

# Minor in Political Science

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## Minor in Political Science (18 credit hours)

A minor in political science may be structured to complement a student's major in another department or to develop an area of interest. An assigned advisor will counsel a student in choosing six appropriate courses. The University requires everyone to take a Writing Intensive Course (WIP) in their major. The Department regularly offers three WIP courses. These are PSCI-251, PSCI-344 and PSCI-392.

## University Core Curriculum Requirements

General Education Distribution Area	Cr. Hrs.
<b>Fine Arts (FA)*</b> 2 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: Art, CMT (Mass Media or Theatre), Music (includes Dance).	6
<b>Humanities (HU)*</b> 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: CMT (Communication), English, Linguistics, Philosophy, Women's and Gender Studies, World Languages and Cultures, (Note: No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.)	9
<b>Behavioral/Social Sciences (SB)*</b> 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: African & African American Studies, Anthropology, Computer Science, Economics, Geography & Environmental Studies, History, Justice Studies, Latino & Latin American Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work	9
<b>Natural Sciences (NS and NSL)**</b> 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study; one course must have a laboratory component (NSL): Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physics (Note: If an FYE ANTH that counts as Natural Science is taken, only one Biology course may be used for Natural Science).	9

### Engaged Learning Experiences

Students must complete, at Northeastern, three courses designated as Engaged Learning Experiences courses. One of the Engaged Learning Experiences courses must be at the 300-level, and one Engaged Learning Experiences course must be designated as "Boundary Crossing".

### Discipline Specific (ELE-DS)

These courses have pre-requisites that are specific courses within a program of study. Discipline Specific courses give students a deeper understanding of how knowledge is created and applied in their field.

### Boundary Crossing (ELE-X)

These are courses that cross disciplinary boundaries and/or cross boundaries through engagements outside the classroom or University allowing students to see how knowledge gained in one field might inform other fields or other aspects of society.

### Math/Quantitative Reasoning (MA)

1 Math course, that has intermediate Algebra as prerequisite OR is a course listed on the General Education Distributive Learning List of Approved Courses. Any 3 hour college level math course, beyond Intermediate Algebra, meets this requirement.

\* Majors in Fine Arts, Humanities or Social/Behavioral Sciences, may waive up to 6 credit hours of General Education requirements in the corresponding distribution area.

\*\* Majors in Natural Sciences may waive up to 9 credit hours of General Education requirements in the Natural Sciences distribution area.

Students should also be aware of all other university requirements to obtain a degree - NEIU requirements (<http://catalog.neiu.edu/graduation-requirements/bachelors-degree/>)

## Minor in Political Science requirements (18 cr. hrs.)

The following two courses are required:

Code	Title	Hours
PSCI-210	Introduction To Political Science	3
Select one of the following:		
PSCI-275	Introduction To World Politics	
PSCI-291	Concepts Of Political Science	
PSCI-251	Writing Intensive Program: Comparative Political Systems	
PSCI-216	American National Government	

At least three courses should be taken at the 300-level.

Students in the Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education programs who have selected this minor must complete a minimum of 9 hours at the 300-level to meet graduation and certification requirements. Students in the program should note that if you use PSCI-216 to satisfy the Social and Behavioral Science General Education requirement, you must add a course to the Minor. In that case total credit hours will be 21. This applies only to students in the Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education Programs.