Political Science, Minor
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Description

The minor program in political science helps students gain an understanding of theory, practice and policy underlying local, national and international political processes and trains students in the research skills necessary for the analysis of complex local and global sociopolitical issues.

Students engage in a flexible program of learner-centered coursework in political theory, American political institutions, and international relations and world affairs. The curriculum focuses on international urban, race or ethnic sociopolitical areas and internships and service-learning or action research opportunities. Under the direction of faculty, students focus on intellectual and concrete policy issues in the greater Phoenix metropolitan area, Arizona, the Arizona-Mexico borderlands, the Americas, and the world.

The degree is offered by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

At a Glance

- **College/School**: [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location**: [West campus](#)

Program Requirements

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2021 - 2022 Minor Map

The minor in political science consists of 18 credit hours, requiring a minimum of 12 upper-division credit hours. A minimum of six upper-division credit hours must be completed through courses offered by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. All courses used to satisfy requirements for the minor must be passed with a "C" (2.00) or better.
Required Courses (choose two courses) -- 6 credit hours

- POS 110: American Government and Politics (SB) (3)
- POS 150: Comparative Government (SB & G) (3)
- POS 160: Global Politics (SB & G) (3)
- POS 210: Political Ideologies (SB) (3)

Research Methods (choose one course) -- 3 credit hours

- SBS 302: Qualitative Methods (3)
- SBS 303: Quantitative Methods (3)
- SBS 304: Social Statistics I (CS) (3)

Upper-Division Interdisciplinary Track -- 9 credit hours

Choose one course from each of three upper-division Interdisciplinary Tracks.

**Upper-Division Social Justice and Inequality Interdisciplinary Track -- 3 credit hours**

ASB 339 / POS 339 / SBS 339 / SOC 339: Grassroots Social Movements (SB) (3)
ETH 380 / WST 380: Race, Gender, and Class (SB & C) (3)
HST 441 / LAS 441: Latin America and the World Economy (L & G & H) (3)
JHR 305: Theory and Practice of Social Justice and Human Rights (SB & G) (3)
POS 342: Political Theory (HU or SB) (3)
POS 446: Democracy (HU) (3)
POS 480 / SBS 480: Global Justice (G) (3)
POS 494: Everyday Forms of Political Resistance (3)
SBS 301: Cultural Diversity ((L or SB) & C) (3)
SOC 331: Environmental Sociology (SB & G) (3)
SOC 352: Social Change (SB & G & H) (3)
SOC 426: Social Inequality (SB) (3)

**Upper-Division Law, Citizenship, Borders Interdisciplinary Track -- 3 credit hours**

ASB 340 / SOC 328: Migration and Culture (SB & G) (3)
ASB 447 / POS 447 / SBS 447: Citizenship, Nationalism and Identity (SB & C & G) (3)
POS 310: American National Government (SB) (3)
POS 360: World Politics (SB & G) (3)
POS 361: American Foreign Policy (SB & G) (3)
POS 446: Democracy (HU) (3)
POS 465: International Organization and Law (SB & G) (3)
POS 480 / SBS 480: Global Justice (G) (3)

**Upper-Division Identity and Place Interdisciplinary Track -- 3 credit hours**

ETH 430 / LAS 430 / WST 430: Gender on the Borderlands (SB & G) (3)
ETH 433 / WST 433: Race and Sexualities in Social Justice Movements (3)
ETH 473 / LAS 473 / WST 473: Indigenous and Latina/Chicana Representation (SB & C) (3)
HST 376 / LAS 376: Modern Latin America (SB & G & H) (3)
POS 350: Comparative Politics (SB & G) (3)
Credit is only granted for POS 110 or POS 310. Credit is only granted for POS 160 or POS 360.

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

**Enrollment Requirements**

**GPA Requirement:** None

**Incompatible Majors:** BA or BS in political science

**Other Enrollment Requirements:** None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

**Career Opportunities**

The program serves as a good precursor to staff, manager or policy analyst positions in local, state and federal government. This degree is recognized as qualification for many careers in business (for-profit and nonprofit) and industry. Work may include binational, cross-border positions linking U.S. and Mexican businesses, Arizona-Sonora local government or local community groups on both sides of the border.

Many use the degree as a gateway to law school or as basis for graduate work in professional schools or in applied fields such as:

- community development
- political science
- public administration
- public policy
- social science disciplines
- urban affairs and urban and regional planning