



2025-2026

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)

__ 3	PS	101	American Politics & Govt
__ 3	PS	243	Political Thought
__ 3	PS	275	Research Design
__ 3	PS	301	Comparative Politics
__ 3	PS	302	International Relations

Choose 18 credits Political Science courses:

	PS	201	State & Local Politics
__ 3	PS	202	Hist/Pol of U.S. Constitution
	PS	205	Markets & Politics
__ 3	PS	300	Washington Federal Seminar
	PS	303	Pres Leadership/Power
__ 3	PS	305	Politics & Public Policy
	PS	307	American Foreign Policy
__ 3	PS	351	Human Trafficking
	PS	352	Migration & Trafficking Policy
__ 3	PS	353	The Border
	PS	391/491	Independent Study*
__ 3	PS	392/492	Directed Study*
	PS	393	Seminar*
	PS	435	Internship in Politics

**may be taken more than once with different topics*

Choose 6 credits PS or adjacent courses:

	BU	440	Nonprofit Fundraising/Grant Writing
	CSC	210	Programming in Python
__ 3	ECN	273	Intro to Macroeconomics
	HIS	3__	Any HIS course 300 level or higher (3)
	PS	__	Any PS course not used above (3)
__ 3	PSY	315	Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
	SOC	201	Inequalities in Society
	SOC	353	International Social Issues

PLUS FOUNDATIONS REQUIREMENTS (53)

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

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