

Political Science, Minor

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Do you have an interest in understanding how political systems work? Explore power, politics and important public issues in the U.S. and abroad.

Description

The minor program in political science offers students exposure to the skills and knowledge that will help them participate effectively as citizens in a democratic political system and flourish in the rapidly developing globalization of the world's political institutions, cultures and economies.

The program provides students with an introduction to the tools and skills necessary to link theory with contemporary problems and issues.

Courses in constitutional law or covering the U.S. Supreme Court as part of the minor can benefit those interested in law school.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#) or [Online](#)

Program requirements

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The minor in political science consists of 18 credit hours, of which 12 credit hours must be upper division. A minimum of six upper-division credit hours must be taken in courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Only courses completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a scale of 4.00) or better can be used to satisfy minor requirements.

Required Courses (choose two) -- 6 credit hours

POS 110: American Government and Politics (AMIT OR SB) or POS 310: American National Government (AMIT OR SB) (3)

POS 150: Comparative Government (GCSI OR SB & G) or POS 350: Comparative Politics (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 160: Global Politics (GCSI OR SB & G) or POS 360: World Politics (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

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

Electives -- 12 credit hours

POS Upper Division Elective (12)

No more than three credit hours of POS 484 Internship and three credit hours of POS 499 Individualized Instruction may be applied to the minor.

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

Enrollment requirements

GPA Requirement: None

Incompatible Majors: BA and BS in political science, BS in politics and the economy, BA in business (global politics)

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 program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and minor.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

Career opportunities

Minor programs allow students to develop additional competencies that complement the marketable knowledge and skills they acquire in their majors.

A minor in political science can benefit graduates as they pursue careers in government, public policy, advocacy or international relations.

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