

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Faculty: Professor Watanabe and Associate Professor Roy (coordinator).

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science program is intentionally designed to enhance students' critical engagement with policy debates in the United States, government and politics in different regions of the world, and transnational challenges plaguing the international system. The coursework's overarching emphasis on social justice will equip students with the skills needed to make meaningful contributions to their local and global communities. A Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Political Science will prepare students for multiple career opportunities, including law school, graduate school in Political Science, government service, non-profit organizations, lobbying, international governmental organizations, secondary education (upon completing necessary certification), and journalism.

Bachelor of Arts - International Relations Program Goals

Communicates Effectively

Student demonstrates the ability to construct and articulate clearly well-reasoned arguments, grounded in evidence.

Thinks Critically

Student demonstrates the ability to explore issues in Political Science before accepting arguments or forming conclusions of their own.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science Requirements

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours	Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
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Foundational (24)

POL 101	U.S. Government	3
INR 151	International Relations	3
POL 201	Comparative Politics	3
POL/INR 320	Quantitative Research Methods	3
INR/PHI/POL 325	Social & Political Philosophy	3
POL/INR 490	Capstone Research Project	3

Choose one:

POL 121	Introduction to Political Science	3
POL 131	Public Administration	3
POL 141	Public Policy	3

Choose one:

POL/INR 350*	International Political Economy	3
ECO 201	Prin. of Economics 2: Macroeconomics	3

Major Subject Area (9)*

One 300-level course in American Government and Politics	3
One 300-level course in Comparative Politics	3
One 300-level course in International Relations	3

Electives in Major (9)*

Any three electives from the list of electives	3
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List of Electives/Major Subject Area Courses

American Government and Politics

POL 300	Political Behavior	3
POL/INR 360	US Foreign Policy	3

Comparative Politics

POL/INR/WGS 216	Women, Power, and Global Politics	3
POL/INR 315	Elections in the World and the US	3
POL/INR/SOC 330	Poverty and Inequality	3
POL/INR 335	Middle Eastern Politics: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	3
POL/INR 345	Politics, Power, and Religion	3
POL/INR 370	Asian Politics	3

International Relations

INR 310	International Organizations	3
POL/INR 330	Poverty and Inequality	3
INR 340	International Law	3
POL/INR 350	International Political Economy	3
INR 355	Terrorism	3
INR 365	International Environmental Policy	3

* No dual fulfillment allowed across 'Major Subject Area' courses and 'Electives'. Additionally, if INR 350 is taken to satisfy foundational requirements, it would not count toward 'Major Subject Area' or 'Electives'.

General Education Core	26-31
Program Requirement	42
Minor and/or Electives	49-51
Minimum Hours Required for Graduation	120