

POLITICAL SCIENCE/ INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MAJOR

Students majoring in the political science major with the international relations concentration (PSIR) are challenged to think creatively and analytically about historically and currently relevant topics. Through participation in lectures, seminars, internships, and independent studies, our students develop critical reasoning, communication, data analysis, and reflectional skills.

Many graduates go on to obtain advanced degrees in law, business, public policy, political science, and public administration. Others apply their degree to relevant career employment, pursuing work in political campaigns, lobbies, non-profit foundations, think tanks, corporations, public relations firms, news organizations, government, and international organizations.

Requirements

TO DECLARE A POLS, PSIR OR PSDV MAJOR and for information about undergraduate advising in Political Science, please go to: <https://liberalarts.tulane.edu/departments/political-science/undergraduate-advising> (<https://liberalarts.tulane.edu/departments/political-science/undergraduate-advising/>)

Please note, you cannot declare two political science majors. You must choose either POLS, PSIR or PSDV.

Course ID	Title	Credits
Required Course:		
POLS 2010 or PSDV 2010	Scope/Methods Poli Sci Research Design and Methods for International Development	3
Three Courses from the following:		9
POLA 2100	American Government (or a 4 or 5 on the A.P. American Government Exam)	
POLC 2300	Comparative Politics (or a 4 or 5 on the A.P. Comparative Politics Exam)	
POLI 2500	International Relations	
PSDV 2400	Intro to Internatl Development	
POLT 2700	Pol Thought In The West	
Economics Component ¹		
PSIR majors must successfully complete ONE of the following courses:		3
ECON 1020	Introduction to Macroeconomics	
POLI 3540	International Political Economy	
ECON 3370	World Economy	
POLC 6110	Comparativ Political Econ	
Foreign Language Component		
Students must complete one additional three-credit course beyond the core proficiency foreign-language requirement.		3
Electives ²		
SIX courses, at least THREE of which must be in either International Relations (POLI) and/or Comparative Politics (POLC). Not more than FOUR of the electives may be in any single subfield (POLA, POLC, POLI, or POLT).		18
Total Credit Hours		36

¹ A course in the political economy department (such as PECN 3040 Comp & Intl Pol Econ (3 c.h.)) that is approved by the political science department's director of undergraduate studies may also be considered. POLI 3540 International Political Economy (3,4 c.h.) and POLC 6110 Comparativ Political Econ (4 c.h.) can count for either the Economics Component or an Elective but not both.

² Not more than FOUR of the electives may be in any single subfield (POLA, POLC, POLI, PSDV or POLT).

Pre-requisites

For all major tracks (POLS, PSIR, & PSDV), students must have successfully completed POLS 2010 Scope/Methods Poli Sci (3 c.h.) or PSDV 2010 Research Design and Methods for International Development (3 c.h.) and the correlating introductory course in order to enroll in any course above the 3000-level. For example, students must complete POLA 2100 American Government (3 c.h.) in order to enroll in POLA 4000 or 6000-level courses.

Faculty may choose to add other pre-requisites to any course and are encouraged to do so in any case in which they feel that doing so would improve student preparation for and performance in their own courses. Non-major juniors and seniors may enroll in courses at the 4000-level or above with the consent of the instructor. The Political Science department enforces all pre-requisites. Students must have successfully completed a pre-requisite the semester before registering for any class. The department reserves the right to drop students who are missing the pre-requisite from the course without notice.

Level of Course Work

- Students must successfully complete at least three courses at the 4000 or 6000 level.
 - An Honor's thesis in Political Science will count as one 4000-level elective
 - One Political Science independent study may count as a 4000-level elective but only if it is taken for 3 credits
- Students may count one Political Science internship course (POLS 4560 Internship (1,3 c.h.) Internship) toward the major requirements, however it will not count toward the three required 4000- or 6000-level electives.