

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 political science 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
 - POSC 2100, American National Government, 3 credit hours
 - POSC 2200, Public Policy, 3 credit hours
 - POSC 2400, Political Science Research Methods, 3 credit hours
 - MATH 2120, Introductory Statistics with Applications, 4 credit hours
- American Politics courses (6 hours):
Two courses from:
 - POSC 3140, Elections, Public Opinion, and Democracy, 3 credit hours
 - POSC 3211, The Congress, 3 credit hours
 - POSC 3212, The Presidency, 3 credit hours
- International Relations and Comparative Politics courses (6 hours):
Two courses from:
 - POSC 3300, International Security, 3 credit hours
 - POSC 3400, Comparative Politics, 3 credit hours
 - POSC 3510, International Political Economy, 3 credit hours
- Senior Capstone course (1 hour):
 - POSC 4930, Senior Seminar, 1 credit hour
- 7 credit hours remaining from POSC courses, with at least 6 credit hours upper-division (3000-level or above), not previously taken.

No more than 5 credit hours from POSC 2810, 2840, 4800, 4810 and 4820 may be applied toward the major. POSC 4700 does not apply toward the major.

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

Questions? Contact the [Department of History and Political Science](#).

Proposed Course Sequence:

- Freshman: POSC 2020; POSC 2100
- Sophomore: POSC 2400; MATH 2120, POSC 2420, POSC 2200
- Junior: American Politics Course 3XXX, Int'l/Comp Politics Course 3XXX;
American Politics Course 3XXX, Int'l/Comp Politics Course 3XXX
- Senior: POSC Elective, POSC 4930, POSC Elective

Political Science 4-Year Suggested Course Sequence

SEMESTER 1	Hours	SEMESTER 2	Hours
POSC 2020	3 Hours	POSC 2100	3 Hours
ENGL 1100/ENGL 1110	3-4 Hours	ENGL 1120	3 Hours
LART 1050	1 Hour	Quantitative Reasoning (CPSC 1100 Suggested)	3 Hours
Personal Wellness	2 Hours	Scientific Ways of Knowing (BIOL 2070 Suggested)	4 Hours
COMM 1000	3 Hours	Additional Class	3 Hours
Foreign Language	4 Hours		

SEMESTER 3	Hours	SEMESTER 4	Hours
POSC 2400	3 Hours	MATH 2120	4 Hours
Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing (ECON 2010 Suggested)	3 Hours	POSC 2420	1 Hour
BIBL 2000	3 Hours	POSC 2200	3 Hours
		Aesthetic Ways of Knowing (COMM 2550 Suggested)	3 Hours
Additional Class	3 Hours	Additional Class	3 Hours
Additional Class	3 Hours		

SEMESTER 5	Hours	SEMESTER 6	Hours
American Politics Course (3XXX)	3 Hours	American Politics Course (3XXX)	3 Hours
International Relations & Comparative Politics Course (3XXX)	3 Hours	International Relations & Comparative Politics Course (3XXX)	3 Hours
Christian Ways of Knowing (PHIL 3250 Suggested*)	3 Hours	Additional Class	3 Hours
Additional Class	3 Hours	Additional Class	3 Hours
Additional Class	3 Hours	Additional Class	3 Hours

SEMESTER 7	Hours	SEMESTER 8	Hours
POSC Elective	3 Hours	POSC 4930	1 Hour
Additional Class	3 Hours	POSC Elective	3 Hours
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		Additional Class	3 Hours

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Proposed 3-Year Course Sequence:

- Freshman: POSC 2020; POSC 2100
- Sophomore: POSC 2400; MATH 2120, POSC 2420, POSC 2200, POSC Elective
- Summer 2: POSC 4800/4810
- Junior: American Politics Course 3xxx, American Politics Course 3xxx;
POSC 4930, Int'l/Comp Politics Course 3xxx, Int'l/Comp Politics Course 3xxx

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SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2	
POSC 2020	3 Hours	POSC 2100	3 Hours
ENGL 1100/ENGL 1110	3-4 Hours	ENGL 1120	3 Hours
LART 1050	1 Hour	Quantitative Reasoning (CPSC 1100 Suggested)	3 Hours
COMM 1000	3 Hours	Scientific Ways of Knowing (BIOL 2070 Suggested)	4 Hours
Foreign Language	3 Hours	Personal Wellness	2 Hours
Additional Class	3 Hours	Additional Class	3 Hours

SUMMER 1	
BIBL 2000	3 Hours
Additional Class	3 Hours
Additional Class	3 Hours

SEMESTER 3		SEMESTER 4	
POSC 2400	3 Hours	MATH 2120	4 Hours
Quantitative Reasoning (CPSC 1100 Suggested)	3 Hours	POSC 2420	1 Hours
Additional Class	3 Hours	POSC 2200	3 Hours
Additional Class	3 Hours	POSC Elective	3 Hours
Additional Class	3 Hours	Aesthetic Ways of Knowing (COMM 2550 Suggested)	3 Hours
Additional Class	3 Hours	Additional Class	3 Hours

SUMMER 2	
POSC 4800/4810	3 Hours
Additional Class	3 Hours
Additional Class	3 Hours

SEMESTER 5	SEMESTER 6
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American Politics Course (3XXX)	3 Hours	POSC 4930	1 Hour
American Politics Course (3XXX)	3 Hours	International Relations & Comparative Politics Course (3XXX)	3 Hours
Christian Ways of Knowing (PHIL 3250 Suggested*)	3 Hours	International Relations & Comparative Politics Course (3XXX)	3 Hours
Additional Class	3 Hours	Additional Class	3 Hours
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