Political science majors study the art and science of politics, the structure and functions of government, political behavior, and public policymaking. Students will be exposed to the political and policy dimensions of societies, economic systems, and cultures, today and across time, both in the United States and in other nations.

Political science majors begin with a set of core courses covering American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and research methods. Building upon that base of knowledge, majors choose electives from a broad range of offerings. Electives chosen may follow a general path of interest designed by the student, or they can be structured to fit within more specialized concentrations in law and legal issues, international and comparative politics, or public policy and administration. Most majors participate in the cooperative education program, with placements in local, state, and federal government agencies; law firms; nonprofit institutions; and corporations. Many students complete either a co-op position or an internship with a congressional representative, a senator, a governor, or other elected public servant.

Students may also participate in extracurricular programs designed to expand their leadership ability, such as the Political Science Student Association/Pi Sigma Alpha, Model United Nations, Model Arab League, student government, College Democrats, College Republicans, or other student groups. Many students study in one of the college’s international programs, such as the Irish Studies program, which includes an internship in the Irish Parliament. Students also may qualify for the University Honors Program.

The major in political science is designed to help prepare students for law school, graduate school, and careers in government and the nonprofit sector, as well as for teaching, journalism, legislative or lobbying positions, public relations activities, and work in international corporations.

Transferring to the Major
Upperclass students transferring to the major must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.000.

Acceptance into the major will be based on students’ meeting the department’s criteria for admission and availability of space in the program.

Academic Progression Standards
Same as college standards.

BA in Political Science

NU Core Requirements
See page 42 for requirement list.

College Requirements for BA
See page 69 for requirement list.

Introduction to College
POL U100 Political Science at Northeastern 1 SH

Political Science Major Requirements
Political Science Requirements
Complete the following five courses:
- POL U150 American Government 4 SH
- POL U155 Comparative Politics 4 SH
- POL U160 International Relations 4 SH
- POL U399 Research Methods in Political Science 4 SH
- POL U400 Quantitative Techniques 4 SH

Political Theory
Complete one course from the following list:
- POL U326 Premodern Political Thought 4 SH
- POL U328 Modern Political Thought 4 SH
- POL U330 American Political Thought 4 SH
- POL U332 Contemporary Political Thought 4 SH

Political Science Capstone
Complete the following course:
- POL U701 Political Science Senior Capstone 4 SH

Political Science Experiential Education Requirement
Complete cooperative education or study abroad or one course or experience from the following list. Note: Up to two credit-bearing courses count toward political science electives.
- POL U905 Moot Court 4 SH
- POL U910 Model United Nations 4 SH
- POL U915 Model Arab League 4 SH
- POL U917 Model European Union 4 SH
- POL U919 National Model OAU/African Union 4 SH
- POL U940 Internship in Politics 4 SH
- POL U941 Student Leadership Practicum 4 SH
- POL U942 Internship in American Government 4 SH
- POL U943 Community-Based Research Practicum 4 SH
- POL U944 Group Internship 4 SH
- POL U946 Internship in State Government 4 SH
POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES FOR BA
Complete six political science electives with a minimum of four at or above the 300-level.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATIONS
If you choose to do one of the following concentrations, you may use four courses from the elective area to fulfill a concentration.

Concentration in Law and Legal Issues
Complete four courses from the following list:
- POL U300 The U.S. Congress 4 SH
- POL U302 Judicial Process and Behavior 4 SH
- POL U305 The American Presidency 4 SH
- POL U307 Public Policy and Administration 4 SH
- POL U324 Law and Society 4 SH
- POL U330 American Political Thought 4 SH
- POL U500 U.S. Constitutional Law 4 SH
- POL U505 U.S. Civil Liberties 4 SH
- POL U510 International Law 4 SH
- POL U615 Seminar in Public Law 4 SH
- POL U905 Moot Court 4 SH

