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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Department of Literacy Education

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Department of Literacy Education
Department of Literacy, Learning, and Culture

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The Department of Literacy, Learning, and Culture offers course work pertaining to elementary education, and literacy, intercultural, and language education across the lifespan, including work in reading, the language arts, children's literature, bilingual education, English as a second language, social studies, science education, elementary teacher education, and multicultural education.

The department offers the B.S.Ed. degree with a major in elementary education. State of Illinois approved and NCATE accredited programs leading to certification are offered in elementary education. Viewing teaching both as an art and a science, learning as a reciprocal process, and service as a responsibility, the department provides certification grounded in theory, research, and best practice.

As part of teacher certification, students must pass two competency examinations required by the Illinois State Board of Education, one in basic skills, one in professional teaching, and one in the subject-matter knowledge that corresponds most closely to the Illinois field for which they are seeking certification (e.g., early childhood education, elementary education, special education). Additional tests may be required before applying for Illinois teacher certification.

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The departments of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offer … Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.).

Department/School Names and Undergraduate Programs Offered

Department of Anthropology
B.A. and B.S. in anthropology

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Non-governmental Organization Leadership and Development Center
B.A. and B.S. in community leadership and civic engagement (see School of Public and Global Affairs)
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Department of Political Science
B.A. and B.S. in political science (POLS) (see School of Public and Global Affairs)

Department of Psychology
B.A. and B.S. in psychology

Department of Public Administration
(see School of Public and Global Affairs)

School of Public and Global Affairs (NGOLD, POLS, PSPA)
B.A. and B.S. in community leadership and civic engagement (NGOLD)
B.A. and B.S. in political science (POLS)

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Minor in Public Administration (24-25) (PSPA)

Move program to new School of Public and Global Affairs

Non-Governmental Organization Leadership and Development Center (NGOLD)

BOT/IBHE Other Catalog Change

Non-Governmental Organization Leadership and Development Center (NGOLD)
B.A. and B.S. in community leadership and civic engagement (NGOLD)
Certificate of Undergraduate Study
Civic Engagement

Move center and program to new School of Public and Global Affairs.

Department of Political Science

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Political Science (POLS, PSPA)

Major in political science (B.A. and B.S.)
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Degree with Honors
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Minor in Political Science (18)
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Political Science (POLS)
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School of Public and Global Affairs

The School of Public and Global Affairs spans academic boundaries within the university to foster interdisciplinary programs and collaborative relationships among students, staff, and faculty throughout Northern Illinois University. Membership in the school includes the Department of Political Science (POLS), Department of Public Administration (PSPA), the Non-Governmental Leadership and Development Center (NGOLD), and individual memberships, especially faculty engaged with specific interdisciplinary degree programs.

The school is focused on the interdisciplinary nature of governance problems and issues with an emphasis on public, private, and nonprofit collaborative relationships that seek to improve communities and individuals in the United States and around the world. The school fosters and supports collaboration by member units and individuals to address public affairs challenges with interdisciplinary curricula, scholarship, training, and professional and public services with a local, national, and global perspective. The school supports the degrees, minors, and certificates offered by member units.

Minor in Public Administration (24-25)
Coordination: Liberal Arts and Sciences Advising and Counseling Office and the Division of Public Administration, Departments of Political Science and Public Administration

The interdisciplinary minor in public administration is designed to allow liberal arts students, primarily in the humanities and the social sciences, to develop a knowledge and an appreciation of basic issues and concepts in public administration. The student is introduced to a basic understanding of contemporary problems encountered in the administration of public agencies. The minor is not intended to provide vocational or professional competency.
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Requirements (24-25)

COMS 361 - Business and Professional Communication (3)
OR ENGL 300 - Advanced Essay Composition (3)
*POLS 100 - American Government and Politics (3)
POLS 331 - Public Administration (3)
OR PSPA 331X - Public Administration (3)
*SOCI 170 - Introduction to Sociology (3)
SOCI 375 - Sociology of Organizations (3)

One of the following (3-4) (Students who satisfy this requirement in the process of meeting other major or minor requirements should select an additional course from the list below this one.)

