

Political Science, Minor

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Are you intrigued by the political process? You'll gain the background and context needed to understand where we have come from and how our system may evolve.

Description

The minor program in political science helps students gain an understanding of theory, practice and policy that underlie local, national and international political processes. Students learn the research skills necessary for the analysis of complex local and global sociopolitical issues.

Students engage in a flexible program of learner-centered coursework in political theory, American political institutions, and international relations and world affairs. The curriculum focuses on international urban, race or ethnic sociopolitical areas, and internships and service-learning or action research opportunities. Under the direction of faculty, students focus on intellectual and concrete policy issues in the greater Phoenix metropolitan area, Arizona, the Arizona-Mexico borderlands, the Americas and the world.

The program is offered by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West Valley](#)

Program requirements

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The minor in political science consists of 18 credit hours of coursework, of which a minimum of 12 hours must be upper division. A minimum of six upper-division credit hours must be completed through courses

offered by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Credit hours may not be shared between major and minor requirements. All courses used to satisfy requirements for the minor must be passed with a "C" (2.00) or better.

Required Courses (choose two) -- 6 credit hours

POS 110: American Government and Politics (AMIT OR SB) (3)

POS 150: Comparative Government (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 160: Global Politics (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 210: Political Ideologies (CIVI OR SB) (3)

Research Methods (choose one) -- 3 credit hours

SBS 302: Qualitative Methods (SOBE OR SB) (3)

SBS 303: Quantitative Methods (QTRS) (3)

SBS 304: Social Statistics I (QTRS OR CS) (3)

Upper-Division Interdisciplinary Track -- 9 credit hours

Choose one course from each of three upper-division Interdisciplinary Tracks.

Upper-Division Social Justice and Inequality Interdisciplinary Track -- 3 credit hours

ASB 339 / POS 339 / SBS 339 / SOC 339: Grassroots Social Movements (SB) (3)

ETH 380 / WST 380: Race, Gender, and Class (SOBE OR SB & C) (3)

HST 441 / LAS 441: Latin America and the World Economy (L & G & H) (3)

JHR 305: Theory and Practice of Social Justice and Human Rights (CIVI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 342: Political Theory (HU or SB) (3)

POS 446: Democracy (CIVI OR HU) (3)

POS 480 / SBS 480: Global Justice (GCSI OR G) (3)

POS 494: Everyday Forms of Political Resistance (3)

SBS 301: Cultural Diversity ((L or SB) & C) (3)

SOC 331: Environmental Sociology (SUST OR SB & G) (3)

SOC 352: Social Change (CIVI OR SB & G & H) (3)

SOC 426: Social Inequalities (CIVI OR SB) (3)

Upper-Division Law, Citizenship, Borders Interdisciplinary Track -- 3 credit hours

ASB 340 / SOC 328: Migration and Culture (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

ASB 447 / POS 447 / SBS 447: Citizenship, Nationalism and Identity (CIVI OR SB & C & G) (3)

POS 310: American National Government (AMIT OR SB) (3)

POS 360: World Politics (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 361: American Foreign Policy (3)

POS 446: Democracy (CIVI OR HU) (3)

POS 465: International Organization and Law (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 480 / SBS 480: Global Justice (GCSI OR G) (3)

Upper-Division Identity and Place Interdisciplinary Track -- 3 credit hours

ETH 430 / LAS 430 / WST 430: Gender on the Borderlands (HUAD OR SB) (3)

ETH 433 / WST 433: Race and Sexualities in Social Justice Movements (3)

ETH 473 / LAS 473 / WST 473: Indigenous and Latina/Chicana Representation (SB & C) (3)

HST 376 / LAS 376: Modern Latin America (SB & G & H) (3)

POS 350: Comparative Politics (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 357: South Asia Politics (SB & G) (3)

POS 361: American Foreign Policy (3)

POS 437 / SOC 437: Women, Power, and Politics (G) (3)

WST 428: Gender, Madness and Justice (SB) (3)

Credit is only granted for POS 110 or POS 310. Credit is only granted for POS 150 or POS 350. Credit is only granted for POS 160 or POS 360.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment requirements

GPA Requirement: None

Incompatible Majors: BA or BS in political science

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major or the minor program. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor.

Career opportunities

The program serves as a good precursor to staff, manager or policy analyst positions in local, state and federal government. This minor is recognized as a qualification for many careers in business (for-profit and nonprofit) and industry. Work may include binational, cross-border positions linking U.S. and Mexican businesses, Arizona-Sonora local government, or local community groups on both sides of the border.

Many use the program as a gateway to law school or as a basis for graduate work in professional schools or in applied fields such as:

- community development
- political science
- public administration
- public policy
- social science disciplines
- urban affairs and urban and regional planning

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