Concentration in International and Comparative Politics
Complete four courses from the following list:
- POL U370 Religion and Politics 4 SH
- POL U405 International Political Economy 4 SH
- POL U407 International Organizations 4 SH
- POL U408 International Security 4 SH
- POL U415 Ethnic Conflict in Comparative Politics 4 SH
- POL U425 U.S. Foreign Policy 4 SH
- POL U435 Politics in Western Europe 4 SH
- POL U440 Politics in Northern Ireland 4 SH
- POL U445 Politics in Central and Eastern Europe 4 SH
- POL U450 Government and Politics in Russia 4 SH
- POL U455 Russian Foreign Policy 4 SH
- POL U460 Contemporary Government and Politics in Africa 4 SH
- POL U465 Government and Politics in the Middle East 4 SH
- POL U470 Arab-Israeli Conflict 4 SH
- POL U475 Government and Politics in Latin America 4 SH
- POL U480 Government and Politics in Japan 4 SH
- POL U485 Government and Politics in China 4 SH
- POL U487 Politics of Developing Nations 4 SH
- POL U510 International Law 4 SH
- POL U515 Democracy in Comparative Politics 4 SH
- POL U530 Revolution and International Conflict 4 SH
- POL U910 Model United Nations 4 SH
- POL U915 Model Arab League 4 SH
- POL U917 Model European Union 4 SH
- POL U919 National Model OAU/African Union 4 SH

Concentration in Public Policy and Administration
Complete four courses from the following list:
- POL U300 The U.S. Congress 4 SH
- POL U302 Judicial Process and Behavior 4 SH
- POL U305 The American Presidency 4 SH
- POL U307 Public Policy and Administration 4 SH
- POL U310 Parties and Elections 4 SH
- POL U315 Interest Groups and Public Policy 4 SH
- POL U320 Politics and Mass Media 4 SH
- POL U334 Bureaucracy and Government Organizations 4 SH
- POL U335 Budgeting and Taxation 4 SH
- POL U340 Business and Government 4 SH
- POL U345 Urban Policies and Politics 4 SH
- POL U350 State and Local Politics 4 SH
- POL U355 Intergovernmental Relations 4 SH
- POL U357 Growth and Decline of Cities and Suburbs 4 SH
- POL U358 Current Issues in Cities and Suburbs 4 SH
- POL U360 Politics of Poverty 4 SH
- POL U385 U.S. Health and Welfare Policy 4 SH
- POL U390 Science, Technology, and Public Policy 4 SH
- POL U395 Environmental Politics 4 SH
- POL U402 Survey Research and Polling 4 SH
- POL U405 International Political Economy 4 SH
- POL U425 U.S. Foreign Policy 4 SH
- POL U435 Politics in Western Europe 4 SH
- POL U440 Politics in Northern Ireland 4 SH
- POL U445 Politics in Central and Eastern Europe 4 SH
- POL U450 Government and Politics in Russia 4 SH
- POL U455 Russian Foreign Policy 4 SH
- POL U460 Contemporary Government and Politics in Africa 4 SH
- POL U465 Government and Politics in the Middle East 4 SH
- POL U470 Arab-Israeli Conflict 4 SH
- POL U475 Government and Politics in Latin America 4 SH
- POL U480 Government and Politics in Japan 4 SH
- POL U485 Government and Politics in China 4 SH
- POL U487 Politics of Developing Nations 4 SH
- POL U510 International Law 4 SH
- POL U515 Democracy in Comparative Politics 4 SH
- POL U530 Revolution and International Conflict 4 SH
- POL U910 Model United Nations 4 SH
- POL U915 Model Arab League 4 SH
- POL U917 Model European Union 4 SH
- POL U919 National Model OAU/African Union 4 SH

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR CREDIT REQUIREMENT
Complete 52 semester hours in the major.

GENERAL ELECTIVES
Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS
128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required

BS in Political Science

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS
See page 42 for requirement list.

INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE
POL U100 Political Science at Northeastern 1 SH

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Political Science Requirements
Complete the following five courses:
- POL U150 American Government 4 SH
- POL U155 Comparative Politics 4 SH
- POL U160 International Relations 4 SH
POL U399 Research Methods in Political Science 4 SH
POL U400 Quantitative Techniques 4 SH

Political Theory
Complete one course from the following list:
POL U326 Premodern Political Thought 4 SH
POL U328 Modern Political Thought 4 SH
POL U330 American Political Thought 4 SH
POL U332 Contemporary Political Thought 4 SH

Political Science Capstone
Complete the following course:
POL U701 Political Science Senior Capstone 4 SH

POLITICAL SCIENCE EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
Complete cooperative education or study abroad or one course from the following list. Note: Up to two credit-bearing courses count toward political science electives.
POL U905 Moot Court 4 SH
POL U910 Model United Nations 4 SH
POL U915 Model Arab League 4 SH
POL U917 Model European Union 4 SH
POL U919 National Model OAU/African Union 4 SH
POL U940 Internship in Politics 4 SH
POL U941 Student Leadership Practicum 4 SH
POL U942 Internship in American Government 4 SH
POL U943 Community-Based Research Practicum 4 SH
POL U944 Group Internship 4 SH
POL U946 Internship in State Government 4 SH

POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES FOR BS
Complete eight political science electives with a minimum of six at or above the 300-level.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATIONS
If you choose to do one of the following concentrations, you may use four courses from the elective area to fulfill a concentration.

Concentration in Law and Legal Issues
Complete four courses from the following list:
POL U300 The U.S. Congress 4 SH
POL U302 Judicial Process and Behavior 4 SH
POL U305 The American Presidency 4 SH
POL U307 Public Policy and Administration 4 SH
POL U324 Law and Society 4 SH
POL U330 American Political Thought 4 SH
POL U500 U.S. Constitutional Law 4 SH
POL U505 U.S. Civil Liberties 4 SH
POL U510 International Law 4 SH
POL U615 Seminar in Public Law 4 SH
POL U905 Moot Court 4 SH

Concentration in International and Comparative Politics
Complete four courses from the following list:
POL U370 Religion and Politics 4 SH
POL U405 International Political Economy 4 SH

POL U407 International Organizations 4 SH
POL U408 International Security 4 SH
POL U415 Ethnic Conflict in Comparative Politics 4 SH
POL U420 National Security, War, and Political Violence 4 SH
POL U425 U.S. Foreign Policy 4 SH
POL U435 Politics in Western Europe 4 SH
POL U440 Politics in Northern Ireland 4 SH
POL U445 Politics in Central and Eastern Europe 4 SH
POL U450 Government and Politics in Russia 4 SH
POL U455 Russian Foreign Policy 4 SH
POL U460 Contemporary Government and Politics in Africa 4 SH

POL U465 Government and Politics in the Middle East 4 SH
POL U470 Arab-Israeli Conflict 4 SH
POL U475 Government and Politics in Latin America 4 SH
POL U480 Government and Politics in Japan 4 SH
POL U485 Government and Politics in China 4 SH
POL U487 Politics of Developing Nations 4 SH
POL U510 International Law 4 SH
POL U515 Democracy in Comparative Politics 4 SH
POL U530 Revolution and International Conflict 4 SH
POL U910 Model United Nations 4 SH
POL U915 Model Arab League 4 SH
POL U917 Model European Union 4 SH
POL U919 National Model OAU/African Union 4 SH

Concentration in Public Policy and Administration
Complete four courses from the following list:
POL U300 The U.S. Congress 4 SH
POL U302 Judicial Process and Behavior 4 SH
POL U305 The American Presidency 4 SH
POL U307 Public Policy and Administration 4 SH
POL U310 Parties and Elections 4 SH
POL U315 Interest Groups and Public Policy 4 SH
POL U320 Politics and Mass Media 4 SH
POL U334 Bureaucracy and Government Organizations 4 SH

POL U335 Budgeting and Taxation 4 SH
POL U340 Business and Government 4 SH
POL U345 Urban Policies and Politics 4 SH
POL U350 State and Local Politics 4 SH
POL U355 Intergovernmental Relations 4 SH
POL U357 Growth and Decline of Cities and Suburbs 4 SH
POL U358 Current Issues in Cities and Suburbs 4 SH
POL U360 Politics of Poverty 4 SH
POL U385 U.S. Health and Welfare Policy 4 SH
POL U390 Science, Technology, and Public Policy 4 SH
POL U395 Environmental Politics 4 SH
POL U401 Survey Research and Polling 4 SH
POL U402 International Political Economy 4 SH
POL U425  U.S. Foreign Policy  4 SH
POL U943  Community-Based Research Practicum 4 SH

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR CREDIT REQUIREMENT
Complete 60 semester hours in the major.

UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVES
Complete three general electives at 300-level or above.

GENERAL ELECTIVES
Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS
128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required

BA in Political Science and Economics

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS
See page 42 for requirement list.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA
See page 69 for requirement list.

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Political Science Requirements
Complete the following four courses:
- POL U150  American Government  4 SH
- POL U155  Comparative Politics  4 SH
- POL U160  International Relations  4 SH
- POL U400  Quantitative Techniques  4 SH

Political Theory
Complete one course from the following list:
- POL U326  Premodern Political Thought  4 SH
- POL U328  Modern Political Thought  4 SH
- POL U330  American Political Thought  4 SH
- POL U332  Contemporary Political Thought  4 SH

Political Science Restricted Electives
Complete two courses from the following list:
- POL U307  Public Policy and Administration  4 SH
- POL U335  Budgeting and Taxation  4 SH
- POL U340  Business and Government  4 SH
- POL U345  Urban Policies and Politics  4 SH
- POL U405  International Political Economy  4 SH
- POL U487  Politics of Developing Nations  4 SH

Political Science Electives
Complete any two upper-division political science courses.

ECONOMICS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS FOR BA

Breadth Courses
Complete the following two courses:
- CS U101  Computer Science and Its Applications  4 SH
- MTH U131  Calculus for Business and Economics  4 SH

Required Economics Courses
Complete the following six courses. Grades in these courses must average a minimum of 2.000:
- ECN U115  Principles of Macroeconomics  4 SH
- ECN U116  Principles of Microeconomics  4 SH
- ECN U315  Macroeconomic Theory  4 SH
- ECN U316  Microeconomic Theory  4 SH
- ECN U350  Statistics  4 SH
- ECN U520  History of Economic Thought  4 SH

Economics Electives
Complete three courses from the following list. At least one course must be at or above the intermediate level:
- ECN U230  Health Care and Medical Economics  4 SH
- ECN U240  Economics of Crime  4 SH
- ECN U270  Economic Status of Ethnic Minorities  4 SH
- ECN U290  The Global Economy  4 SH
- ECN U415  Poverty and Income  4 SH
- ECN U420  Urban Economic Issues  4 SH
- ECN U423  Environmental Economics  4 SH
- ECN U440  Public Finance  4 SH
- ECN U461  Government and Business  4 SH
- ECN U634  Comparative Economics  4 SH
- ECN U635  International Economics  4 SH

INTEGRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Senior Seminar/Capstone
Complete one of the following courses:
- ECN U692  Senior Economics Seminar  4 SH
- POL U701  Political Science Senior Capstone  4 SH

GENERAL ELECTIVES
Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS
128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required
BS in Political Science and Economics

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS
See page 42 for requirement list.

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Political Science Requirements
Complete the following four courses:
- POL U150 American Government 4 SH
- POL U155 Comparative Politics 4 SH
- POL U160 International Relations 4 SH
- POL U400 Quantitative Techniques 4 SH

Political Theory
Complete one course from the following list:
- POL U326 Premodern Political Thought 4 SH
- POL U328 Modern Political Thought 4 SH
- POL U330 American Political Thought 4 SH
- POL U332 Contemporary Political Thought 4 SH

Political Science Restricted Electives
Complete two courses from the following list:
- POL U307 Public Policy and Administration 4 SH
- POL U335 Budgeting and Taxation 4 SH
- POL U340 Business and Government 4 SH
- POL U345 Urban Policies and Politics 4 SH
- POL U405 International Political Economy 4 SH
- POL U487 Politics of Developing Nations 4 SH

Political Science Elective
Complete any two upper-division political science courses.