CSCI 250 - Computer Programming in COBOL (4)
*STAT 208 - Basic Statistics (3)
STAT 301 - Elementary Statistics (4)
STAT 350 - Introduction to Probability and Statistics (3)

Two of the following chosen in consultation with an adviser (6)
ECON 320 - Government and Business (3)
PHIL 337 - Business Ethics (3)
POLS 330 - Bureaucracy and the Public Policy Process (3)
OR PSPA 330X - Bureaucracy and the Public Policy Process (3)
PSYC 472 - Group Processes (3)

Six or more semester hours in the minor must be taken at NIU.

*Available for general education credit.

Non-Governmental Organization Leadership and Development Center (NGOLD)

Director:

The Non-Governmental Organization Leadership and Development (NGOLD) Center is an interdisciplinary, faculty governed center that engages in a range of activities that support leadership and development of domestic and international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), with a particular focus on regional and global NGOs that are headquartered in northern Illinois. Faculty, staff, and students work with the NGO sector in research, education and training, and engagement to promote the professionalization of NGO management and to increase their capacities to provide services to their clients. Faculty from throughout the university participate in its activities.

NGOLD offers both a B.A. and a B.S. degree for a major in community leadership and civic engagement that is designed primarily for students seeking a career in public affairs in government, voluntary social agencies, and public interest groups. It also offers a Certificate of Undergraduate Study in Civic Engagement that provides students with a credential and solid foundation for public service oriented
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work. Each student must complete the required course of the major along with an emphasis field. Several university departments participate in the major in community leadership and civic engagement.

Community Leadership and Civic Engagement (B.A. or B.S.)
The Non-Governmental Organization Leadership and Development Center offers both a B.A. and a B.S. degree for a major in community leadership and civic engagement that is designed primarily for students seeking a career in public affairs in government, voluntary social agencies, and public interest groups. Each student must complete the required courses of the major along with an emphasis field. Several university departments participate in the major in community leadership and civic engagement.

Requirements in Department (7-9)
CLCE 100 - Introduction to Public Service (3)
CLCE 300 - Nonprofits and Community Engagement (3)
   OR CLCE 350 - Community Organizations in a Digital World (3)
   OR CLCE 390 - Special Topics in Community Leadership and Civic Engagement (3)
CLCE 400 - Community Engagement (3)
   OR CLCE 490 - Civic Engagement Internship (1-3)

Requirements outside Center (B.A., 43-57; B.S., 50-57)
ANTH 220 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3)
ANTH 329 - Anthropology and Contemporary World Problems (3)
COMS 220 - Rhetoric and Public Issues (3)
POLS 150 - Democracy in America (3)
PSPA 201 - Public Service Leadership (3)
PSPA 326X - Nonprofit Management (3)
   OR POLS 326 - Nonprofit Management (3)
PSPA 401 - Philanthropy and Volunteerism (3)
PSPA 402 - Resource Strategies for Nonprofit Organizations (3)
   OR MGMT 402X - Resources Strategies for Nonprofit Organizations (3)
SOCI 170 - Introduction to Sociology (3)

For the B.A. degree
Fulfillment of foreign language requirement (0-12) (See “Foreign Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree.”)
Course work in foreign literature or culture approved by major adviser (3) For the B.S. degree Laboratory science/mathematical/computational skills sequence (10-15) (See “College Requirement for the B.S. Degree.”)

