

**Southern Illinois University Edwardsville**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE - POLITICAL SCIENCE**

This guide provides only a suggested course of study and should be used in consultation with an advisor and the SIUE Undergraduate Catalog, available online at [www.siu.edu/registrar/](http://www.siu.edu/registrar/).

YEAR	FALL	SPRING
1	ENG 101 English Composition I 3 SPC 103 Interpersonal Communication or SPC 105 Public Speaking 3 Intro Fine Arts & Humanities 3 Intro Social Sciences 3 Intro Natural Sciences & Math 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 15	POLS 111 Intro to Political Science (II) 3 ENG 102 English Composition II 3 PHIL 106 Critical Thinking or MATH 106 Deductive Reasoning 3 Intro GENERAL EDUCATION 3 Intro GENERAL EDUCATION 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 15
2	POLS 112 American National Government 3 STAT 107 Concepts of Statistics or CMIS 108 Computer Concepts 3 Dist Natural Sciences & Math 3 Minor 3 Minor 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 15	POLS 300 Intro to Political Analysis 3 POLS (Subfield #1)** 3 Dist Fine Arts & Humanities 3 Dist Social Sciences 3 Intergroup Relations (IGR)* 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 15
3	POLS (Subfield #2)** 3 POLS ELECTIVE** 3 Minor 3 Minor 3 ELECTIVE 3 ELECTIVE 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 18	POLS (Subfield #3)** 3 POLS ELECTIVE** 3 Minor 3 Minor 3 ELECTIVE 4 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 16
4	POLS (Subfield #4)** 3 POLS ELECTIVE** 3 Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) 3 ELECTIVE 3 ELECTIVE 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 15	POLS ELECTIVE** 3 Minor /ELECTIVE 3 ELECTIVE 3 ELECTIVE 3 ELECTIVE 3 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 15

\* Course taken to meet this requirement may meet another General Education requirement. Please refer to the SIUE Undergraduate Catalog.

\*\* You will choose your Political Science courses with the help of your major advisor. The 33 hours in Political Science must include at least one course in four of the six subfields: American Government and Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, Public Administration, and Public Law. Please refer to the reverse side of this sheet for more information.

Declaring a Political Science Major: In order to declare a major in Political Science, it is necessary to have:

1. Completed all Academic Development courses required by the University;
2. Completed any required courses to address high school deficiencies;
3. A cumulative grade average of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale);
4. Completed ENG 101 and 102 with a C or better.

For further information, contact the Political Science Department, PH 3234 or 3219, 650-3572, or CAS Undergraduate Advising, PH 1315, 650-5525.

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**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

***Bachelor of Science, Major in Political Science***

POLS 111, POLS 112, and POLS 300 plus 24 hours of POLS courses = 33 hours

Minimum grade point average of 2.0 (based on a 4.0 scale) with a grade of C or higher in all Political Science classes.

At least one three hour course at 300/400 level in four out of six subfields (subfields listed below).

***Political Science Courses and Subfield Equivalents***

**AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

340:	The Presidency	346:	Public Opinion
341:	Congress and Legislation	390:	The Judicial System
342:	American Public Policy	440:	African American Politics
343:	American State Governments	441:	Women & Politics in America
344:	Urban Politics	445:	Voting and Elections
345:	Parties and Interest Groups	449:	Topics in American Politics

**COMPARATIVE POLITICS**

350:	Political Systems of Western Europe	355:	Political Systems of Latin America
351:	Eastern European Political Systems in Translation	356:	Political Systems of Asia
352:	Politics of Development	459:	Topics in Comparative Politics
354:	Women & Cross-National Politics		

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

370:	Introduction to International Relations	473:	U.S. Foreign Policy
371:	International Political Economy	479:	Topics in International Relations
472:	International Organizations		

**POLITICAL THEORY**

385:	Introduction to Political Theory	485:	Modern Political Theory
386:	American Political Ideas and their Origins	489:	Topics in Political Theory
484:	Classical Political Theory		

**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

320:	Introduction to Public Administration	429:	Topics in Public Administration
424:	Administrative Law		

**PUBLIC LAW**

390:	The Judicial System	496:	Constitutional Law II
424:	Administrative Law	497:	Environmental Law
495:	Constitutional Law I	499:	Topics in Public Law

**Additional Courses Available**

310:	Independent Readings & Research
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