



COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Explore the Theories, Concepts, and Methods of Modern Politics

The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science program applies a systematic and rigorous study to politics and government in order to help you understand how societies use public authority to address collective problems. The program will equip you with specialized research and analytical skills along with problem-solving techniques to position you as a valuable member of a leadership team that effectively addresses public issues. In the program you'll study social, economic, and political life, both nationally and globally. A degree in political science can lead to a variety of careers in federal, state, and local governments; law, business, and international organizations; nonprofit associations and organizations; campaign management, electoral politics, and polling; journalism; and research and teaching.

Program highlights:

- Entire program can be completed online
- Understand and explain the major theories, concepts, and methods of political science
- Evaluate current world events from a political science perspective
- Use professional and appropriate methods to research and reach logical conclusions about politics and government

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MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Political science, the systematic and rigorous study of politics and government, is becoming increasingly crucial in a complex and controversial world. Current cynicism about politics and public leadership belies a need for responsive, representative, effective, and capable public authority. Citizens still expect government to tackle such intimidating social problems, such as healthcare, community security, economic, and social justice and the balancing of conflicting rights and freedoms. Political science analyzes the ways societies use public authority to address collective problems. The political science program is designed to equip students with specialized research and analytical skills as well as familiarity with more generalized problem-solving skills sufficient to allow them to make valuable contributions to any vocation or enterprise they pursue and to ensure that they will be prepared to solve public problems.

The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science will engage students in the study of social, economic, and political life, nationally and globally. A bachelor's degree in political science can lead to exciting careers in federal, state, and local governments; law, business, and international organizations; nonprofit associations and organizations; campaign management, electoral politics, and polling; journalism; and research and teaching.

BA Political Science/Master of Public Administration (MPA) Transition Program

Students who are currently enrolled in the BA Political Science program who have at least a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and are within six courses of completion of the BA program may register for the BA Political Science/MPA transition program. They may do this by asking their advisor to submit a plan change into the transition program allowing them to take two MPA classes as electives during the BA Political Science program. To be eligible, students must apply for and begin the MPA program within six months of completing their Political Science degree. Students may choose up to two 600-level public administration (PAD) courses with the exception of PAD 631 and PAD 644.

For students in the BA Political Science/MPA transition program, the University will waive two graduate-level public administration courses taken as part of the bachelor's degree, but these students must still meet the residency requirements for the MPA.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Explain major theories, concepts, and methods of political science.
- Apply key political science perspectives and theories to real-world situations.
- Apply the methods used by political scientists to undertake research and answer questions about politics and government.

Degree Requirements

To be awarded a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, students must complete at least 180 quarter units as articulated below, 45 of which must be completed in residence at National University, 76.5 of which must be completed at the upper-division level and 70.5 units of the University General Education requirements. In the absence of transfer credit, students may need to take additional general electives to satisfy the total units for the degree. Students should refer to the section on undergraduate admission procedures for specific information on admission and evaluation. All students receiving an undergraduate degree in Nevada are required by state law to complete a course in Nevada Constitution.

Preparation for the Major

(1 course; 4.5 quarter units)

POL 100* Introduction to Politics
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

* May be used to satisfy a General Education requirement.

Requirements for the Major

(9 courses; 40.5 quarter units)

POL 320 Politics of Social Movements
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

POL 330 Political Theory
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

POL 340 Comparative Politics
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

POL 350 Relations
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

POL 360 Public Policy
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

POL 400 European Politics
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

POL 410 Middle Eastern Politics
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

POL 540 American Political System

POL 499 Capstone Seminar in Politics
Prerequisite: ENG 240 and completion of at least 27 units of core courses in the major

Required upper-division Electives

(7 courses; 31.5 quarter units)

Students should choose from the following upper-division Electives:

CJA 467 Intl. & Domestic Terrorism

COM 380 Democracy in the Info. Age
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

GLS 410 Gender and Global Society
Prerequisite: ENG 240

GLS 430 The Global Economy
Prerequisite: ENG 240

HIS 320 Culture of Global Capitalism
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

SOC 350 Cultural Diversity
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

HUM 501 Global Civic Culture
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

PAD 403 Government Relations

PHL 320 World Religions
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

PHL 375 Environmental Ethics
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

POL 490 Guided Study (variable units)

POL 539 Dynamics of World Politics

SOC 385 Methods of Social Inquiry
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101 and SOC 100

SOC 445 Contemporary Social Problems
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

SOC 540 Power and Social Change
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101