



2022-2023

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR, B.A.

Social Science & History Department; College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Political science is a social science discipline concerned with the study of the state, nation, government, and politics and policies of government. Aristotle famously quipped that man is by nature a political animal, and throughout history humans have indeed lived and worked primarily in social communities, ranging from small tribes and towns to vast nations. The field of political science provides opportunities for students of every age to study systematically how human societies organize and govern themselves. Students in Asbury University's political science program join a centuries old conversation that begins with simple questions about governing arrangements, but that leads to profound questions about the nature of man, the nature of justice, and how humans should structure their political lives and institutions.

To graduate must complete all major requirements, foundational requirements, and additional electives needed for 124 hour minimum degree requirement.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (39) **(18 Core + 21 Concentration)**

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| __ 3 | PHL | 343 | Political/Social Philosophy |
| __ 3 | PS | 101 | American Politics & Govt |
| __ 3 | PS | 202 | Hist/Pol of U.S. Constitution |
| __ 3 | PS | 205 | Markets & Politics |
| __ 3 | PS | 301 | Comparative Politics |
| __ 3 | PS | 302 | International Relations |

PSI - INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (21)

Choose 18 hours from:

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| __ 3 | ECN | 273 | Intro to Macroeconomics |
| | HIS | 350 | Non-Western Cultures |
| __ 3 | HIS* | _____ | _____ |
| | PS | 300 | Washington Federal Seminar |
| __ 3 | PS | 307 | American Foreign Policy |
| | PS | 391/491 | Independent Study |
| __ 3 | PS | 392/492 | Directed Study |
| | PS | 393 | Seminar |
| __ 3 | PS | 435 | Internship in Politics |
| | PS | 474 | Capstone in Politics |
| __ 3 | SOC | 353 | International Social Issues |

REQUIRED CONCENTRATION (choose one):

*May substitute up to 6 credit hours of HIS 300 or 400 level excluding HIS 375.

PSA - AMERICAN POLITICS (21)

Choose 18 hours from:

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| | COM | 342 | Comm Campaigns |
| __ 3 | PS | 201 | State & Local Politics |
| | PS | 300 | Washington Federal Seminar |
| __ 3 | PS | 303 | Pres Leadership/Power |
| | PS | 305 | Politics & Public Policy |
| __ 3 | PS | 307 | American Foreign Policy |
| | PS | 391/491 | Independent Study |
| __ 3 | PS | 392/492 | Directed Study |
| | PS | 393 | Seminar |
| __ 3 | PS | 435 | Internship in Politics |
| | PS | 474 | Capstone in Politics |
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Choose 3 hours not used above or from other concentration

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PLUS FOUNDATIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS (53)

(3 hours Social Science satisfied by required major courses.)

Plus electives needed for the 124 hour degree requirement (32)