POLITICAL SCIENCE 7-12, B.S.

The program outline and graduation requirements are listed below. In addition, free electives are selected to reach 120 credits overall and a 2.7 cumulative GPA is required for graduation.

The department website provides an overview of the program, admission requirements (when applicable), faculty biographies, learning outcomes, and careers: https://www.southernct.edu/academics/political-science/programs.

This is also a teacher/educator preparation program that prepares students for teacher certification in the state of Connecticut. For more information about admission to these programs, please visit Admissions>>Teacher/Educator Preparation Programs.

In addition, candidates recommended for certification must meet the requirements listed below and in effect on the date the CSDE receives the certification application. For more information about these additional CSDE requirements, please visit Degree Requirements>>Teacher/Educator Preparation Programs.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All bachelor’s degree programs include liberal education (LEP) and writing (W) course requirements. To review more detailed information regarding these requirements, please visit Degree Requirements >> General Education (LEP) Requirements. Courses in the major and/or cognate may also be used to satisfy LEP requirements where noted below (*).

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (57 Credits)

Political Science Requirements (30 Credits)
PSC 200 — Political Change and Conflict
PSC 240 — Introduction to Political Thought (T2CE)
PSC 260 — U.S. Government
PSC 270 — International Relations (T2GA)
PSC 365 - Research Methods in Political Science
PSC 475 - Capstone Seminar

An additional 12 credits of PSC at the 300 level or higher, or other subjects as approved by the political science department

Education Requirements (27 Credits)
EDU 316 - Child Development and Psychology for Educators
EDU 413 – Secondary Education
EDU 471 – Supporting English Learners for School Success
HIS 490 – Social Science (Secondary School)
HIS 494 – Student Teaching (History)
HIS 496 - Student Teaching Seminar - History (T3)*
RDG 470 – Literacy in the Content Areas
SED 225 – Introduction to Exceptionalities

COGNATE REQUIREMENTS (24 Credits)

EDU 200 - Teachers, Schools, and Society (T2CC)*
HIS 100 - Western Civilization I or HIS 101 - Western Civilization II (T2TP)*
HIS 110 – United States History I or HIS 111 - United States History II (T2AE)*
SHE 203 – School Health (T2MB)*

Select one non-western HIS course:
HIS 145 - History of Africa
HIS 242 - Imperial Russian and Soviet History, 1800-1991
HIS 243 - Traditional & Modern East Asia
HIS 244 - Traditional & Modern East Asia
HIS 246 - African Politics & Culture
HIS 247 - Early Modern France
HIS 280 - Modern Iraq
HIS 291 - Hispanic Caribbean
HIS 300 - The Vietnam War Era
HIS 342 - 20th Century China

Additional 9 credits of HIS (excluding HIS 112)