

Department of Political Science

Goals of the Department

1. Challenging our students to express ideas clearly and coherently.
2. Engaging our students in problem solving and analysis of policy options.
3. Introducing students to empirical methods of inquiry.
4. Learning to analyze research studies in a critical fashion.
5. Preparing students for graduate work and professional careers.

Majors for the Bachelor of Arts Degree

- Political Science
- Political Science For Secondary Education

Minor for the Bachelor of Arts Degree

- Political Science

Major in Political Science

I. Major Program Requirements

Thirty-three (33) semester credits of political science courses, including:

- PO 104 American National Government
- PO 115 International Relations
- PO 206 Modern Political Ideologies
- PO 280 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- PO 495 Senior Seminar

II. Other Program Requirements

- A. Program Options—Depending on their background and field of interest, political science majors may choose one of the following two (2) options to fulfill their skills requirement for the Department:

Option I: Two (2) semesters of a modern foreign language. Those with previous language training are urged to begin at the appropriate level to fulfill the two-course requirement.

Option II: MA 207 Elementary Statistics and PO 306 Data Analysis for Public Policy. Both courses assume a basic knowledge of algebra.

- B. Writing Competency For Majors And Minors

The Political Science department expects its graduates to be able to write well. In this regard all majors and minors are required to take EN 227 or another advanced writing course with the approval of the department.

Major in Political Science for Secondary Education

I. Major Program Requirements

Thirty (30) semester credits of political science courses, including:

- PO 104 American National Government
- PO 115 International Relations
- PO 206 Modern Political Ideologies
- PO 216 American Political Thought
- PO 230 Montana State Politics
- PO 280 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- PO 312 Elections, Political Parties, and Public Opinion
- PO 319 Urban Politics

II. Other Program Requirements

- MA 207 Elementary Statistics

III. Program Recommendations

- PO 222 United States Foreign Policy

IV. Professional Education Requirements

- AN/SO 218 Introduction to Native American Studies
- CS 103 Instructional Media and Technology
- ED 102 Foundations of Education
- ED/PSY 229 Educational Psychology
- ED 245 Diversity Field Experience
- ED 309 Teaching in the Secondary School
- ED 327 Content Area Reading/Language Arts
- ED 344 Secondary Social Studies
- ED 405 Education Seminar
- ED 410 Student Teaching
- ED 412 Measurement and Assessment in Teaching
- HPE214 The School Health Program
- PSY 228 Adolescent Psychology
- SPED 300 Introduction to Exceptional Children
- United States and contemporary world cultures course—see index for page number

Note: Secondary education students with this major must have a teaching minor. Please see “Department of Education: Health, Physical and Teacher” for details.

V. Acceptance into the Teacher Education Program and Student Teaching Program

- A. Teacher Education Program: Individuals pursuing academic programs that lead to teacher licensure must seek admission to the teacher education program by the end of their sophomore year.
- B. Student Teaching Program: In the spring semester of the junior year, all preservice teachers must seek admission to the student teaching program. For details see index for page numbers for Teacher Education and Student Teaching programs.

Note: All students are required to meet the requirements for graduation from Carroll College as listed in this catalog.

Minor in Political Science

I. Minor Program Requirements

Twenty-one (21) semester credits of political science courses, including:

- PO 104 American National Government
- PO 115 International Relations
- PO 206 Modern Political Ideologies
- PO 230 Montana State Politics
- PO 280 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- PO 495 Senior Seminar

II. Other program requirements

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