

## 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. 100% of programs offer our students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching or research internship.

At least 95% of the Political Science majors who have applied to graduate school or law school since 2005 have been admitted.

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

Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students		
CL001	First Semester	Students connect academic career planning by completing an online career assessment
CL002	Second Semester	Students learn more about resources available to enhance academic and career planning
CL003	Junior Year	Students learn about continued career planning, job search strategies, and networking
CL004	Senior Year	Students learn about resume development, professional communication, interviewing, and transitioning to the first job from college

### 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 2017-2018 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

**SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN**

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	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 Course	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>THIRD YEAR</b>	International Politics	3	Political Theory	3
	PS Elective	3	PS Elective	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
	Foreign Language 4	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>	Public Administration	3	PS001	0
	Minor Course	3	PS470/PS471	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
			Elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	

**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599), career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

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

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at [semo.edu/transfercredit](http://semo.edu/transfercredit).

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