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THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR AT A GLANCE – 39 Credits Required - Effective Fall 2014
All courses meeting major requirements must be passed with a grade of “C” or better.

I. Common Prerequisites: (3 Courses / 9 credits)  
Transfer students may have taken these courses, or their equivalents, at another institution. See assigned advisor with questions regarding course equivalencies.

A. Required Course:
☐ POS 2041/2042 American Government

B. Must take TWO of the following three courses:
☐ CPO 2002 Introduction to Comparative Politics
☐ INR 2001 Introduction to International Relations
☐ POT 2002 Introduction to Political Theory

II. Breadth Requirements: (8 courses / 24 credits) - This is designed to acquaint all majors with the four general fields of Political Science. Two three-credit hour courses must be taken in each of the following subfields, for a total of 24 credits. These courses may not include independent studies, internships or POS 4784 Analytic Writing in Political Science.

Comparative Politics (6 credits, CPO prefix, 3000 level or higher)

CPO 3000/4000 course 3 credits
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International Politics (6 credits, INR prefix, 3000 level or higher)

INR 3000/4000 course 3 credits
INR 3000/4000 course 3 credits

American Politics (6 credits, POS prefix, 3000 level or higher – Except POS 4784)

POS 3000/4000 course 3 credits
POS 3000/4000 course 3 credits

Political Theory (6 credits, POT prefix, 3000 level or higher)

POT 3000/4000 course 3 credits
POT 3000/4000 course 3 credits

III. Political Science Elective Requirements: (2 courses / 6 credits) Two additional courses, 3000 level or above, with any departmental prefix (CPO, INR, POS, or POT). A maximum of 6 credits of Internship, Independent Study, and/or POS 4784 can be applied toward the Political Science Electives requirement.

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**Other approved Political Science internship or independent study credits may be counted as university “general electives” outside the major.

*** Global Learning courses within the major include: CPO 3010, CPO 3055, CPO 4057, INR 4075, and INR 3081 (GL F/DS)

Notes: