

# Political Science

The B.A. in Political Science provides students with a foundation in the liberal arts and social sciences. Courses in the degree plan cover fundamental questions pertaining to the governance of human societies, the origin and evolution of law and justice, the comparative performance of democracies and dictatorships, the exercise of political leadership, the origins of war, and the maintenance of peace. Students will analyze competing theories of human nature and political organization subjecting them to the test of reason, history, and experience. The political science major is appropriate for many students, including those seeking a professional degree in government and public service, specific expertise in international security and diplomacy, familiarity with political organizations, and preparation for employment in advocacy, corporate, education, or non-profit sectors.

The Pre-Law Specialization emphasizes core courses in American government, with attention paid to American political thought, constitutional law, and judicial politics. Students then take courses across a broad array of subjects, including political theory, as well as history, economics and business, philosophy, literature, communications, and statistics. The political science/pre-law major is appropriate for students seeking a pre-professional degree in law.

## Program Requirements

In addition to the University's general requirements, students seeking the B.A. in Political Science must meet the following requirements. Students must earn a 2.0 for each mandatory core course of the program.

As a prerequisite, students majoring in Political Science need to earn at least a "C" in POS 2041 American Politics, or to transfer 3 sh of an equivalent lower-division course in American government or political science with a grade of "C" or higher.

## General Education

In addition to the General Education requirements listed on this page, students must satisfy all additional University requirements, including the Gordon Rule, multicultural, and foreign language requirements. With appropriate planning and coordination with an academic advisor, students may satisfy some of the general University requirements through the General Education curriculum. For a complete listing of general degree requirements, refer to the "Graduation and General Degree Requirements (<http://catalog.uwf.edu/undergraduate/universityrequirements>)" section of this catalog.

General Education Curriculum:

### Communication

ENC 1101	English Composition I	3
ENC 1102	English Composition II	3

### Mathematics

Choose one course from Group A and one Additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

Group A		
MAC 1105	College Algebra	
MAC 2311	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I	
MGF 1106	Mathematics for Liberal Arts I	
MGF 1107	Mathematics for Liberal Arts II	
STA 2023	Elements of Statistics	

Group B		
MAC 1105C	College Algebra with Lab	
MAC 1114	Trigonometry	
MAC 1140	Precalculus Algebra	
MAC 2233	Calculus with Business Applications	
MAC 2312	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	

## Social Sciences

Choose one course from Group A and one additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

Group A		
AMH 2020	United States since 1877	
ANT 2000	Introduction to Anthropology	
ECO 2013	Principles of Economics Macro	
POS 2041	American Politics	
PSY 2012	General Psychology	
SPM 2010	Sport in Global Society	
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology	

Group B		
AMH 2010	United States to 1877	
ANT 2400	Current Cultural Issues	
ANT 2100	Introduction to Archaeology	
CCJ 2002	Survey of Crime and Justice	
CPO 2002	Comparative Politics	
DEP 2004	Human Development Across the Lifespan	
EUH 1000	Western Perspectives I	
EUH 1001	Western Perspectives II	
FIN 2104	Personal Financial Planning	
GEA 2000	Nations and Regions of the World	
GEB 1011	Introduction to Business	
IDH 1041	Honors Core 2	
INR 2002	International Politics	
MMC 2000	Principles of Mass Communication	
PLA 2013	Survey of American Law	
SOW 2192	Understanding Relationships in the 21st Century	
SYG 2010	Current Social Problems	

## Humanities

Choose one course from Group A and one additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

Group A		
ARH 1000	Art Appreciation	
LIT 2000	Introduction to Literature	
MUL 2010	Music Appreciation	
PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	
THE 2000	Theatre Appreciation	
Group B		
AML 2010	American Literature I	
AML 2020	American Literature II	
AML 2072	Sex, Money, and Power in American Literature	
ARH 2050	Western Survey I: Prehistory to the Medieval Period	

ARH 2051	Western Survey II: Renaissance to Contemporary
ART 1015C	Exploring Artistic Vision
ART 2821	Art and Visual Culture Today
CRW 2001	Introduction to Creative Writing
ENL 2010	History of English Literature I
ENL 2020	History of English Literature II
IDH 1040	Honors Core 1
MUH 2930	The Music Experience: Special Topics
PHI 2103	Critical Thinking
PHI 2603	Ethics in Contemporary Society
REL 1300	World Religions
THE 2300	Survey of Dramatic Literature
SPC 2608	Basic Communication Skills

## Natural Sciences

Choose one course from Group A and one additional course from either Group A or Group B 6

Group A	
AST 1002	Descriptive Astronomy
BSC 1005	General Biology for Non-Majors
BSC 1085	Anatomy and Physiology I
BSC 2010	Biology I
CHM 1020	Concepts in Chemistry *
CHM 2045	General Chemistry I *
ESC 2000	Introduction to Earth Science
EVR 2001	Introduction to Environmental Science
PHY 1020	Introduction to Concepts in Physics *
PHY 2048	University Physics I **
PHY 2048C	University Physics I - Studio
PHY 2053	General Physics I **
Group B	
ANT 2511	Biological Anthropology
BOT 2010	General Botany
BSC 1050	Fundamentals of Ecology
BSC 1086	Anatomy and Physiology II *
BSC 2011	Biology II
BSC 2311	Introduction to Oceanography and Marine Biology *
CGS 2060	Excursions in Computing
CHM 1032	Fundamentals of General Chemistry *
CHM 2046	General Chemistry II *
CIS 2530	Introduction to Cyber Security
GEO 1200	Physical Geography
GLY 2010	Physical Geology *
MCB 1000	Fundamentals of Microbiology *
PHY 2049	University Physics II **
PHY 2054	General Physics II *

\* May be taken with or without lab.

\*\* General Physics is non-calculus based and is usually recommended for non-science majors. University Physics is calculus based and is usually recommended for science majors.

\*\*\* Although students receive 5 semester hours credit for PHY 2048C, an additional 3 semester science course will be needed to meet General Education requirements.

## General Education Electives

Choose an additional course from two of the three areas of Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences

## Common Prerequisites

State mandated common prerequisites must be completed prior to graduation, but are not required for admission to the program. See the Common Prerequisite Manual (<https://dlss.flvc.org/admin-tools/common-prerequisites-manuals>) for course substitutions from Florida colleges and universities.

Students must complete two introductory courses (6 sh) in Political Science with a POS, INR, or CPO prefix. 6

Total Hours 6

## Lower Division Electives

Students must complete sufficient 1000/2000 level electives to satisfy at least 60 sh in the lower division. Current UWF students may use elective courses at any level (1000-4000) to meet this elective requirement. 18-21

It is recommended that the following courses be taken at the lower division because all three are required for the Political Science degree and POS 2041 plus one other of the following courses are required for the Political Science/Pre-Law Degree: POS 2041 American Politics, CPO 2002 Comparative Politics, INR 2002 International Politics

Total Hours 18-21

Recommended electives:

CPO 2002	Comparative Politics	3
INR 2002	International Politics	3
POS 2041	American Politics	3

## Political Science Specialization

### Major

POT 4601	Modern Masters of Political Thought <sup>+</sup>	3
or POT 4013	Ancient Masters of Political Thought	
POS 3413	The Presidency <sup>+</sup>	3
or POS 3424	The Legislative Process	
POS 3033	Analyzing Issues in American Politics <sup>+</sup>	3
or POS 3734	Political Science Research Methods	
or INR 3073	Analyzing Issues in International Politics	
POS 3608	Constitutional Law: Federalism and Separation of Powers <sup>+</sup>	3
or POS 3624	Constitutional Law: Individual Rights and Privileges	
3/4000 level CPO course <sup>+</sup>		3
3/4000 level INR course <sup>+</sup>		3
3/4000 level POS course <sup>+</sup>		3
3/4000 level POT course <sup>+</sup>		3
3/4000 level Political Science (CPO, INR, POS, POT) courses <sup>+</sup>		6

