

Political Science Major Requirements for Students Entering in/after Fall 2009

The political science major requires a total of **30 credits** (21 taken in residence); all classes must be passed with a C- or above. These credits must include:

I. Three Introductory Courses

- a) POL201 or POL199: American National Government.
- b) POL202: Intro to Comparative Politics
- c) POL203: Intro to International Relations (At times this is co-listed with INS101)

Important Note:

Students may not take **POL213: Government and Society** for major or minor credit!

II. Breadth Requirement: 1 course in 3 of the following 5 areas at the 300-level or above:

- a) American Politics (A)
- b) Comparative Politics (C)
- c) International Relations (I)
- d) Public Policy, Administration, and Law (P)
- e) Political Theory and Methods (T)

To determine what category a class falls into see here:

<http://www.as.miami.edu/politicalscience/undergraduate/courses>

Important Note: Independent study, internships, and thesis preparation do not fulfill any distribution requirement. They all count toward the major, however.

III. Seminar Requirement: Two 500-level Seminars.

Six of the credits must come from two 500-level seminar courses offered by the University of Miami. This includes any 500-level seminar offered by the Department of Political Science or cross-listed with Political Science. The following 500 level courses are **not** seminars and do **not** fulfill this requirement:

POL 520 Internship

POL 521 Public Affairs Internship

POL 563 Senior Honors Thesis (I)

POL 564 Senior Honors Thesis (II)

POL 595 - 599 Directed Readings

(Note that POL 595 - 599: Special Topics **courses are seminars and do** fulfill this requirement.)

Important Note: Classes can double-count. So for example, POL581: Comparative Political Economy fulfills the 500-level seminar requirement *and* the comparative politics requirement.

IV. POL Electives

To fill out the remaining 30 credits students may take any POL courses (except 213)

Political Science Advising Checklist Students Entering in/after Fall 2009
Courses Taken (15 credits for minor/ 30 credits for major)

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Important Points

- 21 (9) credits must be taken in residence for majors (minors).
- POL213 does NOT count toward the major or minor!
- Directed readings, thesis preparation, and internship do not fulfill any subfield requirement although they do count toward the major.
- All classes must be passed with a C- or above

Distribution Checklist for Major Courses

- POL201 or POL199 *or equivalent*
- POL202 *or equivalent*
- POL203 *or equivalent*
- Subfield #1: A C I P T
- Subfield #2: A C I P T
- Subfield #3: A C I P T
- Seminar #1
- Seminar #2
- 30 credits total