

Political Science Minor

Why minor in Political Science?

Understanding how to analyze government, politics, and public policy is central to so many societal questions. The Political Science minor enhances your major, demonstrating key research, communication, and critical thinking skills to employers or graduate schools. Minor students can be involved in a wide range of Political Science activities both in and out of the classroom—this is a great minor for political “junkies” who just want to learn more about how the political world works!

Requirements (18 hours):

- PLS 1153G/1193G/American Government and the U.S. Constitution
- PLS 1003/Introduction to Politics
OR
PLS 2253G/2293G/Introduction to International Relations
- 12 more hours of Political Science, with at least 9 hours at the 3000-level or higher

Civic & Nonprofit Leadership Minor

Why minor in Civic & Nonprofit Leadership?

The Civic and Nonprofit Leadership Minor focuses on leadership in public administration, government agencies, and nonprofits. This minor demonstrates to employers and graduate schools that you understand government and nonprofit leadership in the U.S., and that you are prepared to take on leadership responsibilities. The minor is also a great option for students interested in community activism, grassroots organizing, and advocacy—you will learn how to solve problems and make a difference!

Requirements (18 hours):

- PLS 2703/Introduction to Public Policy
- 2 of the following required courses (must be at least a junior to enroll):
 - PLS 4793/Civic & Nonprofit Leadership
 - PLS 4893/Budgeting in Government & Nonprofits
 - PLS 4873/Human Resource Management in Government & Nonprofits
- 9 hours of electives from this list:

○ PLS 1153G/1193G/Intro. Am.Gov.	○ PLS 3862/Special Topics in US Politics/Policy/PA
○ PLS 3603/State & Local Government	○ PLS 3743/Congress
○ PLS 3733/Interest Groups & Lobbying	○ PLS 3753/The American Presidency
○ PLS 3723/Political Behavior	○ PLS 4763/Environmental Politics/Policy
○ PLS 3653/American Indian Politics	○ PLS 4783/Health Politics/Policy
○ PLS 3703/African American Politics	○ PLS 4793/Civic & Nonprofit Leadership*
○ PLS 3773/Religion & Politics in the US	○ PLS 4893/Budgeting *
○ PLS 3903/Women & Politics	○ PLS 4873/Human. Resource Mgt.*
○ PLS 3713/Political Parties & Elections	

* Cannot double count for a required course and an elective