

Political Science Curriculum Overview

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Mission:

The Political Science program emphasizes the objectives of the liberal arts, which are to help the student cultivate powers of analysis and exposition in reading, writing, and communication; to expand the student's intellectual horizons; and to increase the student's knowledge and curiosity. The program explores the realm of politics; its vocabulary, its principal concepts and strategies, its ethics, and its expediencies. To do so, the program encourages students to appreciate and understand theories about government and politics, as well as the methods of the discipline.

Goals:

- Develop skills that enable students to have successful and rewarding careers.
- Provide students with a working knowledge of the vocabulary, concepts, ethics, and strategies of politics as well as an appreciation of how politics and public policy impact the lives of people locally, nationally, and globally.
- Give students the opportunity to do independent research and develop their own ideas in the field of political science by being mentored by professional political scientists.

Outcomes:

- Students initiate and complete research projects as well as cogently present research findings.
- Students apply the skills they learn in the classroom to understand and evaluate political and policy processes and outcomes.
- Students demonstrate an understanding of the political and policy processes in a variety of domestic and international settings.

- Students are prepared for the job market and/or graduate or law school.

Careers in this Major:

- Military Officer
- Lawyer
- Intelligence Officer
- Political Scientist
- Public Administrator
- Policy Analyst
- Foreign Service Officer

Internships:

The Political Science Program has a strong record of supervising internships for students throughout the United States. The intent of the internship is to provide students with opportunities to apply their classroom learning and to enhance their academic programs through practical experience. Students find internships as an invaluable experience through which they can explore potential careers and examine the links between the theory and practice of politics and government.

Norwich University also maintains an institutional affiliation with **The Washington Semester Program (WSP)**, which is the oldest, most prestigious, and well-known experiential education program in the world. This is a dynamic program that takes you outside of the classroom and into the real world. You *gain experience* and *contacts* to jump-start your *career* and get a taste of professional life while you *experience* the bustling pace of the capital city. Whatever your career interests, the WSP **offers a variety of unique and intensive programs** that will provide you with a learning opportunity that challenges your mind and will change your life.

Major

Political Science (B.A.) – Curriculum Map 2021-2022 Catalog

Course	Cr. Comp.	Course	Cr. Comp.
FRESHMAN			
Fall		Spring	
EN 110 Writing and Inquiry in Public Contexts	3	EN 111 Writing and Inquiry in Academic Contexts	3
HI 121 American History Survey I (General Education History)	3	HI 122 American History Survey II	3
PO 105 American Politics ^{c,9}	3	PO 106 Introduction to Public Policy and Administration ^{c,9}	3
Modern Language (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/collegeofliberalarts/#departmentofmodernlanguagestext/)	4	Modern Language (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/collegeofliberalarts/#departmentofmodernlanguagestext/)	4
		Free Elective	3
Fall Semester Total Cr.:		Spring Semester Total Cr.:	
13		16	
SOPHOMORE			
Fall		Spring	
PO 220 Research Methods ^{c,9}	3	PO 202 Introduction to Comparative Politics ^{c,9}	3
PO 215 International Relations ^{c,9}	3	MA 232 Elementary Statistics ((General Education Math))	3
BA Intercultural (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/majors/) ⁵	3	EC 201 Principles of Economics (Macro) (General Education Social Science) or 202 Principles of Economics (Micro)	3

General Education Math (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	3	BA Intercultural Elective (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/majors/) ⁵	3
Free Elective	3	General Education Leadership (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	1-3
		Free Elective	3
Fall Semester Total Cr.:	15	Spring Semester Total Cr.:	16-18
JUNIOR			
Fall		Spring	
PO 303 Political Philosophy ^c or 330 American Citizenship	3	PO International Relations Elective ^{c, 2,9}	3
EN 112 Public Speaking	3	PO American Politics Elective ^{c, 3,9}	3
General Education Ethics (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	3	General Education Arts & Humanities Elective (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	3
General Education Lab Science (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	4	General Education Lab Science Elective (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	4
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Fall Semester Total Cr.:	16	Spring Semester Total Cr.:	16
SENIOR			
Fall		Spring	
PO Comparative Politics Elective ^{c,4,9}	3	PO 410 Capstone Seminar in Political Science (General Education Capstone) ^{c,9}	3
Free Elective	3	PO Elective (300-400 level) ^{c,9}	3
Free Elective	3	PO Elective (300-400 level) ^{c,9}	3
Free Elective	3	General Education Literature (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Fall Semester Total Cr.:	15	Spring Semester Total Cr.:	15
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THIS MAJOR: 122-124			

- c Grade of C or higher required.
- 2 International Relations Elective: Choose one from PO 301, PO 305, PO 405, PO 415 or PO 412.
- 3 American Politics Elective: Choose one from PO 312, PO 313, PO 314, PO 315, PO 321 or PO 331.
- 4 Comparative Politics Elective: Choose one from PO 310, PO 320, PO 333, PO 340 or PO 348
- 5 One BA Intercultural is recommended to come from non-Western History options
- 9 100 Level courses open to freshmen except by permission of the department chair or if a requirement for another major or program. 200 Level courses closed to freshmen except by permission of the department chair. 300 Level classes for upper-class students, except by permission of the department chair. 400 Level classes require permission.