Nebraska Wesleyan University

Catalog 2025-2026

Major:

Political Science (B.A., B.S.)

Departments/Programs:

Political Science

The choice of a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree is available to political science majors. If a student has a second major, the degree choice may be determined by the other major.

Political Science Major (B.A. or B.S., 36 hours)

Core Courses	36 hours
POLSC 1010 United States Government and Politics or POLSC 1010FYW United States Government and Politics	4 hours
POLSC 1100 Introduction to International Politics	4 hours
POLSC 2000 Analyzing Politics and Policy	4 hours

Politicial Science Electives

- Eight (8) hours of the electives credit must be completed at the 3000/4000 level
- A minimum of two (2) courses must be completed in each of the two (2) subfields (US Politics/International Politics) listed below:

US Electives (select two from the following):

- POLSC 2030 Elections
- POLSC 2100 Social Policy
- POLSC 2110 Lobbying and Policy Advocacy
- POLSC 2200 Race and Politics
- POLSC 2350 Judicial Politics
- POLSC 2450 State and Local Government
- POLSC 2500 Constitutional Law
- POLSC 2550 Political Parties and Interest Groups
- POLSC 2720 Environmental Politics
- POLSC 2730 The Politics Of Public Lands
- POLSC 3300 Public Opinion
- POLSC 3400 Congress and Presidency

International Politics Electives (select two from the following):

- POLSC 2630 Foreign Policy
- POLSC 2640 Terrorism and Political Violence
- POLSC 2660 Intelligence And National Security
- POLSC 2670 Global Revolution and Rebellion
- POLSC 2700 Women and Politics
- POLSC 3720 War And Peace
- POLSC 3730 Authoritarian Regimes

Capstone

POLSC 4990 Senior Seminar

In some cases, senior research may be completed instead through a project undertaken in conjunction with POLSC 2970 Internship.

Required Minor

Political Science majors must also complete one or more minors. Students pursuing a double major may substitute their second major for the minor requiren

** Minimum 12 hours of 3000-4000 level work must be completed in major. Make sure to work with advisor to check that all upper-level hours are completed in plan.