

**Political Science Minor (PLS)**  
**Department of Political Science**

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

1. Complete PLSC 112 American Government or PLSC 113 American Government Honors (satisfies general education requirement III) before beginning the course of study for the minor.
2. Complete at least 21 semester hours in the minor as specified below
3. Complete, at EMU, at least three courses in the minor numbered 300 or above
4. Attain at least a C average in the minor.

A maximum of three semester hours of Independent Studies or Internship/Cooperative Education courses may be applied to the 21 hours required for the minor.

**Required core courses (6 credit hours)**

*Two courses from the following:*

- PLSC 210 - Introduction to Political Analysis
- PLSC 211 - Introduction to Comparative Government
- PLSC 212 - Introduction to International Politics
- PLSC 213 - Introduction to Political Thought
- PLSC 215 – Civil Rights and Liberties in a Diverse US
- PLSC 310 - Methods of Political Research

**COMPLETED/PLANNED COURSES**

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**Areas of Concentration (15 credit hours)**

*Five courses from two of the three following:*

**Group I-American politics, public law, and administration**

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| PLSC 202 - State and Local Government                           | PLSC 335 - Labor in American Politics            |
| PLSC 216 - Municipal Government                                 | PLSC 352 - Politics of Government Budgeting      |
| PLSC 243 - Black Women: Politics and Racism/AAS<br>243/WGST 243 | PLSC 357 - Campaigns and Elections               |
| PLSC 270 - Public Administration                                | PLSC 358 - Political Parties and Interest Groups |
| PLSC 301 - American Legal System                                | PLSC 359 - Public Opinion and Political Learning |
| PLSC 305 - Law and Policy in a Constitutional<br>Democracy      | PLSC 362 - Black Women: Religion and Sexism      |
| PLSC 312 - Constitutional Law:Institutions and<br>Process       | PLSC 364 - Legislative Process                   |
| PLSC 313 - Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and<br>Liberties    | PLSC 365 - Women and Politics                    |
| PLSC 314 - Civil Mock Trial and Legal Process OR                | PLSC 380 - American Presidency                   |
| PLSC 315 - Criminal Mock Trial and Legal Process                | PLSC 381 - Public Policy Analysis                |
| PLSC 330 - Urban Politics                                       | PLSC 385 - Judicial Process and Behavior         |
| PLSC 332 - Intergovernmental Relations and<br>Federalism        | PLSC 386 - U.S. Supreme Court Simulation         |

\*\*\*Credit from only one of these two courses (either 314 or 315) counts towards the minor

**Group II-Comparative politics and international relations**

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

**Group III-Political theory**

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

**COMPLETED/PLANNED COURSES**

**SEMESTER**


**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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