

History/Social Sciences

Majors in Criminal Justice, History, Geography, Political Science, and Sociology often pursue further studies at the graduate level in their respective disciplines. Traditionally, these studies lead to careers in teaching and research. In addition, because of their training in reading, writing, and critical thinking, history and social science graduates often pursue legal careers.

The student majoring in the department of History/Social Sciences may elect one of four Degrees: History, Geography, Political Science, or Sociology/Social Work. The student majoring in any of these areas must complete a core curriculum and elect a concentration in one of four options listed above. Required courses specified in those tracks are designed to provide a broad general knowledge in that field. Additional course work in political science or sociology may be selected for greater specialization. The Political Science major must choose a minimum of 15 hours from courses numbered 300 and above. Those courses will be chosen from the primary and suggested courses in the respective concentration. The student should be aware that the Department of History/Social Sciences may retain all work written or created as a course requirement.

History/Social Science Core Curriculum:

- History 105-106,
- American history (3 hours),
- Psychology 216,
- Sociology 285,
- Philosophy (3 hours),
- At least an additional 12 hours of social sciences outside the area of concentration.
- Economics (3 hours),
- Political Science: Primary courses - 101, 151.
- A minimum of 9 hours from American Politics - 190, 201, 211, 256, 306, 307, 315, 316, 317, 399, 411, 427, 434; and a minimum of 9 hours from International Politics and Theory - 203, 204, 403, 424, 425, 427, 442, 460.
- Suggested additional courses - 190, 211, 256, 316, 317, 411, 427.
- Sociology: Primary courses - 105, 142, 465. Suggested additional courses are 250, 255, 256, 301, 302, 317, 375, 420, 460, 495, 499.

Political Science

The student majoring in Political Science must complete the following requirements:

1. A minimum of 30 hours in political science, with no more than 15 hours in courses numbered below 300.
2. A minimum of 9 hours must be from American Politics and a minimum of 9 hours from International Politics and Theory. These requirements are in addition to Political Science 101 and Political Science 151: American Politics - 190, 201, 211, 256, 306, 307, 315, 316, 317, 399, 411, 427, 434; International Politics and Theory - 203, 204, 403, 423, 424, 425, 427, 442, 460
3. Twenty-four hours in social sciences and humanities (other than political science) with at least 12 hours in courses numbered 200 or above.

| POLITICAL SCIENCE | | | |
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| Total Hours: 129 | | | |
| <u>FRESHMAN YEAR</u> | <u>Sem. Hrs.</u> | <u>SOPHOMORE YEAR</u> | <u>Sem. Hrs.</u> |
| English 105, 115 | 6 | Communications 135 | 3 |
| History 105, 106 | 6 | Economics 201, 202 | 6 |
| Foreign Languages ¹ | 6 | English (200-level literature) | 6 |
| Mathematics 121 | 3 | Mathematics above 121 | 3 |
| Political Science 101, 151 | 6 | Political Science | 6 |
| Science and Laboratory | 4 | Criminal Justice 330, History 299, or Sociology 285 | 3 |
| Approved elective ² | <u>2</u> | Sciences (2-term sequence) | 6 |
| | 33 | Foreign language | <u>3</u> |
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| <u>JUNIOR YEAR</u> | <u>Sem. Hrs.</u> | <u>SENIOR YEAR</u> | <u>Sem. Hrs.</u> |
| Approved Humanities Electives (Drama, Fine Arts, Music) | 6 | Humanities | 6 |
| History (American and other) | 6 | Political Science | 12 |
| Philosophy | 3 | Social Sciences | 6 |
| Political Science | 6 | Electives | <u>6</u> |
| Social Sciences | 6 | | 30 |
| Approved elective | <u>3</u> | | |
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¹The student shall complete 9 hours in one foreign language.

²Special consideration should be given to CSC 111.

Political Science Minor: Students choosing to minor in political science must earn 21 hours consisting of 6 hours of POLI 101 and 151, 6 hours of POLI electives, and 9 hours of POLI electives 300+.