

# Major in Political Science

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## 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/>)

## Major in Political Science for the Bachelor of Arts Degree

Students majoring in political science must take at least 36 credit hours in political science.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
PSCI-210	Introduction To Political Science <sup>1,2</sup>	3
PSCI-308	Research Methods And Techniques In Political Science	3
Along with PSCI 210, students must then select two of the following introductory courses (since all students must take an intensive writing course, we recommend they take PSCI 251. For those who cannot take PSCI 251, other WIP courses are available):		6
PSCI-216	American National Government	
PSCI-251	Writing Intensive Program: Comparative Political Systems	
PSCI-275	Introduction To World Politics	
PSCI-291	Concepts Of Political Science	
Select eight 300-level courses:		24
5 courses in one area of emphasis <sup>3</sup>		
2 courses in a second area		
1 course in a third area		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> These introductory courses are not open to majors in their senior year.

<sup>2</sup> Must be among the first four political science courses taken.

<sup>3</sup> The broad areas of emphasis recognized by the department are American Politics and Public Affairs; International and Comparative Politics; and Political Theory. These eight courses must be at the 300-level.

This sample curricular map is provided to guide you in the planning of your progression for this major. This guide should not replace regular consultations with your program advisor. For specific recommendations of courses not identified, please consult your program advisor.

#### First Year

Term	Hours
<b>Term 1</b>	
ENGL-101	Writing I
PSCI-210 or PSCI-216	
General Education Course	
General Education Course	
General Education Course	
<b>Term Hours</b>	
	<b>15</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	
General Education Course	
General Education Course	
General Education Course	
PSCI-210 or PSCI-216	
MATH-112 or MATH-113	
<b>Term Hours</b>	
	<b>15</b>
<b>Second Year</b>	
<b>Term 1</b>	
PSCI-251 or PSCI-275	
General Education Course	
General Education Course	
General Education Course	
Elective/Minor	
<b>Term Hours</b>	
	<b>15</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	
Elective/Minor	
Elective/Minor	
Elective/Minor	
General Education Course	
300-Level PSCI Elective	
<b>Term Hours</b>	
	<b>15</b>
<b>Third Year</b>	
<b>Term 1</b>	
300-Level PSCI Elective	
300-Level PSCI Elective	
Elective/Minor	

Elective/Minor	3
Elective/Minor	3
<b>Term Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	
Elective/Minor	3
Elective/Minor	3
Elective/Minor	3
300-Level PSCI Elective	3
300-Level PSCI Elective	3
<b>Term Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>	
<b>Term 1</b>	
Elective/Minor	3
Elective/Minor	3
Elective/Minor	3
300-Level PSCI Elective	3
300-Level PSCI Elective	3
<b>Term Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	
300-Level PSCI Elective	3
Elective/Minor	3
Elective/Minor	3
Elective/Minor	3
Elective/Minor	3
<b>Term Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>120</b>