

MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The discipline of political science is included within the Ivan Allen College within the School of Public Policy and the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs. Undergraduate courses in political science are intended to broaden students' perceptions of political processes and governmental institutions. Many of these courses are taught under the PUBP or INTA prefix. Students should consult with the political science faculty concerning course offerings.

Political science courses may be used to satisfy the distribution requirement in social sciences, including the state-mandated requirement on constitutions of the United States and Georgia. This requirement may be satisfied by examination or completion of:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select one of the following:		3
POL 1101	Government of the United States	
PUBP 3000	American Constitutional Issues	
INTA 1200	American Government in Comparative Perspective	
HIST 2111	The United States to 1877	
HIST 2112	The United States since 1877	
Total Credit Hours		3

Certificate and minor programs in political science, administered by the School of Public Policy, are available for students who wish to concentrate coursework in this discipline.

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Required Courses		
Select five of the following: ¹		15
INTA 2210	Comparative Political Philosophies and Ideologies	
POL 2101	State and Local Government	
PHIL 3050	Political Philosophy	
PUBP 2012	Foundations of Public Policy	
PUBP 3000	American Constitutional Issues	
PUBP 3016	Judicial Process	
PUBP 3201	Introduction to Social Policy	
PUBP 3214	African American Politics	
PUBP 4120	Survey Research Methods	
PUBP 4200	Social Policy Issues	
PUBP 4212	Women and Public Policy	
PUBP 4226	Business and Government	
PUBP 4410	Science, Technology, and Public Policy	
PUBP 4416	Critical Issues in Science and Technology	
PUBP 4514	Mass Communication Policy	
Total Credit Hours		15

¹ Select at least 12 credit hours of upper-division coursework (numbered 3000 or above). A student may seek permission from the School of Public Policy to allow 3 credit hours of upper division coursework

taught outside the School to count toward the completion of the minor if that coursework is clearly relevant to Political Science.

Certificate in Political Science

The certificate in political science requires twelve hours of coursework (at least nine hours at the 3000 level), chosen in consultation with the faculty coordinator.

Minor Program of Study & Guidelines

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The Political Science minor must comprise at least 15 semester hours, of which at least 12 semester hours are upper-division coursework (numbered 3000 or above).

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- A course may not be used to satisfy the requirements of more than one minor or certificate.
- All courses counting toward the minor must be taken on a letter-grade basis.
- All courses used to satisfy the course requirements for a minor must be completed with a grade of C (2.00) or better.
- A maximum of 6 credit hours of Special Topics courses may be included in a minor program or the student may complete 3 credit hours of Special Topics and 3 credit hours of either Special Problems or Undergraduate Research. Students may not use 6 credit hours of either Special Problems or Undergraduate Research for a minor.

- A maximum of 3 credit hours of transfer credit may be used to satisfy the course requirements for a minor. This includes courses taken at another institution or credit earned through the AP or IB program, assuming the scores meet Georgia Tech minimum standards.
- It is the **major advisor's responsibility** to verify that students are using only courses from the designated block(s) from the student's major field of study that are allowed to satisfy a minor program, that they are not using any Core Area A-E courses (including humanities and social sciences), and that they are not using any courses for more than one minor or certificate. Any free elective course used to satisfy the course requirements of the student's major degree program may also be used to satisfy the course requirements for a minor.