



POLITICAL SCIENCE

What YOU will learn:

When you major in political science at Nebraska, you will study the actual as well as the most preferred way people organize to govern themselves. UNL's six areas of focus include: American government, which examines national, state, and local government; comparative government, which explores how countries other than the United States govern themselves; international relations, which addresses problems arising when nations interact with each other; political theory, which treats the fundamental issues of how states should organize and justify themselves; public policy and administration, which explores specific issues and the process that shape, mold, and enact policy preferences into law; and biology and politics which explores the biological processes driving political behavior.

In addition to the core requirements in the areas listed above, you can elect to enroll in courses such as The Presidency; Genetics, Brains and Politics; Conflict and Conflict Resolution; Causes of War and Peace; Transnational Criminal Networks; Women and Politics; Immigration and Politics; Myths and Realities of the Justice System; Globalization, Human Rights and Diversity; Conflict and Development in Africa; Insurgency, Guerrilla Warfare, and Terrorism; and many more!

Career opportunities YOU will have:

As a political science major you will be drawn to and can be successful in a number of occupations and professions. Training in political science at UNL provides you with a capacity to gather information, sort through it, select that which is relevant, and apply it in solving a specific problem. Employment of recent Nebraska graduates include:

- English Teaching Assistant, French Government
- Field Director, Nebraska Democratic Party
- Foreign Service Officer, US State Department
- Immigration Services Officer, The Department of Home Land Security
- Interpreter/Facilitator, ORR Psychotherapy Resources
- Lobbyist, Nebraska Hospital Association
- Pilot, United States Air Force
- Staff Assistant, United States Senate
- Truman Fellow/Policy Analyst, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Why NEBRASKA for Political Science?

As Lincoln is the seat of state government, you have an opportunity to observe government in action. Political science has a vibrant legislative page program allowing you to work with the state legislature. Internships are also available with state and local government offices, local interest groups, non-profit agencies, corporations, and political parties—locally, regionally, in Washington, D.C., and overseas. Numerous study abroad opportunities exist if you are interested in international relations and comparative government.

Join one of the only programs in the world where students can take courses and do research in the exciting new biopolitics field. UNL's work on how biology influences political decision making has been featured in the New York Times, Time Magazine, CNN, and the Daily Show with Jon Stewart. Imagine taking classes and participating in research with the pioneers of this exciting new field!

Picture yourself engaging in research similar to these current student projects: *Changing Times: Population Movements and Education Quality*; *Domestic Drones and Their Implications for the Fourth Amendment*; *Relationship Between Political Orientation, Racial Bias, and Moral Foundations*; and *Can the International Criminal Court's Limitations Be Overcome?*



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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	COURSE NAME	HOURS
FIRST Semester	POLS 100: Power and Politics in America (ACE 6)	3
	ACE 1: Written texts/research & knowledge skills	3
	Language Prerequisite - 101 Level (Elective)	5
	College Distribution Requirement (CDR) C: Humanities	3
	Total Hours	14

	COURSE NAME	HOURS
SECOND Semester	POLS 160: International Relations (ACE 9)	3
	CDR A: Written Communication	3
	Language Prerequisite - 102 Level (Elective)	5
	ACE 3: Mathematical/computational/statistical/formal reasoning	3
	Total Hours	14

THIRD Semester	POLS 108: Political Ideas (CDR D)	3
	ACE 2 ACE 2: Communication skills	3
	Language Requirement - 201 Level (CDR E)	3
	Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional	3
	Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional	3
	Total Hours	15

FOURTH Semester	Political Science Category Course	3
	ACE 4: Scientific methods & knowledge of natural/physical world	3
	ACE 8: Ethics/civics/stewardship	3
	Language Requirement - 202 Level (CDR E)	3
	Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional	3
	Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional	1
	Total Hours	16

FIFTH Semester	POLS 286: Political Analysis	3
	Political Science Category Course	3
	CDR B, BL: Natural, Physical & Mathematical Sciences w/ Lab	4
	Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional	3
	Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional	3
	Total Hours	16

SIXTH Semester	Political Science Category Course	3
	Political Science Category Course	3
	CDR F: Additional Breadth	3
	Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional	3
	Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional	3
	Total Hours	15

SEVENTH Semester	Political Science Category 400 Level Course	3
	Political Science Category Course	3
	ACE 5: Humanities	3
	Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional	3
	Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional	3
	Total Hours	15

EIGHTH Semester	POLS 400: Democracy and Democratic Citizenship (ACE 10)	3
	ACE 7: Fine Arts	3
	Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional	3
	Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional	3
	Elective/Minor/Secondary Major/Science/Pre-Professional	3
	Total Hours	15

DISCLAIMER: This document represents a sample 4-year plan for degree completion with a major of interest in the College of Arts and Sciences. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with an Academic Advisor at the college and department level.

