

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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Political Science and Public Administration at NMU

The Political Science and Public Administration Department has three major objectives. First, the department provides students with a traditional liberal arts education. The department's offerings in the university-wide liberal studies program create an awareness and understanding of national and international political processes. Second, the department's professional and preprofessional programs in political science, law, public administration and education facilitate the development of talented and ethical leaders and educators. Third, the department's faculty and students study and assist in the resolution of political and administrative problems in the local community, the Upper Peninsula region and the state.

The department offers majors in political science, public administration and political science/pre-law. Students interested in secondary teaching must apply for admittance to and pursue the professional education emphasis along with a political science major or minor. A political science minor and a public administration minor are available and can be arranged to complement a variety of majors. Interdisciplinary majors in social science and secondary education social studies are offered by the department, along with support courses in the international studies major. See the "Interdisciplinary Programs" and "International Studies" sections of this bulletin.

Internships in public administration and law are secured for qualified juniors and seniors. Internships are available at the local, state and national level. Competitive scholarships for student interns in the nation's capital are provided through NMU's Washington Center Internship Program.

Student Organizations

- College Republicans
- Young Democrats
- Model United Nations Club
- Political Science Film Forum

- Political Science Symposium
- Student Law Forum
- Student Michigan Education Association

Pre-law Advising

Pre-law students enroll in courses, work as legal interns and participate in mock trial competition and other law-related extracurricular activities. All students planning to attend law school should contact the Political Science and Public Administration Department for referral to one of our well-qualified pre-law advisers. A specific political science/pre-law major is available to students, but law schools will accept students with other majors, and our pre-law advisers will work with all students in selecting appropriate course work that prepares them for law school, in fulfilling other prerequisites for law school admission, and on making application to law schools.

Department/Program Policies

Students majoring in political science/pre-law must maintain a grade point average of 2.70 or greater with no grade below a "C" in courses for the major. Students with majors or minors in political science or public administration must not have any grade below a "C" in courses for the major or minor.

Students majoring in secondary education political science or minoring in political science secondary education must maintain a grade point average of 2.70 or greater with no grade below a "C" in the professional education sequence, the major and/or minors and required cognates combined.

Course Subject to Waiver

When courses within a major or minor are listed as subject to waiver, and the adviser has approved the waiver, the political science elective credit hours required in that block is increased by four.

BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

Liberal Studies: Complete information on the liberal studies requirements and additional graduation requirements, including the health promotion requirement, is in the “Liberal Studies Program and Graduation Requirements” section of this bulletin (38-44).

Courses within each major that can be used to satisfy liberal studies requirements are listed with the Roman numeral (in brackets) that coincides with the liberal studies division the course falls under.

Political Science Major

This major trains students in government, public policy and political theory, communication and analysis, independent thinking, and problem definition and solving.

Total Credits Required for Degree	124
Liberal Studies	30-40
Health Promotion	2
Required Courses in Major	34
PS 101 Introduction to Political Science* [IV]	4
PS 490 Senior Seminar	2
Political Science Core	12
<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
PS 105 American Government (4 cr.) [IV]	
PS 203 Comparative Government (4 cr.)	
PS 206 International Relations (4 cr.)	
PS 207 History of Political Theory (4 cr.) [II]	
Political Science Electives	16
Minor	20

*Subject to waiver with adviser’s approval.

Political Science/Pre-Law Major

This major prepares students for law schools and legal careers. It emphasizes basic understanding in political science but also includes courses that focus on the law and judicial process.

