

POLITICAL SCIENCE, MINOR

In the political science minor, Saint Louis University students take three courses in each of the four major subfields of political science (American politics, comparative politics, international relations and political thought) for a total of nine credits. Students also take three political science electives for an additional nine credits of coursework.

In the specialized SLU minor, students take three courses from just one of the subfields, as well as nine credits of political science electives.

Requirements

Students must complete a minimum total of **18 credits** for the minor. No more than six credits of transfer credit and no more than three credits of internship can count toward the minor.

Students can choose between a general or a specialized minor. No one class can fulfill more than one requirement within the minors.

General Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course from three of the four subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Thought.		9
American Politics subfield (classes in the range POLS 1100-1399, 2100-2399, 2820, 3100-3399, 4100-4399) (p. 1)		
Comparative Politics subfield (classes in the range POLS 1500-1599, 2500-2599, 3500-3599, 3810, 4500-4599) (p. 1)		
International Relations subfield (classes in the range POLS 1600, 2600-2699, 2820, 3600-3699, 4600-4699, 3810) (p. 2)		
Political Thought subfield (classes 1700-1799, 2700-2799, 3700-3799, 4700-4799) (p. 2)		
Select three Political Science electives in any subfield.		9
Total Credits		18

Specialized Minor

Code	Title	Credits
Select three courses from a single subfield: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, or Political Thought.		9
American Politics subfield (classes in the range POLS 1100-1399, 2100-2399, 2820, 3100-3399, 4100-4399) (p. 1)		
Comparative Politics subfield (classes in the range POLS 1500-1599, 2500-2599, 3500-3599, 3810, 4500-4599) (p. 1)		
International Relations subfield (classes in the range POLS 1600, 2600-2699, 2820, 3600-3699, 4600-4699, 3810) (p. 2)		
Political Thought subfield (classes 1700-1799, 2700-2799, 3700-3799, 4700-4799) (p. 2)		
Select three Political Science electives in any subfield.		9
Total Credits		18

American Politics Courses

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1100	Introduction to American Government	
POLS 1150	American Political Systems	
POLS 1300	Introduction to Law	
POLS 2100	The American Constitution	

POLS 2140	The American Presidency	
POLS 2150	Race and Politics	
POLS 2200	State and Local Politics	
POLS 2220	Urban Politics	
POLS 2300	Public Administration	
POLS 2350	Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll: Morality Politics in the United States	
POLS 2820	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 3100	Judicial Politics	
POLS 3110	American Political Movements	
POLS 3130	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	
POLS 3140	Public Opinion and Mass Communication	
POLS 3150	American Presidential Elections	
POLS 3160	Campaigns and Elections	
POLS 3250	American Politics and Film	
POLS 3300	U.S. Public Policy	
POLS 3330	Metropolitan Environment	
POLS 3340	Foundations of Law	
POLS 3350	Church and State	
POLS 4120	Civil Rights: A Moot Court Seminar	
POLS 4126	Sexuality and the Law	
POLS 4131	Race, Class, and Punishment	
POLS 4140	Political Parties	
POLS 4150	Gender and Politics	
POLS 4170	Electoral Politics	
POLS 4171	Law, Policy, Society	
POLS 4300	Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy	
POLS 4325	Public Sector Budgeting	
POLS 4340	Issues in Public Policy	
POLS 4360	Urban Economic Development	

Comparative Politics Courses

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1500	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
POLS 1510	Politics of the Developing World	
POLS 1540	Blood and Money: Ethnic War	
POLS 2510	European Politics	
POLS 2520	Introduction to African Politics	
POLS 2530	Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics	
POLS 2550	Political Systems of the Sub-Saharan	
POLS 2560	The Politics of Asia	
POLS 2570	Introduction to Latin American Politics	
POLS 2590	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	
POLS 3500	East Asian Political Economy	
POLS 3520	Communism, Capitalism and Social Justice	
POLS 3567	Political Development in Contemporary Spain	
POLS 3810	Latin American-U.S. Relations	
POLS 4500	Russian Political Culture	
POLS 4520	Political Change	

POLS 4530	Authoritarian Politics: Rigging Elections and Clinging to Power
POLS 4590	Crisis of Leadership

International Relations Courses

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1600	Introduction to International Politics	
POLS 2600	Introduction to International Political Economy	
POLS 2640	International Terrorism	
POLS 2691	Theory and Practice of Human Rights	
POLS 2820	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 3600	Problems of Globalization	
POLS 3620	International Organization and the Management of World Problems	
POLS 3630	International Security and Conflict Resolution	
POLS 3640	International Law	
POLS 3650	International Relations of Africa	
POLS 3810	Latin American-U.S. Relations	
POLS 4610	International Relations: Theory and Practice	
POLS 4630	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	
POLS 4650	War, Peace, and Politics	
POLS 4662	International Challenges	
POLS 4692	Theories of World Politics	

Political Thought Courses

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1700	Foundations of Political Theory	
POLS 2700	Fundamental Issues in Political Philosophy	
POLS 2710	Theories of Justice	
POLS 2720	American Anomaly: American Political Institutions in Comparative Perspective	
POLS 3710	Ancient and Medieval Classics in Political Thought	
POLS 3720	Renaissance and Modern Political Theories	
POLS 3740	Capitalism, Racism, Patriarchy: Theorizing Structural Power	
POLS 3750	The Modern Democratic State	
POLS 3760	The Politics of Pope Francis	
POLS 3770	Feminist Theory: Gender Justice	
POLS 4710	Citizenship and Social Difference	
POLS 4730	Seminar: Contemporary Political Ideologies	
POLS 4740	Marx's CAPITAL	
POLS 4750	American Political Thought	

Continuation Standards

Students in the political science minor must maintain a 2.00 grade point average (GPA) in political science coursework.

Madrid

A minor in political science complements nearly every degree offered at SLU-Madrid. Whether completing a more general track covering topics

in the main four subfields offered in political science (American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political thought) or focusing on a more specialized international relations track, students will be exposed to key issues in contemporary politics. Find out more about SLU-Madrid's unique political science program (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-ba/>) with a concentration in international relations.

Curriculum Overview

There are two options for the political science minor in SLU-Madrid: the general track or the specialized international relations track. Both tracks require 18 credit hours of coursework.

General Track

You must take:

- At least one course from three of the main four subfields of political science (9 credit hours):
 - American politics
 - Comparative politics
 - International relations
 - Political thought
- Three elective political science courses (9 credit hours).
- One of the six courses must be at the 4000 level.

International Relations Track

You must take:

- Three political science courses focusing on international relations (9 credit hours).
- Two elective courses in political science (6 credit hours).
- A senior seminar: either POLS 4610 International Relations: Theory and Practice (3 cr) or POLS 4630 The European Union: Politics and Political Economy (3 cr).

Contact Us

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