If not completed at the lower division:

CPO 2002	Comparative Politics	3
INR 2002	International Politics	3
POS 2041	American Politics	3
Total Hours		39

+ Courses included in the major GPA

### Upper Division Electives

Student must complete sufficient 3000/4000 level electives to meet UWF's requirement of 48 sh in the upper division or complete all departmental requirements at the 3000/4000 level, whichever is greater.	21-30
Total Hours	21-30

## Accelerated Bachelors (B.A.)/Masters (M.A.) in Political Science (Accelerated BAPS/ MAPS) Option

### Minimum Requirements for admission include:

- Overall undergraduate GPA of 3.25 or better
- Undergraduate Major GPA of 3.5 or better
- Completion of all Bachelor of Arts Political Science major core requirements except for the two core courses satisfied by MAPS core courses
- A grade of B (3.0) or higher in all BAPS major core classes
- One letter of recommendation from a Department of Government faculty member

### Process:

A prospective student who meets the minimum requirements for admission for the Accelerated BAPS/ MAPS program must schedule a meeting with his/ her undergraduate faculty advisor and graduate advisor to discuss and develop a degree plan for his/ her Accelerated BAPS/ MAPS program. The student must then submit an Accelerated BAPS/ MAPS program application and letter of recommendation to the graduate advisor.

### Eligibility and Restrictions:

Students must have completed 75 undergraduate credit hours, including credits earned from advanced placement, prior to applying to the Accelerated BAPS/ MAPS program. Transfer students must have completed a minimum of two semesters and at least 24 credit hours at the University of West Florida prior to application to the Accelerated BAPS/ MAPS program. For admission into the Accelerated BAPS/ MAPS program in the summer semester, application materials must be submitted by March 15. For admission into the Accelerated BAPS/ MAPS program in the fall semester, application materials must be submitted by June 15. For admission into the Accelerated BAPS/ MAPS program in the spring semester, application materials must be submitted by October 15.

Admission into the Accelerated BA/ MAPS program does not guarantee admission into the MAPS program upon completion of the BAPS. Students must still submit an Express Admission application for the MAPS program. Students who are a part of the BA/ MAPS program cannot be provisionally or conditionally admitted into the MAPS program.

### Program Requirements

Upon admission into the MAPS, the 12 graduate credit hours completed as an undergraduate student will count for 12 semester hours in Political Science coursework for the MAPS. Students in the Accelerated BAPS/ MAPS program must earn a grade of B (3.0/4.0) or better in each of the graduate level courses that are being applied to both degrees. Courses completed with a grade of B# or below cannot be applied to the MAPS degree.

Students accepted into the MAPS program must complete all MAPS requirements within 18 months of completing the BAPS degree. If the MAPS program requirements are not completed within 18 months; the student is no longer eligible to apply the graduate credit hours toward both degrees (i.e., the student can only apply the graduate credit hours either toward completion of the BAPS degree or toward a future master's degree) and is automatically terminated from the Accelerated BAPS/ MAPS program.

If a student in the Accelerated BAPS/ MAPS program completes the BAPS degree requirements with an overall GPA of less than 3.25/4.0, he/ she is no longer eligible to apply the graduate credit hours to both degrees (i.e., the student can only apply the credit hours towards completion of the bachelor's degree or toward a future master's degree).

A student who becomes ineligible to continue participating in or withdraws from the Accelerated BAPS/ MAPS program cannot apply any graduate credit hours toward both degrees.

Students who are enrolled in the Accelerated BAPS/ MAPS program are eligible for graduate assistantship positions only after completing the BAPS degree.

