Political Science, Minor

Do you have an interest in understanding how political systems work? A political science minor provides students the opportunity to explore power and politics in the U.S. and abroad, helping them link their major field to important public issues.

Description

The minor program in political science offers students exposure to the skills and knowledge that help them participate effectively as citizens in a democratic political system and flourish in the rapidly developing globalization of the world's political institutions, cultures and economies. The program aims to provide students with an introduction to the tools and skills necessary to link theory with real-world problems and issues.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus or online

2018 - 2019 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Program Requirements

The minor in political science consists of 18 credit hours in political science courses, 12 credit hours of which must be upper-division courses. A minimum of six upper-division credit hours must be taken in courses offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Only courses completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a scale of 4.00) or better can be used to satisfy minor requirements.

**Required Courses (choose two) -- 6 credit hours**

- 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)

No more than three credit hours of POS 484 Internship and three credit hours of POS 499 Individualized Instruction may be applied to the minor.

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

Majors Ineligible to Add This Minor: BA and 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.

Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Contact Information

School of Politics and Global Studies | COOR 6797
spgs@asu.edu | 480-965-8563