Emphasis 1. Advocacy
Requirements outside Center (15)
Five of the following, from at least three different departments.
   CLCE 499 - Capstone Seminar in Community Leadership and Civic Engagement (3)
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COMS 300 - Speech Writing (3)
COMS 302 - Introduction to Organizational Communication Theory (3)
COMS 305 - Argumentation and Debate (3)
COMS 401 - Criticism of Public Rhetoric (3)
COMS 403 - Freedom of Speech and Communication Ethics (3)
COMS 470 - Campaign Strategies and Development (3)
JOUR 401 - Editorial and Opinion Writing (3)
POLS 220 - Introduction to Public Policy (3)
PSPA 330X - Bureaucracy and the Public Policy Process (3)
OR POLS 330 - Bureaucracy and the Public Policy Process (3)
PSPA 331X - Public Administration (3)
OR POLS 331 - Public Administration (3)
SOCI 375 - Sociology of Organizations (3)
SOCI 392 - Organizing for Social Action (3)

Emphasis 2. Arts and Humanities
Requirements outside Center (15)
Five of the following, from at least four different departments.
ANTH 462 - Collections Management (3)
ART 457 - Museum Education (3)
ART 465 - Introduction to Museum Studies (3)
CLCE 499 - Capstone Seminar in Community Leadership and Civic Engagement (3)
HIST 352 - Popular Culture in Japan (3)
HIST 383 - Latin America Through Film (3)
HIST 390 - Film and History (3)
MUHL 326 - Survey of World Music (3)
MUHL 431 - Music of Southeast Asia (3)
MUHL 432 - Music of China (3)
THEA 203 - Introduction to Theatre (3)
THEA 370 - History of Theatre and Drama I (3)
THEA 371 - History of Theatre and Drama II (3)
THEA 395 - Performance and Production (1)
THEA 475 - Contemporary Theatre (3)
THEA 480 - Studies in American Theatre History (3)

Emphasis 3. Enterprise
Requirements outside Center (18)
ECON 260 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)
ECON 261 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
Four of the following from at least three different departments (12)
ACCY 288 - Fundamentals of Accounting (3)
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CLCE 499 - Capstone Seminar in Community Leadership and Civic Engagement (3)
ECON 330 - International Economics (3)
ECON 385 - Introduction to Urban and Regional Economics (3)  
HIST 354 - History of Black American Business and Entrepreneurship (3)
HIST 486 - Poverty and Progress in Latin America (3)
MGMT 217 - Legal Environment of Business (3)
MGMT 311 - Social Entrepreneurship (3)
MGMT 333 - Principles of Management (3)
MKTG 310 - Principles of Marketing (3)

Emphasis 4. Environmental
Requirements outside Center (18)

ECON 260 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)
ECON 261 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
Four of the following, from at least three different departments (12)
   ANTH 425 - Environment and Anthropology (3)
   CLCE 499 - Capstone Seminar in Community Leadership and Civic Engagement (3)
   ECON 386 - Environmental Economics (3)
   ENVS 301 - Environmental Science I: Physical Systems (3)
   ENVS 302 - Environmental Science II: Biological Systems (3)
   ENVS 303 - Environment in the Social Sciences and Humanities (3)
   ENVS 304 - Environmental Law, Policy, and Economics (3)
   ENVS 305 - Green Technologies (3)
   GEOG 253 - Environment and Society (3)
   HIST 377 - American Environmental History (3)
   JOUR 350 - Environment, Health, and the Media (3)
   SOCI 364 - Environmental Sociology (3)

Emphasis 5. Global
Requirements outside Center (18)

ECON 260 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)
ECON 261 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
Four of the following, from at least three different departments (12)
   ANTH 363 - Globalization and Corporate Cultures (3)
   ANTH 426 - Political Anthropology (3)
   ANTH 427 - Economic Anthropology (3)
   ANTH 467 - Applied Anthropology (3)
   CLCE 499 - Capstone Seminar in Community Leadership and Civic Engagement (3)
   COMS 362 - Intercultural Communication (3)
   COMS 454 - Transnational Communication and Media (3)
   ECON 330 - International Economics (3)
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GEOG 202 - World Regional Geography (3)
JOUR 482 - International News Communications (3)
JOUR 490 - Ethnic Minorities and the News Media (3)
MKTG 367 - Principles of Global Marketing (3)
POLS 386 - Global Terrorism (3)
SOCI 457 - Families in Global Perspective (3)
Course work in comparative politics course approved by major adviser (3)
Course work in non-United States history approved by major adviser (3)

Total Hours for a Major in Community Leadership and Civic Engagement: 58-75 (B.A.) OR 65-75 (B.S.)

