

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

Degree Requirements

All students are required to complete overall degree requirements in addition to their major. Please see Degree Completion Requirements (<https://catalog.hiram.edu/undergraduate/student-academic-responsibilities-performance/degree-completion-requirements/>) for full details for students entering in the 2022-2023 catalog year.

Those students who started at Hiram prior to the 2022-2023 academic year will follow the Degree Requirements outlined in your catalog of record.

Major Requirements

The major in political science requires a total of nine political science courses plus a capstone experience. Classes must include: POLS 10900 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT:CA,ES and one course from each of the four departmental subfields:

- American politics,
- Comparative politics,
- International relations, and
- Political philosophy

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|--------------------------------|-------|
| Required Course | | |
| POLS 10900 | AMERICAN GOVERNMENT:CA,ES | 4 |
| Department Subfields | | |
| Select one course from each of the following subfields: | | 12-16 |
| <i>American Politics</i> | | |
| POLS 20000 | POLITICS OF JOURNALISM:CA | |
| POLS 20900 | POL PARTIES/INTEREST GROUPS:CA | |
| POLS 21600 | THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY | |
| POLS 31400 | PUBLIC POLICY MAKING | |
| POLS 31900 | THE AMERICAN FOUNDING:IM,CA | |
| POLS 34500 | COURT/CONSTITUTION GOV:IM,ES | |
| POLS 34000 | THE U.S. CONGRESS | |
| <i>Comparative Politics</i> | | |
| POLS 20500 | POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY:CA | |
| POLS 20200 | POLITICS OF HUMAN RIGHTS:ES | |
| POLS 22310 | COMPARATIVE POLITICS: CA,EW | |
| POLS 23400 | POLITICS DEVELOPG AREAS:CA,EW | |
| POLS 31600 | COMPARATIVE ELECTIONS | |
| POLS 32000 | POLITICAL VIOLENCE:CA | |
| POLS 32500 | INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM:CA | |
| POLS 37900 | LOGIC & SCOPE POLIT INQUIRY:MM | |
| <i>International Relations</i> | | |
| POLS 22800 | INTERNATIONAL LAW | |
| POLS 22900 | INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION:ES | |
| POLS 23100 | INTERNATIONAL POLITICS:CA | |
| POLS 23200 | INT'L RELATIONS S. ASIA:CA,EW | |
| POLS 24100 | THE TRANSATLANTIC RELATION:EW | |
| POLS 33500 | TOWARDS A GLOBAL STATE | |
| POLS 33700 | THE ART OF WAR:ES | |

| | | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------|
| POLS 35100 | POLITICAL PHIL DANGEROUS WORLD | |
| <i>Political Philosophy</i> | | |
| POLS 23600 | ANARCHY:IM | |
| POLS 27400 | MODERN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY | |
| POLS 37300 | CLASSICAL POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY | |
| POLS 35100 | POLITICAL PHIL DANGEROUS WORLD | |
| POLS 47900 | TPC POLS PHIL: | |
| Independent Capstone | | |
| Select one of the following: | | 1-4 |
| POLS 48000 | SENIOR SEMINAR | |
| POLS 48100 | INDEPENDENT RESEARCH | |
| Internship | | |
| Additional 4 Courses to meet 9 class requirement | | 13-16 |
| Total Hours | | 30-40 |

Independent Capstone

Political science majors must complete a program capstone in consultation with their academic advisor. The capstone course must be taken after a student achieves senior status. A formal programmatic, campus-wide, or public oral presentation of the project is part of this requirement. This requirement differs for program honors candidates, as is explained in the following paragraph.

Honors

Candidates for program honors must achieve a general grade-point average and a program grade-point average whose sum equals at least 6.8. During their senior year, honors candidates will register for POLS 48200 ADVANCED INDEPENDENT RESEARCH. Completion of this course will involve a paper of substantial length and quality, to be closely supervised by an advisor. This paper will be reviewed and must be accepted by all program faculty. The completion of the project will satisfy the capstone requirement.

Pathway

| Course | Title | Hours | Term |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------|
| First Year | | | |
| Fall 12 Week | | | |
| UCS 10101 | FIRST-YEAR ENDURING QUESTIONS | 4 | _____ |
| POLS XXXXX | Political Science Elective | 4 | _____ |
| Hiram Core Requirement | | 4 | _____ |
| Hours | | 12 | |
| Fall 3 Week | | | |
| POLS XXXXX | Political Science Elective | 3 | _____ |
| Hours | | 3 | |
| Spring 12 Week | | | |
| UCS 20201 | ADDRESSING URGENT QUESTIONS | 4 | _____ |
| POLS XXXXX | Political Science Elective | 4 | _____ |
| Hiram Core Requirement | | 4 | _____ |
| Hours | | 12 | |
| Spring 3 Week | | | |
| POLS XXXXX | Political Science Elective | 3-4 | _____ |
| Hours | | 3-4 | |

Second Year

Fall 12 Week

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------|
| POLS XXXXX | Political Science Elective | 4 | _____ |
| Hiram Core Requirement | | 4 | _____ |
| Elective Course | | 4 | _____ |
| Hours | | 12 | |

Fall 3 Week

| | | | |
|-----------------|--|----------|-------|
| Elective Course | | 3 | _____ |
| Hours | | 3 | |

Spring 12 Week

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------|
| POLS XXXXX | Political Science Elective | 4 | _____ |
| Elective, Second Major, Minor Course | | 4 | _____ |
| Elective, Second Major, Minor Course | | 4 | _____ |
| Hours | | 12 | |

Spring 3 Week

| | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------|-------|
| POLS XXXXX | Political Science Elective | 3-4 | _____ |
| Hours | | 3-4 | |

Third Year

Fall 12 Week

| | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| UCS 30301 | URGENT CHALLENGE SEMINAR:TT | 4 | _____ |
| POLS XXXXX | Political Science Elective | 4 | _____ |
| Hiram Core Requirement | | 4 | _____ |
| Hours | | 12 | |

Fall 3 Week

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------|-------|
| Elective, Second Major, Minor Course | | 3-4 | _____ |
| Hours | | 3-4 | |

Spring 12 Week

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------|
| POLS XXXXX | Political Science Elective | 4 | _____ |
| Hiram Core Requirement | | 4 | _____ |
| Elective, Second Major, Minor Course | | 4 | _____ |
| Hours | | 12 | |

Spring 3 Week

| | | | |
|--|--|------------|-------|
| Political Science Elective or Elective, Second Major, Minor Course | | 3-4 | _____ |
| Hours | | 3-4 | |

Fourth Year

Fall 12 Week

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------|
| POLS XXXXX | Political Science Elective | 4 | _____ |
| Hiram Core Requirement | | 4 | _____ |
| Elective, Second Major, Minor Course | | 4 | _____ |
| Hours | | 12 | |

Fall 3 Week

| | | | |
|--|--|------------|-------|
| Political Science Elective or Elective, Second Major, Minor Course | | 3-4 | _____ |
| Hours | | 3-4 | |

Spring 12 Week

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------|
| POLS 48XXX | Political Science Capstone | 4 | _____ |
| Elective, Second Major, Minor Course | | 4 | _____ |
| Elective, Second Major, Minor Course | | 4 | _____ |
| Hours | | 12 | |

Spring 3 Week

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------|
| Elective, Second Major, Minor Course | 3-4 | _____ |
| Hours | 3-4 | |
| Total Hours | 120-126 | |