Political Science Major with ISS Minor

Requirements for the political science major are on Page 268.

Degree Requirements

General Education 1 41
Foreign Language classes (intermediate level required) 2 0-14
Philosophy course (in addition to General Education courses) 3
Major requirements 33-35
Minor requirements (listed below) 18

Total credits 120

1 The General Education program contains a set of requirements each student must fulfill. The number of credit hours necessary to fulfill these requirements may vary.
2 The foreign language requirement may be satisfied by successful completion of the second semester of the intermediate level of the student’s chosen language (typically 232), or by placing out of that language through the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures’s placement test.

ISS Minor Requirements

To be licensed to teach secondary school social studies, the student must satisfactorily complete requirements for a baccalaureate degree in either history or political science and complete the ISS minor that is paired with that major. Courses taken for General Education credit may be double counted.

ISS for History Majors

Complete all of the following: 9
GPOSC 225. U.S. Government
(Must be completed for GenEd credit)
Choose one:
GECON 200. Macroeconomics (may double count)
ECON 201. Microeconomics
Choose one:
GEOG 280. Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape (should double count)
GEOG 200. The Global Dimension
Choose one:
GEOG 300 or 400 level
ECON 200, 300 or 400 level
Complete three of the following: 9
POSC 302. State and Local Government
POSC 385. The U.S. Congress
POSC 362. Political Behavior
POSC 369. Political Parties and Elections
POSC 370. U.S. Foreign Policy
Total credits 18

ISS for Political Science Majors

Complete all of the following: 9
GHIST 225. U.S. History (Must be completed for GenEd credit)
Choose one:
GECON 200. Macroeconomics (may double count)
ECON 201. Microeconomics
Choose one:
GEOG 280. Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape (should double count)
GEOG 200. The Global Dimension
Choose one:
GEOG 300 or 400 level
ECON 200, 300 or 400 level
Complete three of the following: 9
HIST 350. Virginia History
HIST 362. U.S. Religious History
HIST 356. Afro-American History Since 1865
HIST 405. Travel and Exploration
HIST 453. Patterns of Global History
HIST 456. The Global Economy and Nationalism

Total credits 18

Latin American Studies

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This interdisciplinary minor helps students to acquire a deeper understanding of Latin America. All Latin American studies minors must attain proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese at or above the intermediate level (232 or equivalent). In addition to the language requirement, the Latin American studies minor consists of 18 approved credit hours. Across those 18 credits, students must select courses in at least three different disciplines. Participants in the minor are encouraged to explore the possibility of studying in a Latin American country for a semester or summer session. See https://caal.jmu.edu/latinamerica/LASminor.htm for changes in required courses.

Credit Hours

Complete two courses from among the following: 6

ANTH 265. Peoples and Cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean
GEOG 337. Geography of Latin America
GUM 252. Cross Cultural Perspectives: Latin American Cultures
POSC 350. Latin American Politics
SPAN 308. Latin American Civilization

Complete four additional courses from among the following: 12

ANTH 265. Peoples and Cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean
ANTH 325. Aztec, Maya and Their Predecessors
ANTH 364. U.S./Latin American Borders
ANTH 391. Study Abroad
ANTH 395. Special Topics in Anthropology
ANTH/HIST 436. Afro-Latin America
ANTH 490. Special Studies in Anthropology
ARTH 484. Art of the Americas
ECON 270. International Economics
ECON 312. Comparative Economic Systems
ECON 365. Economic Development
ECON 372. International Finance and Payments
ECON 490. Special Studies in Economics
ENG 434. Latin American Literature in Translation
ENG 439. Major Authors of Literature in Spanish in Translation
GEOG 337. Geography of Latin America
GEOG 3808. Regional Geographic Studies - Latin America
GEOG 480. Senior Project II

GUM 252. Cross Cultural Perspectives: Latin American Cultures
HIST 341. Selected Themes in World History
HIST 391. Travel Studies Seminar
HIST 395. History Seminar
HIST 399. Special Studies in History
HIST 431. Travel Studies Seminar
HIST 444. Revolution and Social Change in Latin America
HIST 445. Latin America and the United States
HIST 446. Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean
HIST 447. South America
HIST 448. Gender in Colonial Latin America
HIST 469. Selected Topics in World History
POSC 350. Latin American Politics
POSC 371. Topics in Comparative Politics
POSC 397. The Politics of International Economic Relations
REL 380. Contemporary Theologies
REL 450. Religion and Society
SOCI 381. Study Abroad
SOCI 480. Special Studies in Sociology
SPAN 308. Spanish Grammar and Communication

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appropriate disciplinary category for these courses.

HIST 201. Europe to 1815 3

HUM 250. Foundation of Western Culture* 3

HIST 101. World History to 1500 3

ARTH 205. Survey of World Art I: Prehistoric to Renaissance 3

ARTH 448. Studies in Leonardo and Michelangelo 3

HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History* 3

HIST 269. Middle and Near East 500-1500 3

Elementary and intermediate courses in Arabic, Greek and Latin may be taken for credit. Other languages may also be counted for credit with the approval of the minor coordinator.

Intermediate Courses

ANTH 333. Celts, Vikings and Tribal Europe 3

ARTH 313. Masterpieces of Italian Renaissance Art 3

ARTH 320/ANTH 394. Studies in Fresco Preservation 3

ARTH 340. Early Medieval Art 3

ARTH 346. Italian Renaissance Art 3

ENG 302. Special Topics in Literature and Language* 3

ENG 311. Medieval Literature and Culture 3

ENG 312. Special Topics in Medieval Literature 3

ENG 313. Poetry and Prose of the Early British Renaissance 3

ENG 314. Seventeenth-Century British Literature 3

ENG 315. Seventeenth-Century British Poetry 3

ENG 316. Renaissance and Seventeenth-Century British Drama 3

HIST 383. Early England 3

HIST 389. France to 1789 3

MUAP 380. Collegium Musicum 3

Phil 342. Medieval Philosophy 3

POSC 310. Political Theory: Ancient to Early Modern 3

REL 300. Selected Topics in Religion* 3

REL 305. Islamic Religious Tradition 3

REL 360. History of Western Religious Thought 3

Advanced Courses

ARTH 442. Art of the Later Middle Ages 3

ARTH 444. Gothic and Gothic Revival Architecture 3

ARTH 448. Studies in Leonardo and Michelangelo 3

ARTH 449. Topics in Renaissance Art 3

ENG 410. Major Author* 3

ENG 412. Special Topics Seminar* 3

ENG 416. Old English Language and Literature 3

ENG 451. Chaucer 3

ENG 456. Shakespeare’s Tragedies and Romances 3

ENG 457. Shakespeare’s Comedies and Histories 3

ENG 461. Milton 3

FR 446. Studies in French Literature* 3

GER 436. Studies in German Literature* 3

HIST 464. Renaissance and Reformation 3

HIST 466. The Family, 1400-1800 3

HIST 473. The Islamic World 3

HIST 477. Medieval Europe 3

HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History* 3

ITAL/ENG 437. Studies in Italian Literature* 3

MUS 373. Music History: Antiquity through 1700 2

PHIL 460. Topics in Classical Philosophy* 3

* MUS 373 is intended for music majors and thus is not appropriate for students who lack expertise in reading music.

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