Certificate of Undergraduate Study
Civic Engagement (9)

Coordinator: Nancy Castle (Interim Director)

The Certificate of Undergraduate Study in Civic Engagement is a pre-professional curriculum which will provide the student with a credential and solid foundation for public service oriented work. It is a good preparation for those who are seeking to work in a variety of technical or professional fields with nonprofits and government. Through its course work the certificate provides an understanding of the interrelationships among the nonprofit, private, and governmental sectors as well as the policies, regulatory framework, and practical considerations that govern them. Students will develop project analysis and public presentation skills. The aim of the certificate is to provide a bridge between theory and practical application.

The certificate consists of three core courses and a choice of an elective from one of eight related areas. The core courses focus on fundamental strategies for civic engagement and effective citizenship and on various models for the solution of social problems through nonprofits, social enterprises, and other vehicles of civic engagement. The core courses enable practical application of knowledge and provide engaged learning opportunities as well as an in-depth service learning experience.

The certificate is open to all students admitted to degree and non-degree study at Northern Illinois University. Students must maintain good academic standing within the university and achieve a minimum grade of C in each course. The certificate courses may also be applied to satisfy requirements for B.A. and B.S. degrees.

Required Courses (9)
CLCE 100 - Introduction to Public Service (3)
CLCE 300 - Nonprofits and Community Engagement (3)
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ANTH 492 - Proseminar in Anthropology (3)
Course work from the following (3)
ANTH 329 - Anthropology and Contemporary World Problems (3)
MGMT 311 - Social Entrepreneurship (3)
MKTG 310 - Principles of Marketing (3)
POLS 220 - Introduction to Public Policy (3)
PSPA 326X - Nonprofit Management (3)
PSPA 401 - Philanthropy and Volunteerism (3)
PSPA 402 - Resource Strategies for Nonprofit Organizations (3)

Course List
CLCE 100 - Introduction to Public Service
CLCE 499 - Capstone Seminar in Community Leadership and Civic Engagement

Community Leadership and Civic Engagement Faculty
Nancy M. Castle, Ph.D., Northern Illinois University, professor

Department of Political Science (POLS, PSPA)

The Department of Political Science offers the B.A. and B.S. degree with a major in political science with emphases in politics, public law, public administration and service, and international politics. The emphasis in politics is designed for students who want maximum flexibility within their program of study or wish to create a particular specialization within political science, such as American government, biopolitics, or political theory. The emphasis in public law is designed for political science students interested in public law, although students seeking admission to law school need not be political science majors nor must they follow any particular course of study. Students with an interest in pre-law should see “Pre-professional Studies.” The emphasis in public administration and service is designed primarily for students seeking a career in public affairs in federal, state, or local governments; in voluntary social agencies or public interest groups; and for careers in business emphasizing the interaction between private enterprise and government. The emphasis in international politics is for students seeking international careers, especially in governmental agencies and business.

Internship opportunities with academic credit are available through the department. Interested students should contact the department’s internship coordinator.

The department also offers a minor for students with an interest in politics. In addition, it participates in the interdisciplinary minors in black studies, Chinese/Japanese studies, classical studies, environmental studies, gerontology, international studies, Latino and Latin American studies, public administration, Southeast Asian studies, urban studies, and women’s studies. Non-majors can use one of several lower-division political science courses toward fulfilling the university’s general education requirements in the
Political Science (B.A. or B.S.)