ECONOMICS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS FOR BS

Breadth Courses
Complete the following two courses:
- CS U101 Computer Science and Its Applications 4 SH
- MTH U131 Calculus for Business and Economics 4 SH

Required Economics Courses
Complete the following six courses. Grades in these courses must average a minimum of 2.000:
- ECN U115 Principles of Macroeconomics 4 SH
- ECN U116 Principles of Microeconomics 4 SH
- ECN U315 Macroeconomic Theory 4 SH
- ECN U316 Microeconomic Theory 4 SH
- ECN U350 Statistics 4 SH
- ECN U560 Applied Econometrics 4 SH

Economics Electives
Complete three courses from the following list. At least one course must be at or above the intermediate level:
- ECN U230 Health Care and Medical Economics 4 SH
- ECN U240 Economics of Crime 4 SH
- ECN U270 Economic Status of Ethnic Minorities 4 SH
- ECN U290 The Global Economy 4 SH
- ECN U415 Poverty and Income 4 SH
- ECN U420 Urban Economic Issues 4 SH
- ECN U423 Environmental Economics 4 SH
- ECN U440 Public Finance 4 SH
- ECN U461 Government and Business 4 SH
- ECN U634 Comparative Economics 4 SH
- ECN U635 International Economics 4 SH

INTEGRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Senior Seminar/Capstone
Complete one of the following courses:
- ECN U692 Senior Economics Seminar 4 SH
- POL U701 Political Science Senior Capstone 4 SH

GENERAL ELECTIVES
Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS
128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required

BA in Political Science and International Affairs

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS
See page 42 for requirement list.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA
See page 69 for requirement list.

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Political Science Requirements
Complete the following four courses:
- POL U150 American Government 4 SH
- POL U155 Comparative Politics 4 SH
- POL U160 International Relations 4 SH
- POL U400 Quantitative Techniques 4 SH

Political Theory
Complete one course from the following list:
- POL U326 Premodern Political Thought 4 SH
- POL U328 Modern Political Thought 4 SH
- POL U330 American Political Thought 4 SH
- POL U332 Contemporary Political Thought 4 SH

Political Science Electives
Complete four upper-division political science electives.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Required Courses
Complete the following four courses:
- ECN U115 Principles of Macroeconomics 4 SH
- or ECN U290 The Global Economy 4 SH
- HST U211 World History since 1945 4 SH
- IAF U101 Globalization and International Affairs 4 SH
- IAF U400 International Conflict and Negotiation 4 SH
Regional Analysis
Complete three regional analysis courses, two of which must be in one region, from the list “Approved Courses: International Affairs—Regional Analysis and Global Dynamics” on page 163. Summer-session study abroads are also acceptable in combination with “Dialogue of Civilizations.” See department for additional courses.

Global Dynamics
Complete two global dynamics courses, one of which must be at the 300-level or above, from the list “Approved Courses: International Affairs—Regional Analysis and Global Dynamics” on page 163. Note: POL U155 is a required course and may not be used to satisfy the global dynamics requirement. See department for additional courses.

INTEGRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Capstone
Complete one of the following courses:
IAF U700 Senior Capstone Seminar 4 SH
in International Affairs
POL U701 Political Science Senior Capstone 4 SH

International Experiential Education
Complete at least one “international semester” (one full semester or two summer half semesters) via study abroad, international internship, or international co-op.

GENERAL ELECTIVES
Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS
128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required

BA in Environmental Studies and Political Science
See page 131.

BA/MA in Political Science
Undergraduate students apply to the combined program through the graduate school. Once admitted, students may count a limited amount of graduate credit toward the undergraduate degree. Consult the department for information on this program.

BS/MA in Political Science
Undergraduate students apply to the combined program through the graduate school. Once admitted, students may count a limited amount of graduate credit toward the undergraduate degree. Consult the department for information on this program.

Minor in Political Science

REQUIRED COURSES
Complete two of the following courses:
POL U150 American Government 4 SH
POL U155 Comparative Politics 4 SH
POL U160 International Relations 4 SH

ELECTIVE COURSES
Complete three political science courses.

GPA REQUIREMENT
2.000 GPA required in the minor