

PROGRAM SUMMARY

- **Credit Hours:** 120 hours
- **Concentrations:** No
- **Declaring the Major:** Minimum GPA of 2.0 required; no pre-requisite courses; change of major form accepted year-round; students declaring major should meet with assigned academic advisor before registering for the next semester
- **Advising (For the Major):** Required once student has earned 80 credit hours, recommended more frequently. Each student is assigned a faculty advisor. Students can identify their advisor through Starfish.
- **Advising (For General Education):** by CLAS Advising Center
- **Minimum Grades/GPA:** overall GPA of 2.0 in the major required for graduation
- **Teacher Licensure:** No
- **Evening Classes Available:** YES (but major cannot be completed at night)
- **Weekend Classes Available:** No
- **Other Information:** Internships, Departmental Honors, Honor Society, Model United Nations, North Carolina Student Legislature, Study Abroad
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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A major in Political Science for the B.A. degree requires 30 credit hours of political science to include: (1) American Politics (POLS 1110); (2) Comparative Politics (POLS 1130); (3) International Politics (POLS 1150); (4) Political Science Methods (POLS 2220) or equivalent social science methods course; (5) one course in the subfield of political philosophy (POLS XX7X); and (6) one of the following senior courses: Senior Seminar (POLS 4600), Senior Thesis (POLS 4990), North Carolina Student Legislature (POLS 4110), or Model United Nations (POLS 4163). No more than nine hours of credit from POLS 4110, 4163, 3400, and 3800 can be used to fulfill major requirements. POLS 2220 and one of the senior courses listed above fulfill the writing intensive courses required for graduation.

Areas	Credit Hours	Description
Pre-Major/ Prerequisites	-	
Major	30	Required courses in the major will count towards university General Education requirements for Social Science, Oral Communications, and Writing Intensive requirement
General Education (not satisfied by other major requirements)	31	Does not include required writing intensive and oral communications courses included in the major. POLS1110 is required of all political science majors and satisfies the social science requirement under General Education. Transfer students with an associate of arts degree are exempt from most General Education requirements, but must complete the Writing Intensive requirement.
Related Work	-	
Foreign Language	0-8	Must demonstrate competence at the level of the second semester of a foreign language; competence can be demonstrated by transfer courses, placement exam, or courses at UNC Charlotte.
Electives	51-59	As needed to complete 120 hours total for graduation. Political science majors are encouraged to complete a second major or a minor.
Total Credit Hours	120	

SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY

Freshman Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
POLS 1110	American Politics	3	X		
UWRT 1103	Writing and Inquiry in Academic Contexts (or UWRT 1104)	3	X		
MATH 11XX	Math	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	Foreign Language	4			
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
POLS 1130	Comparative Politics	3			
POLS 1150	International Politics	3			
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Foreign Language	4			
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			

32 Credit Hours for Year

Sophomore Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
POLS XX7X	Political Philosophy	3			
LBST 110X	LBST 110X Series: Arts and Society	3	X		
LBST 2301	Critical Thinking and Communication	3	X		
STAT XXXX	Statistics Course	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
POLS 2220	Political Science Methods	4	X	W	
LBST 2102	Global and Intercultural Connections (or LBST 2101 or LBST 221X)	3	X		
LBST 221X	Ethical and Cultural Critique (or LBST 2101 or LBST 2102)	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	Science without Lab	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			

31 Credit Hours for Year

Junior Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
POLS 3XXX	POLS 3000 level course	3			
POLS 3XXX	POLS 3000 level course	3			
XXXX XXXX	Science with Lab	4	X		
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
POLS 3XXX	POLS 3000 level course	3			
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			

31 Credit Hours for Year

Senior Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
POLS 3XXX	POLS 3000 level course	3			
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
POLS 4XXX	POLS 4000 level course	3	X	W,O	
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			

27 Credit Hours for Year

ADVISING RESOURCES

- General Education Requirements for ALL Students: ucol.uncc.edu/general-education
- Undergraduate Catalog: catalog.uncc.edu
- Central Advising website: advising.uncc.edu
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences advising website: clas.uncc.edu/students/Advising-News/
- University Advising Center website: advisingcenter.uncc.edu