### Lower Division Electives

Students must complete sufficient 1000/2000 level electives to complete at least 60 semester hours in the lower division. Current UWF students may use elective courses at any level (1000-4000) to meet this elective requirement.	18-21
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Recommended Electives:

CPO 2002	Comparative Politics	3
INR 2002	International Politics	3
POS 2041	American Politics	3

## ABM Political Science Major Courses (39 Hours)

POT 5602	Modern Masters of Political Thought	3
or POT 5016	Seminar in Political Theory	
POS 3413	The Presidency	3
or POS 3424	The Legislative Process	
POS 6704	Political Science Research Methods	3
POS 3608	Constitutional Law: Federalism and Separation of Powers	3
or POS 3624	Constitutional Law: Individual Rights and Privileges	
3/4000 level CPO course		3
3/4000 level INR course		3
3/4000 level POS course		3
3/4000 level POT course		3
5000 level Political Science (CPO, INR, POS, POT) course		6
If not completed at the lower division:		
CPO 2002	Comparative Politics	3
INR 2002	International Politics	3
POS 2041	American Politics	3
Total Hours		39

## Upper-Division Electives

Student must complete sufficient 3000/4000 level electives to meet UWF's requirement of 48 semester hours in the upper division or complete all departmental requirements at the 3000/4000 level, whichever is greater. 21-30

## Pre-Law Specialization

### Major

POS 3424	The Legislative Process <sup>+</sup>	3
POS 3608	Constitutional Law: Federalism and Separation of Powers <sup>+</sup>	3
POS 3624	Constitutional Law: Individual Rights and Privileges <sup>+</sup>	3
POT 4204	American Political Thought <sup>+</sup>	3
Choose one of the following:		
POT 4601	Modern Masters of Political Thought <sup>+</sup>	
POT 4013	Ancient Masters of Political Thought <sup>+</sup>	
Choose one of the following:		
POS 3033	Analyzing Issues in American Politics <sup>+</sup>	3
INR 3073	Analyzing Issues in International Politics <sup>+</sup>	
POS 3734	Political Science Research Methods <sup>+</sup>	
Choose four of the following:		
CPO 4314	Democracies <sup>+</sup>	12
INR 4403	International Law <sup>+</sup>	
POS 4673	Jurisprudence <sup>+</sup>	
POS 3413	The Presidency <sup>+</sup>	
POS 3613	Constitutional Controversies <sup>+</sup>	
POS 3625	First Amendment Freedoms <sup>+</sup>	
POS 4602	The Founders' Constitution <sup>+</sup>	
Choose one of the following:		
If not completed at the lower division:		

POS 2041	American Politics	
CPO 2002	Comparative Politics	
INR 2002	International Politics	
Total Hours		33

## Major-Related

Choose five from at least four areas and do not choose more than two from an area: 15

History		
AMH 4131	American Revolutions, 1763-1828 <sup>+</sup>	
AMH 4575	Civil Rights <sup>+</sup>	
EUH 4503	English Constitutional and Legal History <sup>+</sup>	
3000/4000 level advisor approved course		
Legal Specialties		
CCJ 3024	Criminal Justice System <sup>+</sup>	
CJL 3510	Courts <sup>+</sup>	
EVR 4035	Environmental Law <sup>+</sup>	
MMC 4201	The Constitution and the Press <sup>+</sup>	
PLA 3020	Law and Society <sup>+</sup>	
PLA 3103	Legal Research and Writing <sup>+</sup>	
3000/4000 level advisor approved course		
Literature and Communications		
COM 4103	Leadership Communication <sup>+</sup>	
ENL 4333	Shakespeare <sup>+</sup>	
ENL 4311	Chaucer <sup>+</sup>	
ENL 4203	Old English Language <sup>+</sup>	
ENL 4341	Milton <sup>+</sup>	
POT 3103	Law and Politics in Literature <sup>+</sup>	
3000/4000 level advisor approved course		
Skills		
LAT 1120C	Latin I	
ACG 2021	Principles of Financial Accounting	
ECO 3003	Principles of Economic Theory and Public Policy <sup>+</sup>	
CPO 4074	Political Economy <sup>+</sup>	
STA 2023	Elements of Statistics	
3000/4000 level advisor approved course		
Philosophy		
PHH 3100	Greek Philosophy <sup>+</sup>	
PHH 3400	Modern Philosophy <sup>+</sup>	
PHI 3130	Modern Logic <sup>+</sup>	
PHI 3670	Ethics <sup>+</sup>	
3000/4000 level advisor approved course		
Total Hours		15

