## Bachelor of Science with a Major in Political Science

**Major Code PS00**

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**Political Science courses**

- PSC 310 Law, Society and the Judicial Process
- PSC 431 Constitutional Law I
- PSC 432 Constitutional Law II

**Additional Political Science courses**

- **(at least 9 hours must be 300-400 level)**
  - 12
- **Optional emphases:** (12 hours from one category)
  - American Politics
  - Public Service & Public Administration
  - International Relations
  - Law
  - General Electives (minor recommended) 29-30

**Total**

- 124***

**Political Science Requirements**

- PSC 120 satisfies major requirements and 3 hours of General Education Requirements.

**Computer Literacy Requirement**

- Determined by Social Science Department

**General Electives (minor recommended)**

- 29-30

**Select two courses from the following:**

- 6

**Political Science courses**

- PSC 310 Law, Society and the Judicial Process
- PSC 431 Constitutional Law I
- PSC 432 Constitutional Law II

**Select one course from the following**

- 3

**Political Science courses**

- PSC 301 Political Parties and Elections
- PSC 302 Public Opinion and Pressure Groups
- PSC 311 American Presidency
- PSC 312 Legislative Process

**Select at least four additional 300-400 level Political Science courses**

- 12

**General Electives (minor recommended)**

- 32-33

**Total**

- 124***

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**Chosen in consultation with advisor.

***Must include at least 40 Upper Division (300-400 level) hours.
Bachelor of Science in Education  
with a Major in Social Studies  
Political Science Emphasis  
Grades 9-12 Certification  
Single Teaching Field  
Major Code ES18

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| Total | Education Certification Requirements (p. 179) 39-42 | 124-128 |

*Required political science, history, sociology or economics and geography courses satisfy major requirements and 12 hours of General Education Requirements.

**See Prerequisites

Minor in Legal Studies  
Minor Code SO83

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**Accounting majors may substitute ACCT 421.

For students in majors without a statistics/research requirement, the following course must be completed. Hours earned in this course are not applicable to the minor in public administration: PSC 305 Social Science Statistics.

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Minor in Political Science  
Minor Code PS80

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Minor in Public Administration  
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Additional requirements:
Course Descriptions

PSC 0120  (F,S)  3 hrs. cr.
**Government: US State & Local**
Designed to give students an understanding of their governments, enabling them to keep up with political developments with the goal of becoming informed citizens needed to sustain democracy. Successful completion of this course fulfills the requirements for the state-mandated Missouri Constitution Test.

PSC 0201  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
**Introduction to Political Science**
Introduction to the discipline of political science. The course is a preview of the major subunits of the discipline: American politics including public administration and legal studies; international relations; political theory; and comparative politics. Recommended for all Political Science majors.

PSC 0298  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
**Topics in Political Science**
Special political science topics of current interest to the student or faculty member who offers the class. Subjects and instructors change each semester. Students are encouraged to suggest possible course topics to the political science faculty. Prerequisite: PSC 120.

PSC 0305  (F)  3 hrs. cr.
**Social Science Statistics**
Provides basic tools necessary to gather, describe, analyze and present quantitative social science data. Focus will be on conducting basic univariate and bivariate analyses. Prerequisite: MATH 125.

PSC 0306  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
**Introduction to Political Science Research Methods**
An introduction to the ways in which political scientists conduct research. An emphasis will be placed on quantitative analysis and the decisions faced by political scientists when designing and applying social research. Prerequisite: PSC 305.

PSC 0398  (Demand)  1 hr. cr.
**Political Discourse**
A topics and event driven, open forum for examination of current issues at the national, state and local levels of government. The course is conducted as a discussion group with the instructor providing directed reading assignments and presentations on discursive practices, traditions and models within the discipline as appropriate. May be repeated one time for credit.

PSC 0411  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
**Great Political Thinkers** *(Writing Intensive)*
The course will introduce selected political philosophies from the ancient Greeks to modern times. Philosophies studied will represent the development of Western political philosophy over time, as well as its comparison with selected Islamic and Asian political ideas.

PSC 0412  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
**Contemporary Political Thought**
Twentieth century political ideas.

