POLITICAL SCIENCE/ INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MAJOR

Students majoring in political science (https://liberalarts.tulane.edu/departments/political-science) 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: Pick up a major-declaration form from your academic advisor and bring it to the office of our Director of Undergraduate Studies, Prof. Brox (302 Norman Mayer), during his office hours: Wednesday 10-12 and 1-3. You will be assigned a major advisor at that point.

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

Course ID   Title                 Credits
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Required Courses
POLS 2010   3
PSDV 2400   3
One out of the following two:
POLC 2300   3
POLI 2500   3
Choose One Course from the Following: 3
- Any PSDV 3000-level course
- POLC 3310
- POLC 3350
- POLC 3380
- POLC 3340
Economics Component
ECON 1020   3
POLI 3540   3
Foreign Language Component
Students must complete one additional three-credit course beyond the SLA foreign-language requirements. Course must be taught in the target language.
Electives
FIVE courses, at least ONE must be a PSDV class. At least TWO must come from outside of Political Science (see the approved list of classes in the checklist). 15

Pre-requisites

For all major tracks (POLS, POLI, & PSDV), students must have successfully completed POLS 2010 (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 (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

- At least two courses need to be at the 4000-level or above. This does not include internships, independent studies, or honors thesis credits.
- Either one course at the 6000 level or one four-credit writing intensive course in political science. This course cannot be “double-counted” and used to fulfill the requirement above; in other words, it does not count toward the “two classes at the 4000-level or above” requirement.
• Students may not exceed six credits of internship toward their total hours of graduation and can count only one internship course (POLS 4560 (c.h.)) toward major requirements.