POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA)

Tourism, Environment, and Sustainable Societies

The BA program in Political Science provides the opportunity to pursue the problem of community order within the broad scope of liberal arts. Political scientists inquire how government can best fulfill the diverse needs of humanity as individuals, as well as in various groups. The study of politics deals with the ways in which humanity shares and distributes such fundamental values as security and prosperity and seeks self-determination. In the tradition of the liberal arts, this program prepares students to make sound decisions and creates a foundation for lifetime intellectual and spiritual growth. This includes such specific skills as the collection and evaluation of valid data, the systematic analysis of problems, and the clarification of values.

Degree Requirements

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<td>PO 3000/4000 level Political Science electives (not PODI)</td>
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American Politics

Complete one course from the following: 4
- PO 3070 The Presidency and Congress
- PO 3635 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties
- PO 3655 American Foreign Policy

International Relations/Comparative Politics

Complete one course from the following: 4
- PO 2050 Comparative Politics and Government
- PO 3255 Model United Nations (GACO,INCO,INCP)
- PO 3305 Latin American Politics (GACO,WRCO)
- PO 3355 Women in World Politics
- PO 3505 Politics and Conflict in the Middle East (GACO,INCO,INCP)

Quantitative Reasoning in the Discipline Connection

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General Education (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/)

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To complete the bachelor's degree in 4 years, you must successfully complete a minimum of 15 credits each semester or have a plan to make up credits over the course of the 4 years. For example, if you take 14 credits one semester, you need to take 16 credits in another semester. Credits completed must count toward your program requirements (major, option, minor, certificate, general education or free electives).

Recommended Course Sequence

Check all course descriptions for prerequisites before planning course schedule. Course sequence is suggested but not required.

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A 2.50 grade point average in PO courses taken for the degree is required.
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PO 1025 American Government 4

PO 1035 World Politics (GACO) 4

CTDI (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#CTDI) 3-4

GACO (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#GACO) 6

Elective 1-3

Year Two

PO 2025 Public Administration (DICO) 4

PPDI (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#PPDI) 3-4

SIDI (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#SIDI) 3-4

Directions (choose from CTDI, PPDI, SIDI) (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/) 1 4-8

Quantitative Reasoning in the Discipline Connection Course:

MA 2300 Statistics I (QRCO) 3-4

or SS 3705 or Social Statistics (QRCO)

WECO (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#WECO) 3-4

Electives 6

Year Three

Complete one American Politics Course from the following: 4

PO 3070 The Presidency and Congress

PO 3635 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties

PO 3655 American Foreign Policy

Complete one International Relations/Comparative Politics Course from the following:

PO 2050 Comparative Politics and Government

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PO 3815 Political Thought 4

Electives 10

Credits 30

Year Four

PO 3000/4000 level Political Science electives (not PODI) 12

INCP (https://coursecatalog.plymouth.edu/general-education/#INCP) 3-4

Electives 14-15

Credits 29-31

Total Credits 120

1 Directions should total 16-17 credits because SSDI is waived for BA Political Science.