Field Distribution Requirement
To ensure that all political science majors are familiar with a variety of approaches, subject matter, and perspectives within the political science discipline, each student, regardless of the degree program or emphasis he or she selects, must take at least one course in each of five of the following seven fields.

- American government
- Comparative politics
- Empirical theory and behavior
- International politics
- Political theory
- Public law
- Public policy/public administration

In fulfilling this requirement, a particular course may be counted in one field only, even if it is crosslisted in more than one field. Related courses from other departments may be substituted for political science courses with the prior written approval of the department chair.

POLS 100 satisfies the field distribution requirement for American government and is a prerequisite for certain upper-level courses. Numbered courses ending in 90-99 vary widely in content and often do not deal with a single or specific field of political science. Such courses cannot be used to meet the field distribution requirement except in special cases with the written permission of the department chair. All other political science courses, whether taken to satisfy the B.A. or B.S. degree requirements or the requirements in a particular emphasis, are included in meeting the required distribution.

Emphasis 1. Politics

Requirements in Department (36)

- POLS 100 - American Government and Politics (3)
- OR POLS 150 - Democracy in America (3)
- Two of the following (6)
  - POLS 220 - Introduction to Public Policy (3)
  - POLS 251 - Introduction to Political Philosophy (3)
  - POLS 260 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)
  - POLS 285 - Introduction to International Relations (3)
- Electives in political science (27)

Students must ensure that the field distribution requirement is met. Students pursuing the B.S. degree must complete POLS 340 - Political Analysis (3). Students should complete POLS 340 by the
end of their junior year. Students are also strongly encouraged to complete POLS 340 prior to taking STAT 301 or STAT 350.

Requirements outside Department (B.A., 0-12; B.S., 10-15)
For the B.A. degree
Fulfillment of the foreign language requirement (0-12)
See “Foreign Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree” in the Other Graduation Requirements section of this catalog.

For the B.S. degree
Laboratory science/mathematical/computational skills sequence (10-19) [Students selecting a sequence that does not include STAT 301 (4) or STAT 350 (3) will also be required to take one of these courses.]
See “College Requirement for the B.S. Degree” in the Other Graduation Requirements section of this catalog.

Total Hours for Emphasis 1, Politics: 36-48 (B.A.) OR 50-51 (B.S.)

Emphasis 2, Public Law
Requirements in Department (36)

POLS 100 - American Government and Politics (3)
OR POLS 150 - Democracy in America (3)

Two of the following (6)

POLS 220 - Introduction to Public Policy (3)
POLS 251 - Introduction to Political Philosophy (3)
POLS 260 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)
POLS 285 - Introduction to International Relations (3)

Two of the Following (6)

POLS 410 - Constitutional Law I (3)
POLS 411 - Constitutional Law II (3)
POLS 412 - Constitutional Law III (3)

One of the Following (3)

POLS 317 - Judicial Politics (3)
POLS 323 - Biomedicine and the Law (3)
POLS 324 - Politics of Environmental Health and Safety Regulation (3)
POLS 354 - Natural Right and Law (3)
POLS 358 - Religion and the Constitution (3)
POLS 389 - International Law and Organization (3)
POLS 414 - Topics in Law and Social Problems (3)

(may be repeated to 6 semester hours)
POLS 415 - Criminal Law (3)
POLS 418 - Jurisprudence (3)
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POLS 4951- Seminar in Current Problems Credits: 3
One additional course from either of the two preceding lists (3)

Electives in political science (15)

Students must ensure that the field distribution requirement is met. Students pursuing the B.S. degree must complete POLS 340 - Political Analysis (3). Students should complete POLS 340 by the end of their junior year. Students are also strongly encouraged to complete POLS 340 prior to taking STAT 301 or STAT 350.

Requirements outside Department (B.A., 0-12; B.S., 10-15)

For the B.A. degree
Fulfillment of the foreign language requirement (0-12)
See “Foreign Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree” in the Other Graduation Requirements section of this catalog.

For the B.S. degree
Laboratory science/mathematical/computational skills sequence (10-15) [Students selecting a sequence that does not include STAT 301 (4) or STAT 350 (3) will also be required to take one of these courses.]
See “College Requirement for the B.S. Degree” in the Other Graduation Requirements section of this catalog.

Total Hours for Emphasis 2, Public Law: 36-48 (B.A.) OR 46-51 (B.S.)

Recommendations
HIST 478 - American Legal History to 1865 (3)
HIST 479 - American Legal History Since 1865 (3)

Emphasis 3. Public Administration and Service

Requirements in Department (36)
POLS 100 - American Government and Politics (3)
POLS 331 - Public Administration (3)
OR PSPA 331X - Public Administration (3)
Two of the following (6)
POLS 150 - Democracy in America (3)
POLS 220 - Introduction to Public Policy (3)
POLS 251 - Introduction to Political Philosophy (3)
POLS 260 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)
POLS 285 - Introduction to International Relations (3)
One of the following (3)
POLS 322 - Politics and the Life Sciences (3)
POLS 323 - Biomedicine and the Law (3)
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POLS 324 - Politics of Environmental Health and Safety Regulation (3)
POLS 356 - American Political Thought I (3)
POLS 382 - U.S. Foreign Policy Making (3)
POLS 383 - Changing World Political Economy (3)
POLS 389 - International Law and Organization (3)

Two of the following (6). Recommended that POLS 331 or PSPA 331X be taken before enrolling in the following courses.
POLS 302 - Government in Metropolitan Areas (3)
   OR PSPA 302X - Government in Metropolitan Areas (3)
POLS 303 - State and Local Government (3)
   OR PSPA 303X - State and Local Government (3)
POLS 308 - The American Presidency (3)
POLS 326 - Nonprofit Management (3)
   OR PSPA 326X - Nonprofit Management (3)
POLS 327 - E-governance (3)
   OR PSPA 327X - E-Governance (3)
POLS 330 - Bureaucracy and the Public Policy Process (3)
   OR PSPA 330X - Bureaucracy and the Public Policy Process (3)

Electives in political science (15)
Students must ensure that the field distribution requirement is met. Students pursuing the B.S. degree must complete POLS 220 - Introduction to Public Policy (3) and POLS 340 - Political Analysis (3) Students should complete POLS 340 by the end of their junior year. Students are also strongly encouraged to complete POLS 340 prior to taking STAT 301 or STAT 350. The B.S. is highly recommended for students planning careers in public policy and public administration.

Requirements outside Department (B.A., 0-12; B.S., 10-15)

For the B.A. degree
Fulfillment of the foreign language requirement (0-12)
See “Foreign Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree” in the Other Graduation Requirements section of this catalog.

For the B.S. degree
Laboratory science/mathematical/computational skills sequence (10-15) [Students selecting a sequence that does not include STAT 301 (4) or STAT 350 (3) will also be required to take one of these courses.]
See “College Requirement for the B.S. Degree” in the Other Graduation Requirements section of this catalog.

Total Hours for Emphasis 3, Public Administration and Service: 36-48 (B.A.) OR 46-51 (B.S.)
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Recommendation
Students are strongly advised to minor in business administration, communication studies, economics, family life (School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences), international studies, journalism, sociology, or urban studies.

Emphasis 4. International Politics
Requirements in Department (36)
POLS 100 - American Government and Politics (3)
OR POLS 150 - Democracy in America (3)
Two of the Following (6)
POLS 220 - Introduction to Public Policy (3)
POLS 251 - Introduction to Political Philosophy (3)
POLS 260 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)
POLS 285 - Introduction to International Relations (3)
Two of the Following (6)
POLS 359 - War, Empire, and Ethics (3)
POLS 362 - Politics of Developing Areas (3)
POLS 380 - American Foreign Policy (3)
POLS 381 - The U.S. and Latin America (3)
POLS 382 - U.S. Foreign Policy Making (3)
POLS 383 - Changing World Political Economy (3)
POLS 384 - Contemporary Foreign Policy (3)
POLS 386 - Global Terrorism (3)
POLS 388 - U.S. National Security Policy (3)
POLS 389 - International Law and Organization (3)
Two of the Following (6)
POLS 360 - Government and Politics in Western Europe (3)
POLS 361 - British Government and Politics (3)
POLS 366 - Politics of Russia and Eurasia (3)
POLS 368 - Politics of Africa (3)
POLS 371 - Politics in Southeast Asia (3)
POLS 372 - Politics of China, Japan, and Korea (3)
POLS 373 - Women and Politics (3)
POLS 375 - Middle East Politics (3)
POLS 376 - Political Violence (3)
One additional course from either of the two preceding lists (3)

Electives in political science (12)
Students must ensure that the field distribution requirement is met. Students pursuing the B.S. degree must complete POLS 340 - Political Analysis (3). Students should complete POLS 340 by the end of their junior year. Students are also strongly encouraged to complete POLS 340 prior to taking STAT 301.
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Requirements outside Department (B.A., 0-12; B.S., 10-15)

For the B.A. degree
Fulfillment of the foreign language requirement (0-12)
(See “Foreign Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree.”) in the Other Graduation Requirements section of this catalog.

For the B.S. degree
Laboratory science/mathematical/computational skills sequence (10-15) [Students selecting a sequence that does not include STAT 301 (4) or STAT 350 (3) will also be required to take one of these courses.]
(See “College Requirement for the B.S. Degree.”) in the Other Graduation Requirements section of this catalog.

Total Hours for Emphasis 4, International Politics: 36-48 (B.A.) OR 46-51 (B.S.)

Recommendation
Students desiring a career in international affairs are advised to develop a high degree of competence in one or more foreign languages, to become familiar with political systems other than that of the United States, and to enroll in the interdisciplinary international studies minor.

*May be counted toward the emphasis when topic is appropriate.

Teacher Certification

Students who want to be certified to teach political science/social sciences in grades 6-12 must declare their intention to do so with the office of teacher certification in the Department of History at the earliest possible opportunity. Certification involves significant requirements in addition to the completion of a degree in political science.

Admission
Students are admitted to the certification program when they have established a file with the Department of History’s office of teacher certification and completed satisfactory reviews of progress each semester after establishment of the file; attained junior standing and completed at least 12 semester hours at NIU with a minimum GPA of 2.75; completed at least 6 semester hours of political science at NIU and earned a minimum GPA of 3.00 in all political science courses taken at the college/university level; completed the core competency requirements in English and oral communication; completed at least 20 clock hours of approved early clinical experiences; and obtained approval from the Department of History’s office of teacher certification.
Retention
Students admitted to the program must maintain the GPA requirements and complete a satisfactory review of progress each semester with the Department of History’s office of teacher certification.

Department Requirements
Students must complete the requirements for a degree in political science. In addition, they must complete POLS 496X, History and Social Science Instruction in Grades 6-12. Except in unusual circumstances, POLS 496X must be taken in the semester immediately prior to enrollment in student teaching.

Other Requirements
Students must complete HIST 400, Student Teaching in History/Social Sciences in Grades 6-12. Except in unusual circumstances, students are admitted to HIST 400 only upon satisfactory completion of all other work required for graduation and certification.

Students must complete the minimum requirements for teaching endorsements in both U.S. history (8 semester hours) and world history (8 semester hours).

Illinois requires 100 clock hours of substantial, varied, and sequential clinical experiences prior to student teaching. Students must obtain permission from the Department of History’s office of teacher certification for enrollment in these experiences.