<sup>+</sup> Courses included in the major GPA

## Upper Division Electives

Student must complete sufficient 3000/4000 level electives to meet UWF's requirement of 48 semester hours in the upper division or complete all departmental requirements at the 3000/4000 level, whichever is greater. 3-9

Total Hours		3-9
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## Accelerated Bachelors (B.A.)/Masters (M.A.) in Political Science

### Program Description

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The Political Science/Pre-Law Accelerated Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts Political Science (Accelerated BAPSPL/MAPS) program provides the opportunity for high-performing, academically talented students to complete expeditiously the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/Pre-Law (BAPSPL) and Master of Arts in Political Science (MAPS) degrees. The Accelerated BAPSPL/MAPS program provides increased career opportunities for students, allows them to get both the BAPSPL and MAPS degrees in a shorter time period and saves on tuition expenses. The BAPSPL requires 9 semester hours of lower-division foundation courses, 30 semester hours of upper-division Political Science/Pre-Law coursework, and 15 semester hours of Major Related Coursework. In addition the BAPSPL requires 12 semester hours of upper-division elective coursework. The MAPS requires 21 semester hours of masters seminars and 12 semester hours of masters level Political Science electives, along with a final comprehensive exam. Or thesis option students may take 6 semester hours of Political Science electives and 6 semester hours of thesis work. The Accelerated BAPSPL/MAPS program allows students to count up to 12 credit hours of graduate-level Political Science coursework toward both the BAPSPL and MAPS. The 12 hours of graduate-level Political Science coursework will substitute for the 12 semester hours of upper-division selected core and elective coursework in the BAPSPL. Students are limited to no more than 6 hours of graduate courses per semester.

### Program Requirements

Minimum Requirements for admission into the Accelerated BA/ MAPS program (ABM Political Science/Pre-Law):

- Overall undergraduate GPA of 3.25 or better
- Completion of 75 undergraduate credit hours
- Undergraduate Major GPA of 3.5 or better
- Completion of all Bachelor of Arts Political Science/Pre-Law major core requirements except for the two core courses satisfied by MAPS core courses
- A grade of B (3.0) or higher in all BAPSPL major core classes
- One letter of recommendation from a Department of Government faculty member

A prospective student who meets the minimum requirements for admission for the Accelerated BAPSPL/ MAPS program must schedule a meeting with his/her undergraduate faculty advisor and graduate advisor to discuss and develop a degree plan for his/her

Accelerated BAPSPL/ MAPS program. The student must then submit an Accelerated BAPSPL/ MAPS program application and letter of recommendation to the graduate advisor.

Students must have completed 75 undergraduate credit hours, including credits earned from advanced placement, prior to applying to the Accelerated BAPSPL/ MAPS program. Transfer students must have completed a minimum of two semesters and at least 24 credit hours at the University of West Florida prior to application to the Accelerated BAPSPL/ MAPS program. For admission into the Accelerated BAPSPL/ MAPS program in the summer semester, application materials must be submitted by March 15. For admission into the Accelerated BAPSPL/ MAPS program in the fall semester, application materials must be submitted by June 15. For admission into the Accelerated BAPSPL/ MAPS program in the spring semester, application materials must be submitted by October 15.

Students who are enrolled in the Accelerated BAPSPL/ MAPS program are eligible for graduate assistantship positions only after completing the BAPSPL degree.

