



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Academics

Majoring in political science at Nebraska moves you to combine the analytical and communication skills of a liberal arts degree with an in-depth understanding of governments and political processes. You can also experience courses in different subfields of political science, which contribute to your overall knowledge of complex political relations and institutions:

- American Government and Public Policy—examines national, state and local government
- Biology, Psychology and Politics—explores the role of biology and psychology in people’s political attitudes and behaviors
- Human Rights and Security—examines the nexus between the search for security and the requirement for and establishment of robust humanitarian standards
- International Relations and Comparative Politics—addresses problems arising when nations interact and how countries other than the United States govern themselves

Experience

In the College of Arts and Sciences, we know experience is valuable and goes beyond the classroom. We strive to help you connect your academics with research, internships, education abroad, service learning and leadership experiences. Take advantage of opportunities in political science such as:

- Studying abroad in Prague, Czech Republic
- Serving as the ASUN president (the last five: all political science students)
- Interning with a senator in the United States Senate or with Nebraskans for Civic Reform
- Researching the relationship between political orientation, racial bias and moral foundations
- Volunteering with Justice for Our Neighbors

Opportunities

As a political science major you will be drawn to, and be successful in, a number of occupations and professions. Training in political science at Nebraska provides you with a capacity to gather information, sort through it, select that which is relevant and apply it in solving a specific problem. Here are examples of recent graduates’ employment:

- Campaign Organizer / *IMPACT ORGANIZATION / ENVIRONMENT NEW MEXICO*
- Civic Engagement and Organizing Coordinator / *BORDER ACTION NETWORK*
- Deputy Data Director / *DEMOCRAT PARTY OF VIRGINIA*
- Director of Voting Rights / *NEBRASKANS FOR CIVIC REFORM*
- Economic Analyst / *THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT*
- Financial Services Officer / *SACS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION*
- Immigration Services Officer / *THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME LAND SECURITY*
- NE Legislative Page / *NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE*
- Outreach and Communications Associate / *CAMBRIDGE GLOBAL ADVISORS*
- Public Involvement Specialist / *STATE OF NEBRASKA*
- Resource and Student Engagement Coordinator / *NEBRASKA FAMILY ALLIANCE*



POLS — SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN*

ACE = Achievement-Centered Education CDR = College Distribution Requirements

FIRST SEMESTER

POLS 100: Power and Politics in America (ACE 6)	3
POLS 101: Academic and Career Planning for Political Science	1
Written Texts / Research & Knowledge Skills (ACE 1)	3
Humanities (ACE 5)	3
CDR: Language	5
Total Hours	15

SECOND SEMESTER

POLS 160: International Relations (ACE 9)	3
CDR: Written Communication	3
Communication Skills (ACE 2)	3
CDR: Language	5
Total Hours	14

THIRD SEMESTER

Political Science Core Course (CDR: Social Science)	3
Political Science Category Course	3
Mathematical / Computational / Statistical / Formal Reasoning (ACE 3)	3
CDR: Language	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

FOURTH SEMESTER

POLS 286: Political Analysis	3
Political Science Category Course	3
Scientific Methods & Knowledge of Natural / Physical World (ACE 4)	3
CDR: Language	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

FIFTH SEMESTER

Political Science Category Course	3
Ethics / Civics / Stewardship (ACE 8)	3
CDR: Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences with Lab	4
CDR: Human Diversity in U.S. Communities	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	16

SIXTH SEMESTER

Political Science Category Course	3
Political Science Category 400-Level Course	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

SEVENTH SEMESTER

Political Science Category 400-Level Course	3
CDR: Humanities	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

EIGHTH SEMESTER

POLS 400: Democracy and Democratic Citizenship (ACE 10)	3
Fine Arts (ACE 7)	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Elective / Minor / Secondary Major / Science / Pre-Professional	3
Total Hours	15

*DISCLAIMER: This document represents a sample 4-year plan for degree completion with a major of interest in the College of Arts and Sciences. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with an academic advisor at the college and department level.