PSC 0493  (Demand)  8 hrs. cr.
**Legislative Internship**
Students will be assigned to a legislator or other qualified person involved in the Missouri Legislative Process to observe and participate in a legislative session. The students will be required to live and work in the capital from the beginning of the session until its conclusion and comply with the MSSU Legislative Intern Handbook. Prerequisites: PSC 120, 30 hours of credit, 2.5 GPA. Cross listed as UE 493.

PSC 0494  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
**Seminar in Political Science**
Specialized knowledge and/or current research in the discipline. Topics will vary by situation and instructor. Students will prepare and critique papers based on original research. Prerequisite: 9 hours of upper division political science.

PSC 0495  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
**Directed Research** *(Writing Intensive)*
Students design and conduct research projects resulting in a written report and an oral presentation. Prerequisites: PSC 305, PSC 306 and senior standing.

PSC 0496  (Demand)  3-8 hrs. cr.
**Internship in Political Science**
Observation of and participation in governmental work under the direct supervision of a faculty member and a professional who is employed in the governmental position being observed. No more than 3 hours may be counted toward a major or minor. Repeatable for up to 16 credit hours.

PSC 0498  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
**Advanced Topics in Political Science**
For upper division political science majors. Topics covered and methods used will vary by situation and instructor. Students will prepare and critique papers based on original research. Prerequisite: 15 hours of political science or consent of instructor.

PSC 0499  (Demand)  1-4 hrs. cr.
**Independent Study**
For students who wish to do an in-depth study of some specialized topic or who wish to pursue a topic not considered in the department’s course offerings. The student will select an adviser from the political science faculty who will structure the independent study in consultation with the student and with the approval of the department head. Prerequisite: Junior or senior status and an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. Enrollment must be approved by department head and school dean. Repeatable or up to six credit hours.

American Politics

PSC 0301  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
**Political Parties and Elections** *(Writing Intensive)*
Analysis of the origins, structure and functions of political parties; the dynamics of the two-party system; the role of third parties and the election process.

PSC 0302  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
**Public Opinion and Pressure Groups** *(Writing Intensive)*
Origins, impact and measurement of public opinion. Scope, nature and powers of interest groups in American society with special attention to their role in formulating public opinion and public policy.
PSC 0311  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.  
American Presidency  
Politics of presidential selection, the powers of the President, the organization of the executive branch and its relations with other organs of government.

PSC 0312  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.  
Legislative Process  
Problems of representation organization of the legislature, participation and proposals for improved organization. Emphasis on the Missouri General Assembly.

PSC 0320  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.  
State Government  
General structure, theories, operation and problems of state government with special emphasis on the government of Missouri.

PSC 0341  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.  
Municipal Government  
Structure, legal status, functions and organization of city, town and village government in the United States.

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**Law**

PSC 0208  (F)  1 hr. cr.  
The Road to Law School  
Thanks to media portrayals of lawyers and law schools, many students choose a career in the legal field without core knowledge of the principles, objectives and goals of lawyering. Students in this course will explore the core skills necessary to be successful as a lawyer and be exposed to the skill set that can improve performance on the necessary exams for admittance. Students will be required to take part in a law school visitation.

PSC 0303  (F,S)  1 hr. cr.  
Mock Trial Workshop  
Advanced practicum in the area of advocacy; rules of evidence, courtroom presentation and issue spotting. Students will work on the development of trial events and presentation of both Plaintiff and Defense positions on detailed cases as provided by the College Mock Trial Association. May be repeated for a maximum of four hours of credit. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

PSC 0304  (F-Odd)  3 hrs. cr.  
Legal Research  
Research involved in case preparation; use of the law library and the various digests, encyclopedias, reports, etc., contained therein. Course is cross-listed as PLS 304.

PSC 0310  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.  
Law, Society and the Judicial Process (Writing Intensive)  
American legal system viewed from a social and political as well as legal perspective. Focus on the structure and organization of courts, the processing of civil and criminal cases and the behavior of judges, lawyers and other participants in the judicial process.

