

Political Science Major (PLS)

Department of Political Science

Major in Political Science (30 semester hours)

To fulfill the requirements for a major in Political Science, students must:

1. Complete PLSC 112 American Government or PLSC 113 American Government Honors (satisfies general education requirement III and serves as prerequisite for many courses).
2. Complete at least 30 semester hours in the major as specified below.
3. Complete, at EMU, at least four courses in the major, numbered 300 or above.
4. Attain at least a C average in the major.

Students are expected to take the required courses within the first 18 semester hours of Political Science course work. A maximum of three semester hours of Independent Studies or Internship/Cooperative Education courses may be applied to the 30 hours required for the major. Neither the Independent Studies or Internship/Cooperative Education courses, nor PLSC 470 Seminar in Political Science, meet the group distribution requirements specified below under Areas of concentration, but all may be taken as free Political Science electives.

A. Required Courses (9 credit hours)

PLSC 210 Introduction to Political Analysis

Two courses from the following:

PLSC 211 Introduction to Comparative Government

PLSC 212 Introduction to International Relations

PLSC 213 Introduction to Political Thought

PLSC 215 Civil Rights and Liberties in a Diverse U.S.

COMPLETED/PLANNED COURSES

SEMESTER

B. Areas of Concentration (21 credit hours)

Seven courses from the three groups listed below, including at least one course from each group.

Group I – American Politics, Public Law, and Administration

PLSC 202 - State and Local Government

PLSC 216 - Municipal Government

PLSC 243 - Black Women: Politics and Racism /AAS
243/WGST 243

PLSC 270 - Public Administration

PLSC 301 - American Legal System

PLSC 305 - Law and Policy in a Constitutional
Democracy

PLSC 312 - Constitutional Law: Institutions and Process

PLSC 313 - Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties

PLSC 314 - Civil Mock Trial and Legal Process

OR PLSC 315 - Criminal Mock Trial and Legal Process

PLSC 330 - Urban Politics

PLSC 332 - Intergovernmental Relations and Federalism

PLSC 335 - Labor in American Politics

PLSC 342 - International Organizations

PLSC 352 - Politics of Government Budgeting

PLSC 357 - Campaigns and Elections

PLSC 358 - Political Parties and Interest Groups

PLSC 359 - Public Opinion and Political Learning

PLSC 362 - Black Women: Religion and Sexism/AAS
362/WGST 362

PLSC 364 - Legislative Process

PLSC 365 - Women and Politics

PLSC 380 - American Presidency

PLSC 381 - Public Policy Analysis

PLSC 385 - Judicial Process and Behavior

PLSC 386 - U.S. Supreme Court Simulation

Group II – Comparative Politics and International Relations

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| PLSC 120 – Global Issues | PLSC 361 - Russian Politics in Transition |
| PLSC 221 - Vietnam | PLSC 367 - Latin American Politics |
| PLSC 222 - War and Peace in the Nuclear Age | PLSC 371 - Government and Politics of the Middle East |
| PLSC 308 - Political Violence and Revolution | PLSC 372 - Government and Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa |
| PLSC 311 - Politics of the Developing World | PLSC 374 - Asian Political Systems |
| PLSC 327 - American Foreign Policy Process | PLSC 390 - Poverty, Human Rights, and Health |
| PLSC 341 - International Law | PLSC 391 - Field Study: Global Experience - Poverty, Human Rights, and Health |
| PLSC 342 - International Organizations | PLSC 462 - Russian Foreign Relations |
| PLSC 343 - Model United Nations | PLSC 467 - Advanced International Relations |
| PLSC 354 - Government and Politics of Canada | |

Group III – Political Theory

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| PLSC 310 - Methods of Political Research | PLSC 418 - 20th-Century Political Theory |
| PLSC 382 - Politics and the 21st Century | PLSC 420 - Democracy and Power |
| PLSC 410 - Political Science in Literature and Film | PLSC 422 - American Political Theory |

Special Topics Courses numbered PLSC 277/278/279, PLSC 377/378/379, and PLSC 477/478/479, will count towards the major in the group under which they logically fall. If a student has any questions regarding a specific course, they should consult their advisor in the Political Science Department. The same applies to PLSC 297/298/299 Independent Study, PLSC 387 Cooperative Education, PLSC 470 Seminar in Political Science, PLSC 480 Field Seminar in Political Science/Public Administration, PLSC 486/488/489 Internship, PLSC 487 Cooperative Education, and PLSC 497/498/499 Independent Study.

Elective Courses: 7 Courses (must include at least 1 course from each group)

COMPLETED/PLANNED COURSES

SEMESTER

Group I:

Group II:

Group III:

Additional Courses:

Wondering where to go for further advice?

For general Major/Minor/Gen Ed academic advising

See a faculty member in the Political Science department during their office hours or by appointment.

For Pre-Law advising see one of the advisers

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