Political Science, Minor

Description

The minor program in political science, offered by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, is designed to help students gain an understanding of theory, practice and policy underlying political processes locally, nationally and internationally and to train students with the research skills necessary for the analysis of complex sociopolitical issues locally and globally.

The program strives to meet these goals by offering students learner-centered coursework in political theory, American political institutions, and international relations and world affairs. These goals are accomplished by offering a flexible program of coursework focusing on international urban, race or ethnic sociopolitical areas, 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.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** West campus

Program Requirements

Minor Map (Archives)

2019 - 2020 Minor Map

The minor in political science consists of 18 credit hours. A minimum of 12 upper division credit hours are required. A minimum of six upper division credit hours must be completed through courses offered by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. A maximum of three credit hours of internship and three credit
hours of individualized instruction may be used to fulfill requirements. Students wishing to pursue the minor must meet with an academic advisor to construct a set of courses that reflect a particular area of specialty and interest. All courses used to satisfy requirements for the minor must be passed with a "C" (2.00) or better.

**Required Courses -- 6 credit hours**

Select two from the following:

- POS 110: American Government and Politics (SB) or POS 310: American National Government (SB) (3)
- POS 150: Comparative Government (SB & G) (3)
- POS 160: Global Politics (SB & G) (3)
- POS 210: Political Ideologies (SB) (3)

**Electives -- 12 credit hours**

- POS Upper Division Elective (12)

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.

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