PSC 0313  (S-Odd)  3 hrs. cr.  
Property  
Laws relating to real and personal property with emphasis on the procedures and forms used in real estate transactions and conveyances such as deeds and contracts. Course is cross-listed as PLS 313.

PSC 0314  (S-Even)  3 hrs. cr.  
Civil Litigation  
Process of civil litigation from filing to appeal including rules for instituting and conducting lawsuits before federal and state courts, rules of procedure and the preparation of pertinent legal forms. Course is cross-listed as PLS 314.

PSC 0322  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.  
International Law  
Rules and principles accepted by the members of the community of nations as defining their rights and duties and the procedures employed in protecting their rights and performing their duties.

PSC 0324  (S-Even)  3 hrs. cr.  
Family Law  
Laws regulating marriage, adoption, divorce, division of property, child custody and support, adult abuse and termination of parental rights and the preparation of pertinent legal forms. Course is cross-listed as PLS 324.

PSC 0402  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.  
Advocacy & Legal Reasoning  
Introduction to the methods and applications used in understanding and advocating issues in law. The goal of the course is to allow students to learn how to read, write and speak as an effective advocate using the applications of basic legal reasoning. Class will meet for 3 hours each week for lecture and interactive classroom assignments/applications. Prerequisites: PSC 120, 201 and 208.

PSC 0431  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.  
Constitutional Law I  
Political and legal aspects of Supreme Court decision making, the nature and scope of judicial review, the constitutional relationships between levels and branches of government and the First Amendment rights of freedom of expression.

PSC 0432  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.  
Constitutional Law II  
Legal issues concerning the Bill of Rights and the First Amendment areas of free exercise and establishment of religion, the right to privacy, the 14th amendment due process and equal protection clauses.

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**International Relations**

PSC 0321  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.  
International Relations  
Present-day relations and problems among the states of the world and the major factors which underline and influence these relations.

PSC 0322  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.  
International Law  
Rules and principles accepted by the members of the community of nations as defining their rights and duties and the procedures employed in protecting their rights and performing their duties.

PSC 0330  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.  
Comparative Politics: Developed Countries  
Comparative analysis of government and politics in both the major developed democracies and in developing states. The course examines themes of democratization, institutional design, parties and party systems, as well as the impact of social and economic change on the conduct and evolution of modern political systems. Prerequisite: PSC 120.
PSC 0332  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Comparative Politics: Developing Countries
This course is designed to develop a broadly based understanding of govern-
ments and cultures of developing countries and their relative positions in the
global system. Themes to be examined in both theory and practice include
colonialism, democratization, persistent economic underdevelopment, politi-
cal processes and cultural factors. Prerequisite: PSC 120.

PSC 0333  (S-Odd)  3 hrs. cr.
What in the World is Going On Now?
Selected International Issues
In-depth study of a few current international issues and problems among the
states of the world. Specific topics covered will be determined by the inter-
national agenda at the time the course is taught. Research, analysis and
discussion will cover historical background, nature and motivations of parties
involved and differing explanations of the issues selected. Prerequisite: PSC
120 and PSC 321 or consent of the instructor. Cross listed as INTS 333.

Public Service & Public Administration
PSC 0320  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
State Government
General structure, theories, operation and problems of state government with
special emphasis on the government of Missouri.

PSC 0341  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Municipal Government
Structure, legal status, functions and organization of city, town and village
government in the United States.

PSC 0342  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Public Policy
An introductory survey of the formulation, execution and evaluation of public
policy in the United States.

PSC 0421  (Demand)  3 hrs. cr.
Public Administration
Administrative aspects of government. Surveys the major subfields of pub-
lic administration, including politics and administration organizational theory
organizational behavior, management, decision making, personnel, public
budgeting and finance, policy analysis and program evaluation and admin-
istrative law.

This curriculum allows Missouri Southern students to complete admission
requirements for professional schools that accept applicants who have com-
pleted approximately 60 hours. Students should incorporate professional
school requirements into their schedule and work closely with an adviser at
Missouri Southern. Also, students who are completing certification require-
ments for paramedic programs may transfer among Missouri public four-year
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