

## **GVSU Political Science Minor 2017-2018**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ PLS 102 American Government and Politics

\_\_\_\_\_ PLS 103 Issues in World Politics or \_\_\_\_\_ PLS 211 International Relations

**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.

### **Electives:**

\_\_\_\_\_ American Politics

\_\_\_\_\_ Comparative Politics

\_\_\_\_\_ International Relations

\_\_\_\_\_ Political Thought

\_\_\_\_\_ PLS elective

\*We strongly recommend study abroad and internship.

## **Political Science Elective Courses by Category:**

### **American Politics**

(Prerequisite is PLS 102 or Junior standing except where noted)

PLS 202 American Election Campaigns

PLS 203 State Politics

PLS 205 The Policy Process

PLS 206 American Constitutional Foundations (no prerequisite)

PLS 301 Poverty, Inequality, & US Policy (Junior standing)

PLS/WGS 302 Women, Politics and Policy

PLS/ENS 303 Intro. US Environ. Policy (Junior standing)

PLS 304 Political Parties & Interest Groups

PLS 305 SWS Congress and the Presidency (PLS 102 or Junior standing, & WRT 150)

PLS 306 American Constitutional Law I

PLS 307 American Constitutional Law II

PLS 308 American Judicial Politics

PLS/PA 310 Politics and Health Policy

PLS 330 Religion and Politics

PLS 340 Mass Media and American Politics

PLS 341 Elections and Voting Behavior (PLS 102, STA 215 and PLS 300)

PA 307/GPY 308 Local Politics and Administration (no prerequisite)

### **International Relations**

PLS 212 Great Decisions (No prerequisite)

PLS 311 International Conflict and Conflict Resolution (PLS 211 or Junior standing)

PLS 312 U.S. Foreign Policy (PLS 102 or PLS 211 or Junior standing)

PLS 313 International Organization (PLS 211 or Junior standing)

PLS 314 International Law (PLS 211 or Junior standing)

PLS 315 International Political Economy (PLS 211 or ECO 200 or ECO 210 or ECO 211)

PLS/HRT 316 Human Rights in International Politics (PLS 103 or PLS 211 or Junior standing)

PLS 321/HNR 311 The European Union (PLS 221 or permission of instructor)

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**Comparative Politics**

PLS 221 Government and Politics of Western Europe (No prerequisite)  
PLS 240 The Holocaust (No prerequisite)  
PLS 281 Comparative Political Systems: Canada (No prerequisite)  
PLS 283 Chinese Politics and U.S.-Chinese Relations (No prerequisite)  
PLS 284 Latin American Politics (No prerequisite)  
PLS/AAA 319 African Politics (Junior standing)  
PLS 320 Comparative Politics of the Middle East (No prerequisite)  
PLS 325 Human Rights & Democracy in Russia & the Post-Communist World (103 or Junior standing)  
PLS 327 Politics of Developing Countries (PLS 103 or Junior standing)  
PLS 339 Democracy and the Authoritarian Challenge (Junior standing)

**Political Thought**

PLS/HRT 105 Introduction to Human Rights (No prerequisite)  
PLS 231 Classical Political Thought (No prerequisite)  
PLS 232 SWS Modern Political Thought (WRT 150)  
PLS 333 Contemporary Political Thought (PLS 231 or 232 or Junior standing)  
PLS/WGS/HNR 334 Sex, Power, and Politics (Junior standing)  
PLS/HRT/HNR 335 Theory of Human Rights (PLS 105 or HNR 263)  
PLS 337 U.S. Political Thought (Junior standing)  
PLS 338 SWS Citizenship (Junior standing & WRT 150)

**Special Topics, Independent Study, Internship**

PLS 300 Political Analysis (STA 215)  
PLS 350 Comparative Public Opinion (STA 215 and PLS 300, or permission of instructor)  
PLS 380 Special Topics in Politics  
PLS 399 Readings in Political Science  
PLS 490 Internship  
PLS 499 Independent Research