

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR FOR SECONDARY TEACHING

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This Political Science major is intended for Secondary certification students and consists of a minimum of 36 credits. In addition to the required political science courses, students are encouraged to take statistics and economics courses.

Candidates for certification in this major must pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) in Political Science (Test #10). You must demonstrate your knowledge in the following categories:

Subarea	Approximate % of Questions on Test
1. Foundations of Political Science	25%
2. U.S. Government	35%
3. History, Economics, and Geography	20%
4. Social Science Perspectives and Skills	20%

You may access a study guide at the MTTC testing site; the courses below have been selected so that you will be well prepared for the test.

FOUNDATION COURSES (16 credits)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
POL 100	Intro to American Political Institutions	4		
POL 151	Intro to Global Studies	4		
POL 242	Scope & Methods	4		
POL 251	International Relations	4		

UPPER LEVEL COURSES (12 credits) One course from each advanced area is required

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
1. Advanced American Government - select one course from the following:				
POL 212	Parties, Interest Groups & Elections	4		
POL 221	State and Local Government	4		
POL 235	Public Administration and Policy	4		
POL 237	Judicial Process	4		
POL 272	Law & Society	4		
POL 301	Religion and Politics	4		
POL 310	Environmental Public Policy	4		
POL 332	Congress and the President	4		
POL 339	American Constitutional Law	4		
POL 378	American Foreign Policy	4		
2. Advanced Political Theory - select one course from the following:				
POL 341	Ancient and Medieval Political Thought	4		
POL 342	Modern Political Thought	4		
POL 343	20 th Century Political Philosophy	4		
POL 346	American Political and Social Thought	4		
3. Advanced Comparative Government - select one course from the following:				
POL 262	Latin American Politics	4		
POL 295	Comparative European Politics	4		
POL 295	Global Poverty	4		
POL 295	African Politics	4		
POL 303	Asian Politics	4		
POL 352	Global Political Economy	4		

CAPSTONE SENIOR SEMINAR (4 credits)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
POL 494	Capstone Seminar	4		

This seminar may not be taken unless the foundational courses –100 or 110, 242, and 251 – are fulfilled

EXPERIENTIAL COURSES (must select a total of 4 hours)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
POL 294	Government in Washington	3-4		
POL 350	United Nations	2		
POL 351	International Law, Organizations & Systems	4		
POL 365	Wilderness Politics	3-4		
POL 392	Washington Semester Internship	4		
POL 395	Campaign Management	1-4		

A METHODS COURSE - REQUIRED (3 credits)

(The Social Studies methods course is considered pedagogy and will be counted with your education courses for certification.)

COURSE	TITLE	CR. HRS.	SEMESTER	GRADE
EDUC 321	Teaching of Social Studies in the Secondary School (Fall Semester only)	2		
EDUC 322	Teaching of Social Studies in the Secondary School Field Placement (Fall Semester only)	1		

This MUST be completed prior to the student teaching semester!