Nebraska Wesleyan University

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

Catalog

2026-2027

Program Description

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.

Departments

1. Political Science

Political Science Major (B.A. or B.S., 36 hours). A minor or second major is also required.

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	**20 hours**

- 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	4 hours

POLSC 4990 Senior Seminar In some cases, senior research may be completed instead through a project undertaken in conjunction with POLSC 2970 Internship.	4 hours

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 requirement.

** 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.