

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

With Capitol Hill and the White House as neighbors, GW is the ideal place to study political science. Inside the classroom, you will learn from a faculty of leading experts in policy issues, political behavior, and current events, while outside the classroom you'll benefit from ample opportunities to intern on the Hill, on political campaigns, or at government agencies. Students interested in Public Policy can add this focus to their major. By examining politics in depth on both a national and international scale, our graduates are well-prepared to enter a variety of careers in research, public affairs, public policy, and political campaigns. A number of graduates also decide to continue their education through graduate work or law school.

For more information visit the program website. (<https://politicalscience.columbian.gwu.edu/>)

ADMISSIONS

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (<https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/>). Applications may be submitted via the Common Application (<https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/>).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
The George Washington University
800 21st Street NW, Suite 100
Washington DC 20052
Contact for questions:
gwadm@gwu.edu or 202-994-6040

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (CCAS), Undergraduate Programs. CCAS stipulates that a student must complete the major requirements published in the Bulletin for the academic year in which the student declares their major.¹

Program-specific curriculum:

Code	Title	Credits
Prerequisite courses		
PSC 1001	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
or PSC 1001W	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
PSC 1002	Introduction to American Politics and Government	

or PSC 1002W Introduction to American Politics and Government

PSC 1003 Introduction to International Politics

or PSC 1003W Introduction to International Politics

or IAFF 1005 Introduction to International Affairs

Students in the Politics and Values program are required to take PSC 1011 and PSC 1012W. For such students, these two courses fulfill the prerequisite requirement and count as a Group E (political thought) course.

Required for the major

Six 2000-level Political Science (PSC) courses (18 credits) from the groups below, including at least one course from group D and at least one from group E:²

Group A (comparative politics)

PSC 2330 Comparative Politics of Western Europe

PSC 2331 Comparative Politics of Central and Eastern Europe

PSC 2332 European Integration

PSC 2334 Global Perspectives on Democracy

PSC 2336 State-Society Relations in the Developing World

PSC 2337 Development Politics

PSC 2338 Nationalism

PSC 2339 Comparative Political Economy

PSC 2366 Russian Politics

PSC 2367 Human Rights

or PSC 2367W Human Rights

PSC 2368 Politics in the Two Koreas

PSC 2369 Comparative Politics of South Asia

PSC 2370 Comparative Politics of China and Northeast Asia

PSC 2371 Politics and Foreign Policy of China

PSC 2373 Comparative Politics of Southeast Asia

PSC 2374 Politics and Foreign Policy of Japan

PSC 2377 Comparative Politics of the Middle East

or PSC 2377W Comparative Politics of the Middle East

PSC 2379	Politics and Foreign Policy of Israel
PSC 2381	Comparative Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa
PSC 2383	Comparative Politics of Latin America
PSC 2993	Special Topics in Comparative Politics
Group B (American government and politics)	
PSC 2211	State and Urban Politics
PSC 2212	State and Urban Policy Problems
PSC 2213	Judicial Politics
PSC 2214	U.S. Constitutional Law and Politics I
PSC 2215	U.S. Constitutional Law and Politics II
PSC 2216	The American Presidency
PSC 2217	Executive Branch Politics
PSC 2218	Legislative Politics
or PSC 2218W	Legislative Politics
PSC 2219	Political Parties and Interest Groups
PSC 2220	Public Opinion
PSC 2221	African American Politics
PSC 2222	Science, Technology, and Politics
PSC 2223	Campaigns and Elections
PSC 2224	Issues in Domestic Public Policy
PSC 2225	Women and Politics
PSC 2228	Media, Politics, and Government
PSC 2229	Media and Politics
PSC 2230	Law and Justice: The View from Hollywood
PSC 2240	Poverty, Welfare, and Work
Group C (international politics, law, and organizations)	
PSC 2439	International Political Economy
PSC 2440	Theories of International Politics
PSC 2442	International Organizations
or PSC 2442W	International Organizations
PSC 2444	Public International Law

