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Source: 2012-2017 Senior Exit Surveys, 189 respondents (93% of graduates).
**Political Science Major Options**
Political Science (PSCI) majors select one or more of the following options (concentrations):
- General Political Science
- American Politics
- International Relations and Comparative Politics
- Public Administration
- Public Law

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**PSCI Major Requirements**

**4 Introductory Courses:**
- PSCI 210SY American Government
- PSCI 220S Comparative Politics
- PSCI 230X International Relations
- PSCI 250E Political Theory

**1 Upper-Division Course in 4 of the 5 Political Science fields:**
- American Government and Politics
- Comparative Politics
- International Relations
- Political Theory
- Public Administration & Public Policy

**Advanced Writing in Political Science (PSCI 400):**
- 1 credit, add to any upper-division course
- Can be taken up to 3 times

**Additional Upper-Division PSCI Courses, up to at least:**
- 37 credits for a General Political Science major
- 40 credits for a specialized option (see list above)

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**Recommended Experiences:**
- Internships (legislative, administrative, legal, non-profit, etc.)
- Study Abroad, such as PSCI’s Summer in Mexico
- ASUM Student Senate
- Montana Model UN Conference and Traveling Team
- Pi Sigma Alpha political science honors society

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**Selected Upper-Division Courses by Field**

**American Government & Politics**
- 341 Political Parties & Elections
- 342 Media, Public Opinion, Polling
- 344 State & Local Government
- 345 American Political System
- 348 U.S. Multicultural Politics
- 370 Courts & Judicial Politics
- 443 Politics of Social Movements
- 444 American Political Participation
- 445 Political Psychology
- 471 American Constitutional Law
- 474 Civil Rights Seminar

**Comparative Politics**
- 311 Revolution & Reform in Modern China
- 322 Politics of Europe
- 324 Climate Policies: China & USA
- 325 Politics of Latin America
- 326 Politics of Africa
- 327 Politics of Mexico
- 328 Politics of China
- 381 State Formation
- 443 Politics of Social Movements
- 456 Chinese Political & Social Thought
- 481 Origins of Democracy & Authoritarianism

**International Relations**
- 332 Global Environmental Politics
- 334 International Security
- 335 American Foreign Policy
- 336 European Union
- 337 Model United Nations
- 431 Politics of Global Migration
- 433 International Law & Organizations
- 463 Development Administration
- 482 Politics of the World Economy

**Political Theory**
- 352 American Political Thought
- 354 Contemporary Issues in Political Theory
- 357 Ancient & Medieval Political Philosophy
- 452 Utopianism & Its Critics
- 453 Modern Political Theory

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**Political Science collaborates with other departments to offer:**
- Pre-law major
- History-Political Science teaching major
- Teaching Social Studies major
- Climate Change Studies minor
- Global Public Health minor
- International Development Studies minor
- Non-Profit Administration certificate
- Peace Corps Preparation certificate
- Global Leadership certificate
- University Honors (Davidson Honors College)