

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