PSC 2446	U.S. Foreign Policy
PSC 2447	American Presidents at War
PSC 2449	International Security Politics
or PSC 2449W	International Security Politics
PSC 2451	Theory of War
or PSC 2451W	Theory of War
PSC 2453	U.S. Foreign Policy Perspectives
PSC 2454	Humanitarianism
PSC 2455	Global Governance
PSC 2461	European-Atlantic Relations
PSC 2468	Post-Soviet Foreign Policy
PSC 2475	International Relations of East Asia
PSC 2476	The Arab-Israeli Conflict
or PSC 2476W	The Arab-Israeli Conflict
PSC 2478	International Relations of the Middle East
PSC 2482	African International Politics
PSC 2484	International Relations of Latin America
Group D (research methods)	
PSC 2101	Scope and Methods of Political Science 3
or IAFF 2101	International Affairs Research Methods
or PSC 2102	Visualizing and Modeling Politics
or PSYC 2101	Research Methods in Psychology
or SMPA 2151	Research Methods
or SOC 2101	Social Research Methods
PSC 2102	Visualizing and Modeling Politics
Group E (political thought)	
PSC 2105	Major Issues of Western Political Thought I
PSC 2106	Major Issues of Western Political Thought II
or PSC 2106W	Major Issues of Western Political Thought II
PSC 2107	Twentieth-Century Political Thought

PSC 2108	Freedom and Equality
PSC 2110	American Political Thought
PSC 2120W	Freedom in American Thought and Popular Culture
PSC 2991	Special Topics in Political Thought
One proseminar (3 credits) and one advanced topics course (3 credits)	
PSC 3192W	Proseminar: Political Science (taken in the junior or senior year)
PSC 3500	Advanced Topics in Political Science
or PSC 3500W	Advanced Topics in Political Science
Required courses in related areas	
MATH 1232	Single-Variable Calculus II
STAT 1051	Introduction to Business and Economic Statistics (only one may be taken for credit)
or STAT 1053	Introduction to Statistics in Social Science
or STAT 1111	Business and Economic Statistics I
Four additional courses in statistics, mathematics, and computer science, excluding the following:	
CSCI 1010	Computer Science Orientation
CSCI 1011	Introduction to Programming with Java
CSCI 1020	Applications Software
CSCI 1021	Introduction to Computers and the Internet
CSCI 1022	Introduction to Internet Technology
CSCI 1023	Introduction to Web Software Development
CSCI 1030	Technology and Society
or CSCI 1030W	Technology and Society
MATH 1000	Dean's Seminar
MATH 1008	History of Mathematics
MATH 1009	Mathematical Ideas I
MATH 1220	Calculus with Precalculus I
MATH 1221	Calculus with Precalculus II
MATH 1231	Single-Variable Calculus I

MATH 1252	Calculus for the Social and Management Sciences
MATH 2991	Introductory Special Topics
STAT 1000	Dean's Seminar
STAT 1129	Introduction to Computing
STAT 4195	Reading and Research

¹Bulletins covering prior academic years are archived (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/archives/>).

²In addition to the courses listed, a maximum of 3 credits in PSC 2987 may count toward the 2000-level course requirement. However, these credits do not count toward any group.

³If a course other than PSC 2101 is selected, an additional PSC course must be taken to fulfill this requirement.

GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#text>), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication, or G-PAC (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/>). Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

G-PAC approved courses, Dean's Seminars, and Sophomore Colloquia that may be available for registration are listed on the CCAS Advising website (<https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-courses/>).

Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- Writing—one approved course in university writing and two approved writing in the disciplines (WID) courses.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical or creative thinking skills.
- Mathematics or Statistics—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
- Social Sciences—two approved courses in the social sciences.

Coursework for the Columbian College general education curriculum is distributed as follows:

- Arts—one approved course in the arts that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- Global or Cross-Cultural Perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Local or Civic Engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Oral Communication—one course in oral communication.

Certain courses are approved to fulfill the requirement in more than one of these categories.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC also may be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

SPECIAL HONORS

In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations, in order to be considered for graduation with Special Honors, a student must have a GPA in upper level Political Science courses of 3.7 or higher.

The GPA in upper level PSC classes is calculated using only PSC upper level or 2000, 3000, and 4000 level classes with no substitution classes and no transfer classes.

The designation of Honors appears on the student's transcript, not on the diploma.

COMBINED PROGRAM

- Dual Bachelor of Science with a major in political science and Master of Public Policy (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/political-science/dual-bs-political-science-mpp/>)