSC 111  Power and Democracy in America (1)  3cr
- PLSC 283  American Foreign Policy  3cr
- PLSC/CRIM 344  Terrorism  3cr
- PLSC 388  Dimensions of National Security  3cr
- PLSC 465  Intelligence Process and Policy  3cr

(1) Must be completed before taking additional courses in the minor.

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**Minor—International Studies** 18

**Required Courses:**
- PLSC 101  World Politics  3cr

**Controlled Electives:**
Five additional PLSC courses (15cr) from the following, at least two of which must be 300 level or higher: