

# AMERICAN POLITICS

## Bachelor of Arts - Political Science; American Politics Concentration

### College Humanities & Sciences

Degree Specific Credits: 40

Required Cumulative GPA: 2.0

### Catalog Year: 2017-2018

**Note:** Students majoring in Political Science with an concentration in American Politics option must take a minimum of 40 credits of political science, including one 300-400 level course in four of the five major fields.

- 21 of the 40 credits must be in upper-division courses.
- No more than 7 credits of PSCI 492 and PSCI 498 combined may count toward the 40 required credits.
- A maximum of 60 PSCI credits can count towards the Political Science Major.

Students can use the same 300/400 course to fulfill both an upper-division field and concentration requirements, but cannot double-count the course credits. An internship is strongly recommended.

## General Education Requirements

Information regarding these requirements can be found in the General Education Section (<http://catalog.umd.edu/academics/general-education-requirements>) of the catalog.

## Summary

Required Lower Division Courses	12
Required Upper Division Courses	1
Degree Electives	15
Required Upper Division Field Courses	12
Public Administration	
Political Theory	
Comparative Government	
International Relations	
American Politics	
Total Hours	40

## Required Lower Division Courses

**Rule:** Must complete all of the following courses:

PSCI 210S	Intro to American Government	3
PSCI 220S	Intro to Comparative Govt	3
PSCI 230X	Intro to International Rel	3
PSCI 250E	Intro to Political Theory	3
Total Hours		12

Minimum Required Grade: C-

## Required Upper Division Courses

**Rule:** Must complete the following course:

PSCI 400	Adv Writing in Pol Science	1
Total Hours		1

Minimum Required Grade: C-

## Degree Electives

Select five of the following: 15

PSCI 340	Exp Offering: American Govt
PSCI 341	Political Parties and Election
PSCI 342	Media, Public Opinion, Polling
PSCI 344	State and Local Government
PSCI 345	American Political System
PSCI 348	US Multicultural Politics
PSCI 352	American Political Thought
PSCI 365	Pub Policy Issues and Analysis
PSCI 370	Courts and Judicial Politics
PSCI 440	Exp Offering: American Govt
PSCI 443	Politics of Social Movements
PSCI 444	Am Political Participation
PSCI 445	Political Psychology
PSCI 468	Public Policy Cycle and the Climate

Total Hours 15

Minimum Required Grade: C-

## Required Upper Division Field Courses

**Rule:** Must complete 1 upper division course in 4 of the 5 fields:

**Note:** Any field course can also be counted toward a Political science option. Student must take an additional four courses from the following options.

Minimum Required Grade: C-

12 Total Credits Required

## Public Administration and Public Policy

Select 3 credits from the following: 3

PSCI 344	State and Local Government
PSCI 360	Exp Offering: Public Admin
PSCI 361	Public Administration
PSCI 365	Pub Policy Issues and Analysis
PSCI 448	Health Care Policy
PSCI 449	Environmental Health Policy
PSCI 461	Administrative Law
PSCI 462	Human Resource Management
PSCI 463	Development Administration
PSCI 466	Nonprofit Adm & Pub Svc
PSCI 467	Adv Nonprofit Adm
PSCI 468	Public Policy Cycle and the Climate

PSCI 469	Ethics and Public Policy	
Total Hours		3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

### Political Theory

Select 3 credits from the following:		3
PSCI 350	Exp Offering: Political Theory	
PSCI 352	American Political Thought	
PSCI 354	Contemp Issues in Pol Theory	
PSCI 357	Ancient & Medieval Pol Phil	
PSCI 450	Exp Offering: Political Theory	
PSCI 452	Utopianism and its Critics	
PSCI 453	Modern Political Theory	
Total Hours		3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

### Comparative Government

Select 3 credits from the following:		3
PSCI 311	Rev & Reform Modern China	
PSCI 320	Exp Offering: Comp Politics	
PSCI 322	Politics of Europe	
PSCI 324	Climate Policies: China & U.S.	
PSCI 325	Politics of Latin America	
PSCI 326	Politics of Africa	
PSCI 327	Politics of Mexico	
PSCI 328	Politics of China	
PSCI 381	State Formation	
PSCI 420	Exp Offering: Comp Politics	
PSCI 443	Politics of Social Movements	
PSCI 456	Chinese Polit & Soc Thought	
PSCI 481	Origins of Democracy and Authoritarianism	
Total Hours		3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

### International Relations

Select 3 credits from the following:		3
PSCI 330	Exp Offering: Intrnt Relations	
PSCI 332	Global Environmental Pol.	
PSCI 334	International Security	
PSCI 335	American Foreign Policy	
PSCI 336	European Union	
PSCI 337	Model United Nations	
PSCI 430	Exp Offering: Intrnt Relations	
PSCI 431	Politics of Global Migration	
PSCI 433	International Law & Org	
PSCI 463	Development Administration	
PSCI 482	Politics of the World Economy	
Total Hours		3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

### American Politics

Select 3 credits from the following:		3
PSCI 340	Exp Offering: American Govt	
PSCI 341	Political Parties and Election	
PSCI 342	Media, Public Opinion, Polling	
PSCI 344	State and Local Government	
PSCI 345	American Political System	
PSCI 348	US Multicultural Politics	
PSCI 352	American Political Thought	
PSCI 365	Pub Policy Issues and Analysis	
PSCI 370	Courts and Judicial Politics	
PSCI 440	Exp Offering: American Govt	
PSCI 443	Politics of Social Movements	
PSCI 444	Am Political Participation	
PSCI 445	Political Psychology	
PSCI 468	Public Policy Cycle and the Climate	
PSCI 471	American Constitutional Law	
PSCI 474	Civil Rights Seminar	
NASX 475	Tribal Sovereignty	
Total Hours		3

Minimum Required Grade: C-