Political Science, Minor

Do you have an interest in understanding how political systems work? Take this opportunity to explore power and politics in the U.S. and abroad and link your 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 provides students with an introduction to the tools and skills necessary to link theory with real-world problems and issues.

Courses in constitutional law or covering the U.S. Supreme Court as part of the minor can benefit those interested in law school.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)  
- **Location:** [Tempe campus](#) or [online](#)

Program Requirements

[Minor Map (Archives)](#)  
[2021 - 2022 Minor Map](#)
The minor in political science consists of 18 credit hours, of which 12 credit hours must be upper-division. 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 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)

**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.

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**Enrollment Requirements**

**GPA Requirement**: None

**Incompatible Majors**: 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.

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**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](#).
Career Opportunities

A minor can help students enhance the marketable skills they acquire in their major program and help them develop new skills apart from it, though most career areas do require more training than a minor alone can provide.

A minor in political science can benefit graduates as they pursue careers in government, public policy, advocacy or international relations.

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