

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