Total Credits Required for Degree	124
Liberal Studies	30-40
Health Promotion	2
Required Courses in Major	38
Political Science Core	18
PS 101 Introduction to Political Science [IV] or PS 105 American Government [IV]	4
PS 203 Comparative Government or PS 206 International Relations	4
PS 207 History of Political Theory [II] or PS 411 American Political Thought [II]	4
PS 303 Public Opinion and Voting Behavior or PS 309 State and Local Government	4
PS 490 Senior Seminar	2

Pre-Law Core	8
PS 215 Introduction to Law	4
PS 331 Judicial Process	4
Pre-Law Electives	4-8
<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
PS 332 Administrative Law (4 cr.)	
PS 430 American Constitutional Law and Politics (4 cr.)	
Pre-Law Electives	4-8
<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
PS 297 Mock Trial (2 cr.)	
PS 341 Social Welfare Policy Making (4 cr.)	
PS 491 Legal Internship (2-8 cr.)	
Minor	20

Public Administration Major

This major prepares students for careers in management in the public sector. Students analyze and discuss operations of all forms and levels of government and learn the basic principles of government, political philosophy, statistical analysis and computer literacy.

Total Credits Required for Degree	124
Liberal Studies	30-40
Health Promotion	2
Required Courses in Major	38
Political Science Core	22
PS 105 American Government [IV]	4
PS 201 Methods of Public Policy Analysis	4
PS 309 State and Local Government	4
PS 401 Seminar in Public Policy Analysis	4
PS 407 Principles of Public Administration	4
PS 490 Senior Seminar	2
Public Administration Core	16
<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
PS 303 Public Opinion and Voting Behavior (4 cr.)	
PS 332 Administrative Law (4 cr.)	
PS 341 Social Welfare Policy Making (4 cr.)	
PS 402 Political Economy (4 cr.)	
PS 406 Legislative Politics (4 cr.)	
PS 491 Internship in Public Policy (2-8 cr.)	
Minor	20

Secondary Education Political Science Major

Completion of the required courses in this major, a teaching minor and the professional education sequence lead to certification as a secondary teacher of political science.

Total Credits Required for Degree	127-131
Liberal Studies	30-40
Health Promotion	2
Required Courses in Major	32
Political Science Core	28
PS 101 Introduction to Political Science [IV]	4
PS 105 American Government [IV]	4
PS 203 Comparative Government	4
PS 206 International Relations	4
PS 309 State and Local Government	4
PS 430 American Constitutional Law and Politics	4
PS 303 Public Opinion and Voting Behavior or PS 406 Legislative Politics	4
Political Science Electives	4
Teaching Minor, minimum	20-24
Professional Education	33
ED 201 Introduction to Education	2
ED 231 Teaching and Learning in the Secondary Classroom	4
ED 301 Dimensions of American Education	2
ED 319 Teaching of Reading for Secondary Teachers	3
ED 349 Teaching for Diversity, Equity and Social Justice in the Secondary School Community	2
PS 350 Methods and Materials in Teaching Social Studies Education	4
ED 361 Special Education and the General Classroom Teacher	2
ED 483 Educational Media and Technology	2
ED 430 Teaching in the Secondary School	11
ED 450 Seminar in Teaching	1

Political Science Education Minor

Total Credits Required for Minor	20-24
PS 101 Introduction to Political Science*	4
PS 105 American Government	4
PS 203 Comparative Government	4
PS 206 International Relations	4
PS 309 State and Local Government	4
PS 350 Methods and Materials in Teaching Social Studies Education**	4

*Subject to waiver with adviser's approval.

**Not required if major is economics education, geography education, history education or social studies education.

Public Administration Minor

Total Credits Required for Minor	20
PS 105 American Government	4
Political Science Electives	16
<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
PS 201 Methods of Public Policy Analysis (4 cr.)	
PS 309 State and Local Government (4 cr.)	
PS 332 Administrative Law (4 cr.)	
PS 401 Seminar in Public Policy Analysis (4 cr.)	
PS 402 Political Economy (4 cr.)	
PS 407 Principles of Public Administration (4 cr.)	

MINOR PROGRAMS

Political Science Minor

Total Credits Required for Minor	20
PS 101 Introduction to Political Science*	4
PS 105 American Government	4
PS 203 Comparative Government	4
Political Science Electives (any level)	8

*Subject to waiver with adviser's approval.