



Northwest Missouri State University
 Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
 Political Science (Comprehensive Degree)
 Bachelor of Science
 Emphasis in Criminal Justice, Global Affairs, or Public Administration

First Trimester						Second Trimester					
10-111	Composition I	3	10-112	Composition II	3						
	American Experiences	3	34-140	Intro to American Government	3						
77-101	University Seminar	1		Global Experiences	3						
29-102	Fund. of Oral Communication	3		General Statistics	3						
	General Sociology	3		Science & Lab	4						
	Digital Literacy	3									
Total Hours		16	Total Hours		16						
Second Year											
First Trimester						Second Trimester					
	Fine Arts	3		Emphasis Courses	12						
	Science and Lab	4		Western Experience	3						
	Exploring Politics	3	10-220	Intro to Literature	3						
	Social & Behavioral Science	3									
Total Hours		13	Total Hours		18						
Third Year											
First Trimester						Second Trimester					
	Advisor Approved Elective	3		General Elective	3						
	Emphasis Courses	15		Emphasis Courses	12						
Total Hours		18	Total Hours		15						
Fourth Year											
First Trimester						Second Trimester					
	General Elective	3		General Elective	9-12						
	Emphasis Courses	12		Emphasis Courses	3-6						
Total Hours		15	Total Hours								

Note: Public Administration Emphasis is 55 hours
 Criminal Justice and Global Affairs are both 58 hours

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



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 or Federal Agent
- Insurance Salesman
- Legal Research Assistant
- Lobbyist
- Military positions
- Non-profit Organizations
- Policy Analyst
- Educator
- Private Attorney
- Campaign Manager
- International Organization Administrator