Degree Benefits
Power can be defined as the ability to effect change. In international, national or local affairs, the most easily observed source of power is found in government and its respective political parties.

In order to live comfortably in a society or influence social changes, citizens must understand political life. This program provides opportunities to learn the American political system, public administration and policy, political theories, international relations, and comparative political systems.

Courses describe and analyze political systems from various perspectives. Apart from a course of study that provides a solid foundation of common knowledge in the liberal arts tradition, students and advisers can find the necessary latitude to develop particular interests.

Job Options
Political science prepares students to work within any organization. The most familiar are those associated with federal, state and local governmental service. Further, the political science major has opportunities to work with public or private organizations dealing with contemporary issues.

The graduate who combines these skills with those of business can find employment in international business or governmental organizations, including social assistance organizations and law enforcement. Undergraduate students also are prepared for teaching and legal, graduate and professional education.

Program Objectives
This program strives to:
• Show interrelationships between political science and other disciplines.
• Instill appreciation and understanding of contemporary political ideas, institutions and issues.
• Provide students with strong liberal arts perspectives, and strong written, verbal and analytic skills.
• Prepare students for advanced graduate or professional studies.

University Resources
Upon review and recommendation of the faculty, political science majors can earn credit toward their degrees by participating in an internship. Assigned as they become available, internships are designed to give students work experience that complements the academic program. They are also eligible for Pi Sigma Alpha, a national honors society.

BACHELOR OF ARTS
POLITICAL SCIENCE—120 CREDITS
The following eight-semester schedule of courses provides a recommended framework for completing this program of study in four years. To ensure that they are making satisfactory academic progress, students should consult with their faculty adviser, ensure that they complete necessary prerequisites and required courses in sequence, and complete a minimum of 15 credits each semester.
**FRESHMAN YEAR**

**First Semester** ............................................................... 16 credits
*UNI 100 First Year Seminar ...................................................... 1 cr.
**ENG 101 English Composition I ................................................. 3 crs
*POS 100 Intro. To Political Science ............................................. 3 crs.
General Education Courses .................................................. 9 crs.

**Second Semester** .............................................................. 15 credits
*POS 105 American Politics ....................................................... 3 crs.
**ENG 102 English Composition II .............................................. 3 crs.
General Education Courses .................................................. 9 crs.

**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

**Third Semester** ................................................................. 15 credits
Political Science (American Politics) Course ............................... 3 crs.
General Education, Minor OR Elective Courses ........................... 12 crs.

**Fourth Semester** ............................................................... 15 credits
*Political Science international Relations/Comparative Politics Course ........................................................................... 3 crs.
General Education, Minor, OR Elective Courses .......................... 12 crs.

**JUNIOR YEAR**

**Fifth Semester** ................................................................. 15 credits
*POS 301 Quantitative Political Analysis ...................................... 3 crs.
*300- or 400-level Poli. Sci. (Political Theory) Course ................. 3 crs.
*Political Science Course (300 level or above) ......................... 3 crs.
General Education, Minor, OR Elective Course ......................... 6 crs.

**Sixth Semester** ................................................................. 15 credits
*300- or 400-level Political Science (Public Theory) Course ....... 3 crs.
*Political Science Course (300-level or above) ......................... 3 crs.
300- or 400-level General Education, Minor, OR Elective .......... 9 crs.

**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

**Third Semester** ................................................................. 15 credits
Political Science (American Politics) Course ............................... 3 crs.
General Education, Minor OR Elective Courses ........................... 12 crs.

**Fourth Semester** ............................................................... 15 credits
*Political Science international Relations/Comparative Politics Course ........................................................................... 3 crs.
General Education, Minor, OR Elective Courses .......................... 12 crs.

**SENIOR YEAR**

**Seventh Semester** ............................................................. 15 credits
*300- or 400-level Political Science Course (300-level or above) .... 3 crs.
300- or 400-level Political Science Course ................................. 3 crs.
300- or 400-level General Education, Minor, OR Elective .......... 9 crs.

**Eighth Semester** ............................................................... 15 credits
*POS 450 Seminar in American Politics ..................................... 3 crs.
300- or 400-level General Education, Minor, OR Elective .......... 12 crs.

*Required major and related courses
**Required and recommended General education courses

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