#### Lower-Division Electives

Students must complete sufficient 1000/2000 level electives to satisfy at least 60 sh in the lower division. Current UWF students may use elective courses at any level (1000#4000) to meet this elective requirement. Recommended electives:

Recommended electives:

CPO 2002	Comparative Politics	3
INR 2002	International Politics	3
POS 2041	American Politics	3

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POS 2041	American Politics	3
POS 3424	The Legislative Process	3
POS 3608	Constitutional Law: Federalism and Separation of Powers	3
POS 3624	Constitutional Law: Individual Rights and Privileges	3
POT 5602	Modern Masters of Political Thought	3
or POT 5016	Seminar in Political Theory	
POS 6704	Political Science Research Methods	3
Choose two of the following:		6
POS 5637	The Founders' Constitution	
CPO 5315	Democracies	
POT 5207	American Political Thought	
Choose three of the following:		9
INR 4403	International Law	
POS 3413	The Presidency	
POS 3625	First Amendment Freedoms	
POS 4673	Jurisprudence	
Total Hours		33

### ABM Major-Related Courses

Choose five courses from at least four areas and not choose more than two courses from an area:

History		
AMH 4131	American Revolutions, 1763-1828	

AMH 4552	U. S. Constitutional and Legal History (Since 1877)	
AMH 4575	Civil Rights	
EUH 4503	English Constitutional and Legal History	
3000/4000 level advisor approved course		
Legal Specialties		
CCJ 3024	Criminal Justice System	
CJL 3510	Courts	
EVR 4035	Environmental Law	
MMC 4201	The Constitution and the Press	
PLA 3020	Law and Society	
PLA 3103	Legal Research and Writing	
3000/4000 level advisor approved course		
Literature and Communications		
COM 4103	Leadership Communication	
ENL 4333	Shakespeare	
ENL 4341	Milton	
POT 3103	Law and Politics in Literature	
3000/4000 level advisor approved		
Skills		
ACG 2021	Principles of Financial Accounting	
ECO 3003	Principles of Economic Theory and Public Policy	
STA 2023	Elements of Statistics	
3000/4000 level advisor approved course		
Philosophy		
PHH 3100	Greek Philosophy	
PHH 3400	Modern Philosophy	
PHH 4200	Medieval Philosophy	
PHI 3130	Modern Logic	
PHI 3670	Ethics	
3000/4000 level advisor approved course		
Upper-Division Electives		
Student must complete sufficient 3000/4000 level electives to meet UWF's requirement of 48 semester hours in the upper division or complete all departmental requirements at the 3000/4000 level, whichever is greater.		12

## Political Science

All courses must be completed at UWF and directed studies may not be taken to fulfill requirements. Political Science majors and Political Science/Pre-Law majors may not earn this minor.

Choose one of the following:		3
CPO 2002	Comparative Politics	
INR 2002	International Politics	
POS 2041	American Politics	
Choose one of the following		3
POS 3424	The Legislative Process	
POT 4204	American Political Thought	
POS 3734	Political Science Research Methods	

POS 3033	Analyzing Issues in American Politics	
INR 3073	Analyzing Issues in International Politics	
POT 4601	Modern Masters of Political Thought	
POT 4013	Ancient Masters of Political Thought	
Choose one of the following:		3
POS 3608	Constitutional Law: Federalism and Separation of Powers	
POS 3624	Constitutional Law: Individual Rights and Privileges	
Choose any INR prefix 3000/4000		3
Choose any CPO prefix 3000/4000 course		3
Total Hours		15

## Political Science/Pre-Law

The Minor in Political Science/Pre-Law is designed for students who seek to gain a theoretical understanding of the law pursuant to applying to law school. Political Science majors and Political Science/Pre Law majors may not earn this minor.

POS 2041	American Politics	3
Choose one of the following:		3
POS 3608	Constitutional Law: Federalism and Separation of Powers	
POS 3624	Constitutional Law: Individual Rights and Privileges	
Choose three of the following		9
POT 4601	Modern Masters of Political Thought	
POT 4013	Ancient Masters of Political Thought	
POT 4354	Contemporary Political Philosophy	
POS 3613	Constitutional Controversies	
POS 4673	Jurisprudence	
POS 3413	The Presidency	
POS 3424	The Legislative Process	
POS 4602	The Founders' Constitution	
Directed Study-Advisor approved		
Any advisor approved POS or POT course		
Total Hours		15