

Political Science Major (36 credit hours)

The Political Science major is designed to transform students with an interest in or concern for politics into graduates who can understand, evaluate, manage, and shape political events and governmental actions in a manner consistent with a Christian faith perspective. The program involves the systematic study of how political institutions influence the behavior of citizens, leaders, and international actors to achieve public policies that promote justice both nationally and globally. Our program will help you prepare for successful careers in government, politics, law, non-profits, teaching, journalism, business, and more.

Major Requirements:

Foundational Courses (16 credit hours):

- POSC 2020, Introduction to Politics, 3 credit hours (fulfills Civil Discourse & Critical Reasoning)
- POSC 2100, American National Government, 3 credit hours (fulfills Civic Ways of Knowing)
- POSC 2200, Public Policy, 3 credit hours
- POSC 2400, Political Science Research Methods, 3 credit hours (fulfills Writing Intensive)
- MATH 2120, Introductory Statistics with Applications, 4 credit hours (fulfills Quantitative Reasoning)

American Politics courses (6 credit hours, two courses from):

- POSC 3140, Elections, Public Opinion, and Democracy, 3 credit hours
- POSC 3211, The Congress, 3 credit hours (fulfills Writing Intensive and Speaking Intensive)
- POSC 3212, The Presidency, 3 credit hours (fulfills Speaking Intensive)

International Relations and Comparative Politics courses (6 credit hours, two courses from):

- POSC 3300, American Foreign Policy, 3 credit hours
- POSC 3400, Comparative Politics, 3 credit hours
- POSC 3510, International Political Economy, 3 credit hours

Senior Capstone course (1 credit hour):

- POSC 4930, Senior Seminar, 1 credit hour

Electives (7 credit hours):

- Remaining hours are chosen from additional POSC courses; at least six (6) hours from upper-division (3000-level or above), not previously taken.

No more than 5 credit hours from POSC 2810, 4800, 4810 and 4820 may be applied toward the major.

NOTE: All students must complete 120 total credit hours to graduate from Anderson University.



Political Science 4-Year Major Suggested Course Sequence

SEMESTER 1	14 Hours	SEMESTER 2	15 Hours
POSC 2020*	3	POSC 2100*	3
ENGL 1100/ENGL 1110	4-3	ENGL 1120	3
LART 1050	1	Scientific Ways of Knowing**	4
COMM 1000	3	Aesthetic Ways of Knowing (COMM 2550 recommended)	3
Foreign Language	4	Personal Wellness	2

SEMESTER 3	15 Hours	SEMESTER 4	16 Hours
POSC 2400*	3	POSC 2200	3
BIBL 2000	3	MATH 2120*	4
Elective	3	Elective	3
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SEMESTER 5	15 Hours	SEMESTER 6	15 Hours
American or IR/Comparative Course	3	American or IR/Comparative Course	3
Political Science Elective	3	Political Science Elective	3
Christian Ways of Knowing (PHIL/RLGN 3250 recommended)	3	Global/Intercultural Ways of Knowing***	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3

SEMESTER 7	15 Hours	SEMESTER 8	16 Hours
American or IR/Comparative Course	3	American or IR/Comparative Course	3
Political Science Elective	3	POSC 4930	1
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
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* Fulfills a Liberal Arts requirement

** We recommend either BIOL 2070 in Spring of 1st year or PSYC 3210 in Fall of 2nd year

*** If not fulfilled by a Political Science Elective

Major Course Sequence:

Freshman: POSC 2020 || POSC 2100

Sophomore: POSC 2400 || POSC 2200, MATH 2120

Junior: American or IR/Comparative Course, Political Science Elective ||

American or IR/Comparative Course, Political Science Elective

Senior: American or IR/Comparative Course, Political Science Elective ||

American or IR/Comparative Course, POSC 4930



Political Science Major 3-Year Recommended Course Sequence

SEMESTER 1	17 Hours	SEMESTER 2	18 Hours
POSC 2020*	3	POSC 2100*	3
ENGL 1100/ENGL 1110	4-3	ENGL 1120	3
LART 1050	1	Scientific Ways of Knowing**	4
COMM 1000	3	Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing (PSYC 2000 recommended)	3
Foreign Language	4	Aesthetic Ways of Knowing (COMM 2550 recommended)	3
Elective	3	Personal Wellness	2

Summer 1	9 Hours
BIBL 2000	3
Elective	3
Elective	3

SEMESTER 3	18 Hours	SEMESTER 4	17 Hours
POSC 2400*	3	POSC 2200	3
Christian Ways of Knowing (PHIL/RLGN 3250 recommended)	3	MATH 2120*	4
Global/Intercultural Ways of Knowing***	3	POSC 2420	1
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3

Summer 2	7 Hours
POSC 4800/4810	4
Elective	3

SEMESTER 5	18 Hours	SEMESTER 6	16 Hours
American or IR/Comparative Course	3	American or IR/Comparative Course	3
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Political Science Elective	3	POSC 4930	1
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3

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Major Course Sequence:

First Year: POSC 2020 || POSC 2100

Second Year: POSC 2400 || POSC 2200, MATH 2120, POSC 2420

Summer 2: POSC 4800/4810

Third Year: American or IR/Comparative, American or IR/Comparative, Political Science Elective ||

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