

# Political Science, B.A.

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College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

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This sheet applies to the 2014-15 catalog *only*. It does not replace the full catalog or departmental advising sheets as official statements of requirements. Students with declared majors *must* work with a faculty advisor on course selection and sequencing to ensure a timely graduation.

General Studies	33 min	Students who have reached junior standing (60 hrs) should request a CAPP (graduation compliance report) and review it with a faculty advisor.
Major courses	36	
Minor	18 min	
Electives	33	
<b>Total to graduate (min. 40 hrs upper division)</b>	<b>120 min</b>	

## **\*TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN FIRST 30 COLLEGE-LEVEL CREDIT HOURS**

### Written Communication

- \_\_\_ ENG 1010 (3 hrs) Composing Arguments\*  
or ENG 1008/1009 (6 hrs.) Intro to Composition, Parts 1 & 2\*  
\_\_\_ ENG 1020 (3 hrs) Freshman Comp: Analysis, Research, & Documt.  
(ENG 1020 must be completed within 45 credit hours)

### Oral Communication\*

- \_\_\_ (3 hrs)

### Quantitative Literacy\*

- \_\_\_ (3 hrs)

### Arts and Humanities

- \_\_\_ (3 hrs)  
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### Historical

- \_\_\_ (3 hrs)

### Natural and Physical Sciences

- \_\_\_ (3 hrs)  
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### Social and Behavioral Sciences I May not be a PSC course.

- \_\_\_ (3 hrs)

### Social and Behavioral Sciences II May not be a PSC course.

- \_\_\_ (3 hrs)

### Global Diversity may be satisfied within General Studies. **May not be a PSC course.**

- \_\_\_ (3 hrs)

## **MAJOR COURSES (Please see a Faculty Advisor in the PSC dept)**

*Note: C- or better required in all courses in the program.*

- \_\_\_ **PSC 1010 (3hrs) American National Government**  
\_\_\_ **PSC 1020 (3hrs) Political Systems & Ideas**  
\_\_\_ PSC 2020 (3hrs) Conducting Political Analysis  
or PSY 2310 (3hrs) Intro. to Statistics for Social & Behavioral Sciences  
\_\_\_ PSC 3050 (3hrs) Political Theory  
\_\_\_ PSC 4020 (3hrs) Special Studies (Senior Experience)

### **PSC Electives**

**Consult PSC faculty advisor.** A minimum of 21 additional semester hours\*\* of political science must be completed. At least 18 of these 21 hours must be upper-division courses (3000 and 4000 level) and must be approved by the PSC department. Generally, students may apply only 12 hours of credit in non-classroom courses toward the major as approved electives.

### **\*\*Course Distribution and Area Concentration**

**Consult PSC faculty advisor.** Of the 21 elective hours in political science, 12 must be in the student's primary area of study: American politics or international/comparative politics. A minimum of 3 hours must be drawn from the remaining area of concentration and 6 hours can be selected at the student's discretion.

### **MINOR (required)**

#### \_\_\_ **Multicultural Requirement**

(may be satisfied within General Studies, major, minor, or electives)

### **ELECTIVES**

## **MINORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE** (Minors are a minimum of 18 credits)

### **Sample Classes:**

#### **Legal Studies**

CJC 2050 — American Judicial System

ENG 3700 — Literature and the Law

PHI 3430 — Philosophy of Law

#### **Political Science**

PSC 1010 — American National Government

PSC 1020 — Political Systems & Ideas

PSC 3050 — Political Theory

#### **Native American Studies**

NAS 1000 — Introduction to Native American Studies

NAS 3200 — Native American Politics

ANT 3340 — Native Americans in Historical Perspective

#### **Public Affairs and Administration**

MGT 3530 — Human Resources Management

PSC 3230 — Environmental Politics

PSC 3260 — Politics of Budgeting

#### **Leadership**

LDR 1010 — Leadership and Social Change

ANT 3460 — Social Organization and Evolution

HSP 2020 — Small Group Dynamics: Theory & Experience

## **BACHELOR OR ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

### **Where Our Graduates are Now:**

A few organizations that have hired graduates of MSU Denver's political science program include:

- Peace Corps, Mongolia
- Teach for America
- Colorado General Assembly
- U.S. Treasury Department
- National Council of U.S.-Arab Relations, Washington, D.C.
- Office of the District Attorney, Trinidad, Colo.
- Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- Swedish Embassy of Indonesia
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House of Representatives

Other graduates have gone on to study in post-baccalaureate programs in schools such as:

- Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies
- New York University
- University of Denver Korbel School of International Studies
- American University School of Law, Washington, D.C.
- Fordham University School of Law, New York
- Seattle University School of Law
- Lehman College New York City Teaching Fellows Program
- George Washington University Graduate School, Washington D.C.

**“With graduation and law school around the corner, I can’t thank you [the faculty] enough ... you’ve always had so much faith in me that it’s pushed me to become a better me.”**

—Jennifer Rystrom (BA in political science '14)