Degree Benefits
The Political Science: Pre-Law curriculum focuses on the institutions and processes of the legal system, government and politics.

Because the study of law is so connected to the institutions, processes and practices of the political system, the curriculum is similar to that of political science.

The Political Science: Pre-Law curriculum is not confined to the study of the American system. Students in this discipline will be able to understand the study of law from a variety of perspectives, including theoretical, historical and comparative.

Lastly, Political Science: Pre-Law students will have the writing, speaking and analytical skills traditionally associated with liberal arts education.

University Resources
In addition to the regular curriculum, students are provided opportunities to participate in special legal and political forums. Internships in law offices, government agencies and semipublic organizations are available.

BACHELOR OF ARTS
POLITICAL SCIENCE: PRE-LAW—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.

Program Objectives
The program strives to:
• Demonstrate the interrelationships between the study of law and that of other disciplines within liberal arts.
• Instill understanding, appreciation and sensitivity for the mission of the legal profession.
• Prepare students for advanced study in schools of law and other postgraduate institutions.
• Provide a balanced liberal arts perspective and the opportunity to develop strong verbal, written and analytic skills.
### Political Science: Pre-Law

#### 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.
- **ENG 102 English Composition II** .................................... 3 crs.
- **PHI 115 or PHI 211** ........................................................ 3 crs.
- General Education Courses ................................................... 9 crs.

#### Sophomore Year

**Third Semester** .............................................................. 15 credits.
- Political Science (American Politics) Course ..................... 3 crs.
- PHI 115 or PHI 211 ............................................................ 3 crs.
- General Education, Minor OR Elective Courses .................... 9 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 Polical 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.

#### Senior Year

**Seventh Semester** ............................................................ 15 credits.
- **300- or 400-level Political Science Course (Public Law)** .... 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.
- **3POS 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

#### Program Contact Information

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#### Department Website

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