

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Political Science (BA)

Political science is the study of governments and governing processes. It focuses on the institutions of government and international relations, as well as such factors as interest groups, political parties, public opinion, political economy, voting behavior, and political philosophy.

Areas of concentration include American government, comparative government and politics, international relations, public administration and political theory. Southeast's political science majors regularly intern with local, state and federal elected officials.

Political Science students will...

- Be challenged by exceptionally well qualified faculty members to think systematically about national and international politics.
- Be exposed to diverse viewpoints on major issues of national and international significance.
- Be exceptionally well prepared for advanced study.
- Have the opportunity to participate in Model United Nations activities.
- Have the opportunity to participate in local, state, and national government internship programs.
- Have access to specialized student organizations (e.g., the Political Science Club and the Political Theory Club) and student honorary societies.

Career Planning

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. In fact, more than 90% of Southeast students participate in internships, clinical opportunities, student teaching, research assistantships, and study abroad. At least 95% of the political science majors who have applied to graduate school or law school since 2005 have been admitted.

Professional career counselors are available for all students. The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students		
CL001/CL002	First Semester	Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan.
CL003	Junior Year	Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources.
CL004	Senior Year	Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search.

Advanced Degree Acceptances:

- University of Missouri Law School
- Washington University Law School
- St Louis University Law School
- Southern Illinois University- Carbondale Law School
- University of Indiana
- University of Missouri
- University of Florida

Internships:

- Office of the Governor
- Missouri State Senate
- Missouri House of Representatives
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- Southeast Missouri Food Bank
- Safe House for Women

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This is a guide based on the 2016-2017 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use DegreeWorks to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Political Science – 30 Hours – Minor Required

Required Courses:

- ___ PS001 Senior Assessment (0)
- ___ PS103 U.S. Political Systems (3)
OR
- ___ PS104 Comparative Political Systems (3)
- ___ PS240 Introduction to Political Science (3)
- ___ PS470 Politics of the Developed World (3)
OR
- ___ PS471 Senior Seminar in Political Science (3)
- ___ 15 hours of political science courses (3 hours in each of the 5 subfields)
- ___ 6 additional hours of political science electives

(9 hours of political science courses must be 300-level or above)

Political Science Subfields:

- ___ American Government and Politics
- ___ Comparative Governments and Politics
- ___ International Politics
- ___ Political Theory
- ___ Public Administration

Additional Requirements:

- ___ 12 Hours in the same foreign language

A minor of 15-21 hours must be completed.

University Studies Requirements (not already listed above):

UI100 First Year Seminar, EN100 English Composition, Artistic Expression, Written Expression, Literary Expression, Behavioral Systems, Living Systems, Logical Systems, Physical Systems, Development of a Major Civilization, Social Systems, Economic Systems, two IU/UI3XXs and one UI4XX

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	3	PS 240	3
	EN100	3	Foreign Language 1	3
	PS103 or PS104	3	Living Systems	3
	Behavioral Systems	3	Logical Systems	3
	Social Systems	3	Written Expression	3
	Total	15	Total	15
SECOND YEAR	American Government	3	Comparative Government	3
	Foreign Language 2	3	Foreign Language 3	3
	Economic Systems	3	Artistic Expression	3
	Literary Expression	3	Develop of a Major Civ	3
	Physical Systems	3	Minor	3
	Total	15	Total	15
THIRD YEAR	International Politics	3	Political Theory	3
	PS Elective	3	PS Elective	3
	Minor	3	Minor	3
	Foreign Language 4	3	IU/UI 3xx	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	15
FOURTH YEAR	Public Administration	3	PS001	0
	Minor	3	PS470/PS471	3
	Minor/Elective	3	Minor	3
	Elective	3	Minor/Elective	3
	IU/UI3XX	3	UI4xx	3
			Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	15

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level.

A minimum 2.00 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BS degree.

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements (i.e. minimum GPA and coursework) for your program of study.