

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
- Bachelor of Science, Political Science
- Professional Educator Licensure (9-12) program

Political Science at SIUE

The Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences offers courses broadly concerned with the study of government and politics, organized into seven fields:

- American government and politics: Students examine the institutions and behaviors of the U.S. political system, including federal, state, and local structures; campaigns; elections; political organizations and issues of public policy.
- Comparative politics: Students learn about and compare the political cultures, economies, parties and institutions within other countries.
- International relations: Students study the relations among nations and relations with international bodies, such as the United Nations.
- Political theory: Students examine the attempts of important thinkers to define the functions of the state and the rights and obligations of citizens, and study efforts to develop comprehensive theories of politics through analysis and the evaluation of political behavior.
- Public administration: Students explore bureaucracies, leadership and the ways in which public business is conducted.
- Public law: Students examine the nature of the judicial process and the role of the courts in interpreting and applying the Constitution of the United States.
- Political analysis: Students explore research design, concepts and methodology.

Career Opportunities

Students who major in political science have entered a wide variety of careers in business, government service (at the federal, state and local levels), law, journalism, and public or private interest groups. Our graduates understand regulatory environments, and do well in industries such as banking and insurance, as well as industries that have compliance concerns, such as defense contractors and hospitals. A program in teacher licensure (6-12) is also available.

In addition to providing preparation for specific careers, a major in political science provides excellent career-building skills, such as data analysis, research skills, statistical techniques and expository writing. Of the 40 largest employers in the bi-state region, six are governments and government contractors, five are educational institutions, and four are financial institutions. A degree in political science will prepare you to work for more than one-third of the region's major employers.

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Political Science



Faculty

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2002, Purdue University

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1992, University of Houston

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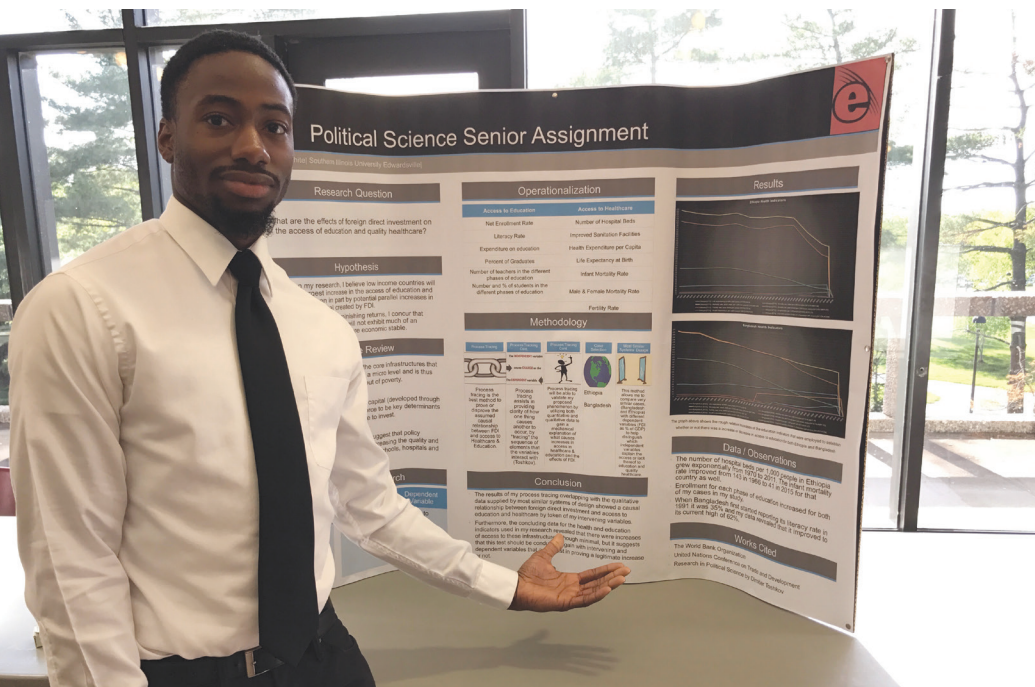
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Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Political Science

Fall Semester

Spring Semester

| | Fall Semester | Spring Semester | | |
|--------|---|-----------------|---|----|
| Year 1 | ENG 101 English Composition I | 3 | POLS 111 Intro to Political Science (BSS, EGC) | 3 |
| | ACS 101 Public Speaking | 3 | ENG 102 English Composition II | 3 |
| | Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA) | 3 | RA 101 Reasoning and Argumentation | 3 |
| | Breadth Humanities (BHUM)/Experience United States Cultures (EUSC) | 3 | Breadth Life Science (BLS) with a Lab Experience (EL) | 3 |
| | Breadth Information & Communication in Society (BICS) | 3 | Fine & Performing Arts or Humanities (BA degree) | 3 |
| | FST 101 Succeeding & Engaging at SIUE | 1 | Total Credits | 15 |
| | Total Credits | 16 | | |
| Year 2 | POLS 112 American National Government (BSS) | 3 | POLS (Subfield #1) | 3 |
| | QR 101, MATH 150 or Higher | 3 | Health Experience (EH) | 3 |
| | 101 Elementary Foreign Language I (BA degree) or Life, Physical or Social Science with a lab (EL) (BS degree) | 3-4 | FL 102 Elementary Foreign Language II (BA degree) | 4 |
| | Minor | 3 | Fine & Performing Arts or Humanities (BA degree) | 3 |
| | Minor | 3 | Minor | 3 |
| | Total Credits | 15-16 | Total Credits | 16 |
| Year 3 | POLS (Subfield #2) | 3 | POLS (Subfield #3) | 3 |
| | POLS 300 (BSS, EL) | 3 | POLS Elective | 3 |
| | Minor | 3 | Minor | 3 |
| | Fine & Performing Arts or Humanities (BA degree) | 3 | Minor/Elective | 3 |
| | Breadth Physical Science (BPS) | 3 | Fine & Performing Arts or Humanities (BA degree) | 3 |
| | Total Credits | 15 | Total Credits | 15 |
| Year 4 | POLS (Subfield #4) | 3 | POLS Elective | 3 |
| | POLS 400 Political Science Senior Assignment | 3 | POLS Elective | 3 |
| | Minor | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| | Elective | 2 | Elective | 3 |
| | Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) | 3 | Elective | 2 |
| | Total Credits | 14 | Total Credits | 14 |
| | | Total Hours | 120 | |

NOTES – Students wishing to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree may do so by adding one year of foreign language.

Admission Requirements

Students applying for a major or minor in political science must have:

- Completed the General Education requirements for writing skills (ENG 101 and 102 or equivalent)
- Resolved all high school course deficiencies
- A minimum overall GPA of 2.0. This requirement also applies to any transfer GPA.

Graduation Requirements

Students majoring in political science must complete a POLS 400 senior assignment.

Students must receive a grade of C or better in all political science courses that count toward the major or minor, with a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all political science classes taken at SIUE.

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