



Northwest Missouri State University
 Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
 Political Science (Minor Required)
 Bachelor of Arts

First Year					
First Trimester			Second Trimester		
10-111	Composition I	3	10-112	Composition II	3
34-102	American Government & Politics	3		American Experiences	3
77-101	University Seminar	1		General Psychology	3
29-102	Fundamental of Oral Communication	3		Modern Language OR Social & Behavioral Science	3
	Fine Arts	3		Life Science & Lab	4
	Digital Literacy	3			
Total Hours		16	Total Hours		16
Second Year					
First Trimester			Second Trimester		
17-114	*General Statistics	3		Physical Science & Lab	4
34-210	Exploring Politics	3		Modern Language	3
	Social * Behavioral Science OR Western Experience	3		Political Science	6
	Minor Course	3		Minor Course	3
	Modern Language	3			
Total Hours		15	Total Hours		16
Third Year					
First Trimester			Second Trimester		
	Modern Language OR Western Experiences	3		Global Experiences	3
10-220	Intro to Literature	3		Political Science	6
	Political Science	6		Minor Course	3
	Minor Course	3	34-440 34-441	Early OR Modern Political Philosophy	3
Total Hours		15	Total Hours		15
Fourth Year					
First Trimester			Second Trimester		
	Minor Courses	6		General Electives	6
	General Electives	3		Minor Courses	6
	Political Science	6		Political Science	3
				Senior Seminar	1
Total Hours		15	Total Hours		16

* Suggested Math Requirement

This sample plan is a supplement to your Degree Audit. Consult your advisor on a regular basis for individual academic planning.

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THE NORTHWEST DIFFERENCE

Earning a **Political Science** degree at Northwest prepares students for multiple employment opportunities in public service and private sectors including federal, state and local government, law, criminal justice system, municipal planning, city management, urban affairs, education, non-profit administration, campaigns and elections, public policy analysis and internal development and relations.

The major has three areas of emphasis: the **criminal justice** emphasis provides an understanding of legislatures, police prosecutors, public offenders and courts and corrections; the **public administration** emphasis focuses on the decision making process and job opportunities in public organizations and local, state, federal and international agencies; and the **global affairs** emphasis studies the global trends and events, and enhances intercultural understanding.

The non-comprehensive major allows students to combine their interests in other fields through their minor with a degree that will allow for additional specialization while working in the public or private sector.

MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

A minor in political sciences teaches students the fundamentals of American government and politics, comparative politics and international relations, public administration and law and courts. Students also learn about early and modern western political thought. After taking the required Courses, students can customize their minor from a list of approved electives. For a list of required Courses, visit the academic catalog. This minor requires the completion of 24 credit hours.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

100%
placement rate

100% of students who graduated with a degree in political science obtained employment or continued their education within six months after graduation. A degree in political science does not limit graduates to employment in government and legal fields. Below is a list of career opportunities for graduates:

Federal, State and Local Government including positions such as:

- Prosecutor
- Business Management
- City Manager
- Diplomatic Services
- Police Officer
- Federal Agent
- Insurance Salesman
- Legal Research Assistant
- Lobbyist
- Military positions
- Non-profit Organizations
- Policy Analyst
- Educator
- Private Attorney
- Campaign Manager
- International Organization Administrator