Political Science Minor 2015-2016

Note: These requirements are for students entering GVSU in catalog year 2008 or later. Students in previous catalog years should consult a prior catalog. We strongly recommend study abroad and internship.

Students minoring in political science are required to complete at least 21 hours in political science, including:

- PLS 102
- PLS 103 or PLS 211

Of the remaining 15 credits, there must be one course in each of the following four fields: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political thought. Please see the list of elective courses by category below.

- At least nine credit hours must be at the 300 level; independent studies and internships do not count toward the 300-level requirement.
- No more than six credits of internship or independent study may count toward the minor.

Political Science Elective Courses by Category:

American Politics
- PLS 202 American Election Campaigns
- PLS 203 State Politics
- PLS 205 The Policy Process
- PLS 206 American Constitutional Foundations
- PLS 301 Poverty, Inequality, and US Public Policy
- PLS 302 Women, Politics, and Public Policy
- PLS 303 Introduction to Environmental Policy
- PLS 304 Political Parties & Interest Groups
- PLS 305 Congress & The Presidency
- PLS 306 American Constitutional Law I
- PLS 307 American Constitutional Law II
- PLS 308 American Judicial Politics
- PLS 310 Politics & Health Policy
- PLS 330 Religion & Politics
- PLS 340 Mass Media and American Politics
- PLS 341 Elections & Voting Behavior
- PA 307 Local Politics and Administration

International Relations
- PLS 212 Great Decisions
- PLS 311 International Conflict and Conflict Resolution
- PLS 312 U.S. Foreign Policy
- PLS 313 International Organization
- PLS 314 International Law
- PLS 315 International Political Economy
- PLS 316 Human Rights in International Politics
- PLS 321 The European Union

Comparative Politics
- PLS 221 Government and Politics of Western Europe
- PLS 240 The Holocaust
- PLS 281 Comparative Political Systems: Canada
- PLS 283 Chinese Politics and US-Chinese Relations
- PLS 284 Latin American Politics
- PLS 319 African Politics
- PLS 327 Politics of Developing Countries
- PLS 339 Comparative Democratization
- PLS 382 Politics of Post-Communist Europe
- PLS 385 Russian and Post-Soviet Politics

Political Thought
- PLS 231 Classical Political Thought
- PLS 232 Modern Political Thought
- PLS 333 Contemporary Political Thought
- PLS 337 U.S. Political Thought
- PLS 338 Citizenship

Introductory Courses
- PLS 105 Introduction to Human Rights

Special Topics, Independent Study, Internship
- PLS 300 Political Analysis
- PLS 380 Special Topics in Politics
- PLS 399 Readings in Political Science
- PLS 490 Internship
- PLS 499 Independent Research

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