Students must complete course work in human development and learning, techniques of assessment, foundations of education, and integrating exceptional students into the regular classroom. Students should consult with the Department of History’s office of teacher certification to determine which courses are approved for satisfying this requirement.

Degree with Honors

Requirement for admission for continuing NIU students:
Any student who has completed at least 60 semester hours of course work at NIU and has completed 15 semester hours of political science courses at NIU with a grade point average of 3.70 or higher (both cumulative and in the major) is eligible for admission to the political science honors program.

Requirement for acceptance for transfer students:
Transfer students must meet the following three criteria for acceptance into the honors program:

1) Students must complete at least 15 semester hours at NIU, including two 300- or 400-level political science courses. Students must earn a cumulative GPA of at least 3.70 in those courses. 2) Students must obtain a letter of nomination from one political science tenured or tenure-track faculty member. The letter of nomination should be sent to the department’s director of undergraduate studies. 3) Students must be approved for the honors program by the department’s undergraduate committee.
Senior transfer students will not be eligible for the honors program.
The Political Science Honors Program is separate from the University Honors Program, but students admitted to both programs may, with permission, use their political science honors thesis to satisfy the University Honors Program’s requirement of a senior year independent study project. Details about the program are available in the department office (Zulauf 415).

Requirements to Graduate with Honors:
In addition to all degree requirements, students must complete three requirements to graduate with honors in political science:

1) Complete at least 3 semester hours of POLS 491
2) Complete at least 3 semester hours of POLS 496
3) Complete 1 semester hour of POLS 497 during fall semester
4) Complete 3 semester hours of POLS 499 during spring semester. The honors thesis must be approved by the student’s thesis director and a faculty member appointed by the director of undergraduate studies.

Students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.70 both in the major and cumulative to graduate with honors. Students who fail to receive at least a B in POLS 497 and POLS 499 and a S in POLS 491 will not graduate with honors. Students are expected to present their honors thesis at the annual Undergraduate Research and Artistry Day held in April.

Withdrawal from the program:
Students may choose to withdraw from the honors program at any time. If students are taking POLS 491, POLS 497, or POLS 499 when they decide to withdraw, they must either complete that course or drop it. If students choose to drop the course, they must do so before the university deadline for course withdrawal.

For more information on the department’s honors program, please contact the department’s director of undergraduate studies.

Minor in Political Science (18)

Requirements (18)

POLS 100 - American Government and Politics (3)
OR POLS 150 - Democracy in America (3)

One of the following (3)
POLS 220 - Introduction to Public Policy (3)
POLS 251 - Introduction to Political Philosophy (3)
POLS 260 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)
(Available for general education credit.)
SECTION B – Recorded, but further approval needed before inclusion in the Undergraduate Catalog

POLS 285 - Introduction to International Relations (3)
Electives in political science (12)
Six or more semester hours in the minor must be taken at NIU.
(Available for general education credit.)

Department Restrictions
A student may take no more than 15 semester hours in 100- and 200-level political science courses to be counted toward a political science major and no more than 9 semester hours in 100- and 200-level political science courses to be counted toward a political science minor.

Political Science (POLS)

American Government
POLS 100 - American Government and Politics (3)

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POLS 499 - Senior Honors Thesis (1-3)

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Department of Public Administration (PSPA)

The mission of the Department of Public Administration is to advance excellence in public management by preparing men and women for public service careers. The department focuses principally on the dynamics of leading and managing organizations that address political, social, economic, environmental, and administrative problems in the public and non-profit sectors. The department has no undergraduate major. Rather, it provides service courses to a wide variety of majors and minors, including majors in POLS, BSAM and CLCE; and minors in black studies, urban studies, and public administration to support undergraduate students who aspire to a public service career.

Public Administration Courses (PSPA)

PSPA 201 - Public Service Leadership
PSPA 413 - Community Engagement in Public Safety Agencies

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