



BACHELOR OF ARTS POLITICAL SCIENCE

For students entering Fall 2021 or after 120 Total Credits

Students completing a major in political science need to demonstrate knowledge of the political world both here in the United States and in other countries around the world. Students need to demonstrate critical thinking and information acquisition skills, expertise in oral and written communication, quantitative and information literacy, and creative problem solving. Students are invited to participate in the active research life of the department by participating in research studies, experiential learning, and internships.

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR – 39 credits or 13 courses

Prior to declaring a major in Political Science, a student must complete at least two 100-level Political Science courses with an average grade of C or better:

Foundational Theory. Choose 3 (9 credits)

- 01:790:101 Nature of Politics
- 01:790:102 International Relations
- 01:790:103 Comparative Politics
- 01:790:104 American Government
- 01:790:106 Law and Politics

DECLARE – The major and minor declaration is completed at the same time. Students must declare on mymajor.sas.rutgers.edu

Research Methods. Choose 1 (3 credits)

- 01:790:300 Political Science Research Methods
- 01:790:392 Qualitative Research Methods
- 01:790:307 Survey Research
- 01:790:391 Data Science for Political Science

In Depth Study. Choose one 300/400 level course in each of the following areas (9 credits):

- Political Philosophy.
- American Institutions and Politics
- International and Comparative Politics

Political Science Seminar. Choose 1 (3 credits)

- Seminar is completed in junior or senior year.

Political Science Electives. 15 credits (12 credits of electives must be 300 or 400 level)

- Students can elect to complete up to
 - 6 credits using Internship, Independent Study, and/or Honors Thesis
- Transfer students may bring in up to 12 credits of non-Rutgers New Brunswick courses. Approval required.



RUTGERS-NEW BRUNSWICK

School of Arts and Sciences

Department of Political Science

POLITICAL SCIENCE MINORS – SAS students are required to complete a major and a minor.

During the first year, students are strongly urged to begin considering a minor. Consult an academic advisor and the specific department of interest.

The Political Science Department offers four minors:

- **Political Science Minor:** Students must complete six 3-credit Political Science courses with a grade of C or better. At least four of the courses must be at the 300-level or higher.
- **Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE):** Generally, students taking the PPE minor will be majoring in one of the three included disciplines: Philosophy, Political Science, or Economics, and the courses that can be used toward the PPE minor taken in the student's major department may be used for both the major and the PPE minor. In other words, while the minor requires 9 courses (27 credits), students majoring in Philosophy, Political Science, or Economics will only need to take 6 courses (18 credits) outside the major.
- **Critical Intelligence Studies (CIS):** The minor in Critical Intelligence Studies offers five tracks for completion. Each of these has the same foundational courses: Introduction to Critical Intelligence Studies, Critical Thinking and Analytical Writing, and an experiential course focusing on an internship or an independent research program. The five tracks are:
 - Cyber Track
 - Policy Track
 - Language Track
 - Engineering Track
 - Technology Track
- **Government and Business:** This minor is designed to expose students to the practical problems of organizing and running human society with a particular focus on the interactions between government and business. Students must complete 18 credits of work drawn from a subset of political science courses. Students pursuing this minor may not also pursue a major or minor in Political Science.

Additional Opportunities Include:

- **Accelerated BA/MA 5 Year Program – United Nations and Global Policy Studies**
- **Certificate in Quantitative Political Science Research Methods**
- **Global Politics Certificate**
- **Pre-Law Advising**
- **Eagleton Undergraduate Associates Certificate**