POLITICAL SCIENCE 7-12, B.S.

This program has a separate admission process. Please consult the admission requirements for this program on the College of Education page for more information.

Overall GPA of 2.7 Required
120 Overall Credits Required

LIBERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND WRITING REQUIREMENTS

Liberal Education Program

Students must complete a comprehensive three-tiered Liberal Education Program (LEP). View all requirements of the tiers on the Liberal Education Program.

While the choice of courses that fulfill the requirements is generally left up to students, courses in the major and/or cognate may also satisfy LEP requirements. These shared courses are recommended below to fulfill both areas, although the course credits are only counted once towards the 120 credits required for graduation.

Tier 2 – American Experience (select one):
HIS 110 – United States History I
HIS 111 - United States History II

Tier 2 – Mind and Body:
SHE 203 – School Health

Tier 2 - Social Structure, Conflict, and Consensus:
EDU 200 - Teachers, Schools, and Society

Tier 2 - Time and Place (select one):
HIS 100 - Western Civilization I
HIS 101 - Western Civilization 2

Tier 3 - Capstone:
HIS 496 - Student Teaching Seminar - History

Writing Requirements (“W-Courses”)

Three W-courses are required. These may not be taken until after a student has passed ENG 112 — Writing Arguments. W-courses may count toward LEP, major, or cognate requirements, as well as free electives. Course sections that meet this requirement are designated by section numbers ending in “W”.

Transfer students who enter with 60 to 89 credits are required to pass two W-courses, while transfer students who enter with 90 credits or more must pass one W-course.
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

57 Credits Required

Political Science Requirements
30 Credits Required

Requirements:
Students who take any of the following 4 toward an LEP requirement, will replace the course in the major with a PSC course at the 200-level or higher, or a course approved by the department.

PSC 200 — Political Change and Conflict
PSC 240 — Introduction to Political Thought
PSC 260 — U.S. Government
PSC 270 — International Relations

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 Required

Requirements:
EDU 316 - Child Development and Psychology for Educators
EDU 413 – Secondary Education
EDU 471 – Supporting English Learners for School Success (formerly IDS 471)
HIS 490 – Social Science (Secondary School)
HIS 494 – Student Teaching (History)
  HIS 496
  - Student Teaching Seminar - History
RDG 470 – Literacy in the Content Areas (formerly IDS 470)
SED 482 – Teaching Exceptional Students in the Secondary Education Classroom

Cognate Requirements

24 Credits Required

Requirements:
EDU 200 - Teachers, Schools, and Society
HIS 100 - Western Civilization I
  or HIS 101 - Western Civilization II
HIS 110 – United States History I
  or HIS 111 - United States History II
SHE 203 – School Health
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)

FREE ELECTIVES

Students must take remaining credits to reach Overall Credits Required (listed above).