

GOVERNMENT & LAW, BS

The Government and Law program includes a core of courses essential for all public sector-related careers, plus a systematic study of political and governmental institutions and behavior. It focuses on governmental services, political theory, American and international law, political parties and interest groups, public opinion, and research methods. This degree seeks to prepare students for careers, advancement, or graduate studies in government, politics, law, and other political science-related fields.

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Understand the structure and perspective of Political Science.
- Understand the research processes of Political Science.
- Understand the institutions of government, politics, and law at the local, state, national and international levels.
- Understand alternative political systems.
- Understand the importance of civic engagement in American society.
- Demonstrate effective written communication skills.
- Demonstrate the ability to analyze data and textual materials, and to think critically.

Program Requirements

No grades of D in upper division courses are allowed. Upper division courses are all courses other than those of Areas A through F. 1000- or 2000-level courses used in the upper division are included in this restriction.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Curriculum (Areas A-E)		42
All Core Curriculum requirements for the B.S. Politics, Government, & Law degree are shown under Core Curriculum in the Graduation Requirements section of the Undergraduate Catalog.		
Lower Division Major Requirements (Area F) ¹		18
POLS 2101	Intro to Political Science	3
POLS 2201	State & Local Government	3
SOSC 2500	Intro to Research Methods	3
<i>Lower Division Electives</i>		
Select 3 Lower Division (1000-2000) Courses with the Following Prefixes: AFAM, CRJU, ECON, FREN, HIST, MATH, PARA, PHIL, POLS, PSYC, SOCI, SOSC, SPAN, WST.		9
POLS 2401	Intro to Global Issues (if not taken in E2)	
Upper Division Major Requirements		18
POLS 3220	Judicial Process	3
POLS 3323	Comparative Politics	3
POLS 3343	Principles of Public Admin.	3
POLS 3350	International Relations	3
POLS 3360	The U.S. Congress & Presidency	3
SOSC 4490	Social Sciences Internship	3
Upper Division Major Related Electives		12
Choose four courses (12 credit hours) from upper division (3000-4000 level) POLS courses not used to meet other areas of the major.		
Upper Division Open Electives		18
Choose 6 courses (18 credit hours) from upper division (3000-4000 level) courses		

Free Elective 12

Choose 4 courses (12 credit hours) of (1000-4000 level) courses. Excludes PHED activity courses; MSL courses; courses offered for institutional credit only; and career program courses not specifically approved in advance. ²

Total Credit Hours 120