

Major Requirement Worksheet

Adviser: _____

Date: _____

Student number: _____

The Department of Political Science requires its majors to complete a minimum of eleven (11) three-credit political science courses plus the Junior Year Writing requirement. No fewer than two of the eleven courses must be taken at the 100 (introductory)-level and no fewer than eight must be taken at the 200-level or above. All courses counted toward the political science major must be taken for a letter grade, and no fewer than six of the eleven required political science courses must be taken within the Department. Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA within the major and overall to graduate.

Introductory Requirement

All Political Science majors must complete at least two 100-level Political Science courses with grades of C or better, one which must be chosen from among the following: 101 American Politics; 111 Comparative Politics; 121 World Politics; or 171 Introduction to Political Theory. If a third introductory course is taken to satisfy the major requirements, it must be selected from these courses.

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Distribution Requirement

Majors are required to take American Politics and one course at the 200-level or above in each of the general fields of International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Political Theory. Courses that may be taken to satisfy these requirements are listed under "Political Science Course Offerings." None of these requirements may be satisfied by an internship or independent study or by Honors research, thesis or project courses.

American Politics _____

International Relations _____

Comparative Politics _____

Political Theory _____

Electives

In addition to the courses taken to satisfy the introductory and distribution requirements, majors must take **four** (if three 100-level courses are selected) or **five** (if two 100-level courses are selected) other Political Science courses at the 200-level or above. Not more than one of these courses can be an independent study course or a graded internship. Honors research, Honors Project, and Honors Thesis courses (POLSCI 499Y, POLSCI 499P, POLSCI 499T) are in addition to the 11-course requirement for the major.

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Junior Year Writing Requirement* _____

*(Double majors may fulfill this requirement in either major department.)

Students may also fulfill major requirements by pursuing one of four “OPTIONS”: Law, Global Political Studies, American Political Management or Social Science Education. See details on information sheets. [Political Science Course Offerings](#)

(1) REGULAR COURSES. The following courses may be taken to satisfy the distribution requirement under which they are listed. In addition, any of them may be taken to satisfy department elective requirements. None of these courses, however, may be used to satisfy more than one requirement. Courses marked with an asterisk are given irregularly. Others are normally given at least once every four semesters.

American Politics

201 – American Politics Through Film	
203 - American Political Thought	361 - Civil Liberties
208 - Political Parties & Elections	362 - Politics, Law & Judicial Behavior
214 - Urban Gov't. & Politics	363 - The Politics of Law
219 - State & Local Gov't.	365 - Bill of Rights & Equal Protection
220 – Public Administration	366 - The First Amendment
280 - Public Policy	367 - The Supreme Court
302 - American Presidency	380 – Social Welfare Policy
305 - Congress & the Legislative Process	381 – Health, Education and Arts Policy
307 - Black Politics	382 - Environmental Policy
308 - Public Opinion in Politics*	383 – Land and Resource Policy
317 – Massachusetts Politics	386 – Criminal Justice Policy
321 –Public Human Resources Management	
360 - Constitutional Law	

Comparative Politics

236 - Russian Politics	340 - Gov't. & Politics of Latin America
239 – Gov't. & Politics of West Europe	341 - Gov't. & Politics of Central America & Hispanic Caribbean
245 - Gov't & Politics of English-Speaking Caribbean	343 - Gov't. & Politics of East Africa
249 – Canadian Politics	344 – Political Systems of Spain & Portugal
331 - Political Development. & Modernization	345 – Revolutionary Nationalism & Imperialism in the Caribbean
332 - Gov't. & Politics of Scandinavia	346 – Gov't. & Politics of West Africa
333 - Gov't & Politics of the Middle East	385 – Comparative Public Policy
335 - Gov'ts of East Central Europe	
338 – Nationalism, Ethncty & Identity in Politics	

International Relations

250 - Russian Foreign Policy	353 - Representations of War & Peace
252 – Globalization, Governance & World Order	354 - International Relations
253 - Int. Environmental Politics & Policy	355 - North/South International Relations
255 - American Foreign Policy	356 - International Law
258 - International Relations of Asia	357 - International Organizations
259 - European Foreign Policy*	359 - International Political Economy
351 - International Security Policy	
352 - Inter-American Relations	

Political Theory

The distribution requirement in Political Theory may be satisfied only by taking a course in the 270-375 range. Other theory courses may be counted toward meeting the elective requirements, but they do not fulfill the distribution requirement in Political Theory.

270 - Ancient & Medieval Thought
271 - Modern Political Thought
373 - Contemporary Political Theory

374 - Issues in Political Theory
375 - Feminist Theory & Politics