

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF ARTS

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Courses		
<i>I. Communication</i>		
English:		
Select two of the following:		6
ENGL U101	Composition I	
ENGL U102	Composition II	
Speech:		
SPCH U201	Foundations in Oral Communication	3
<i>II. Mathematics, Logic & Natural Sciences</i>		
Mathematics:		
Select one of the following:		3-4
MATH U120	College Mathematics	
MATH U121	College Algebra	
MATH U122	Calculus for Management and Social Sciences	
MATH U126	Precalculus I	
MATH U127	Precalculus II	
MATH U141	Calculus I	
MATH U142	Calculus II	
MATH U231	Basic Concepts of Elementary Mathematics I	
Natural Science (w/lab):		
Select one of the following:		4
ASTR U111 & U111L	Descriptive Astronomy and Descriptive Astronomy Laboratory	
BIOL U101 & U101L	Introductory Biology I and Introductory Biology I Lab	
BIOL U102 & U102L	Introductory Biology II and Introductory Biology II Lab	
BIOL U110 & U110L	General Biology and General Biology Lab	
CHEM U106 & U106L	Chemistry and Society and Chemistry and Society Lab.	
CHEM U109 & U109L	Chemistry of Living Things and Chemistry of Living Things Lab.	
CHEM U111 & U111L	General Chemistry and General Chemistry Lab	
CHEM U112 & U112L	General Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis and General Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis Lab.	
GEOL U101 & U101L	Physical Geology and Physical Geology Lab	
GEOL U102 & U102L	Historical Geology and Historical Geology Lab	
GEOL U103 & U103L	Environmental Geology and Environmental Geology Lab	
PHYS U101 & U101L	Introduction to Physical Science and Introduction to Physical Science Laboratory	
PHYS U201 & U201L	General Physics I and General Physics I Lab	

PHYS U202 & U202L	General Physics II and General Physics II Lab	
Math, Logic and/or Natural Science:		
Select any course in Mathematics listed above or:		3
BIOL U143 & U143L	Foundations of Human Physiology and Foundations of Human Physiology Laboratory	
BIOL U260	Emerging Infectious Diseases	
ECON U291	Probability and Statistics	
GEOL U104	Natural Disasters	
GEOL U120	Geology of the Southeast	
LOGC U205	Introduction to Logic and Rhetoric	
LOGC U207	Deductive Logic	
MATH U102	Elementary Statistics	
PSYC U225	Psychological Statistics	
<i>III. Information Technology</i>		
Info. Tech.:		
Select one of the following:		3
CSCI U138	Introduction to Computer Technology	
CSCI U150	Introduction to Computer Science	
INFO U101	Survey of Information Technology	
INFO U102	Introduction to Digital Safety	
LIBR U201	Strategies for Information Discovery	
<i>IV. Fine Arts, Humanities & History</i>		
Select a minimum of one fine arts course and one history course.		
Fine Arts:		
Select one of the following:		3
AFAM U204	African American Culture	
ARTH U101	Introduction to Art	
ARTH U105	History of Western Art: Prehistory - Middle Ages	
ARTH U106	History of Western Art: Renaissance - Modern	
MUSC U110	Introduction to Music	
MUSC U140	History of American Popular Music	
SOST U201	Introduction to Southern Studies	
THEA U161	Introduction to Theatre Art	
THEA U170	Fundamentals in Acting	
History:		
Select one of the following:		3
HIST U101	Introduction to World History I	
HIST U102	Introduction to World History II	
HIST U105	History of the United States to 1877	
HIST U106	History of the United States from 1865	
Fine Arts, Humanities and/or History:		
Select one of the following:		3
AMST U101	American Studies, 17th - 19th Century	
AMST U102	American Studies, 20th Century	
ENGL U245	Business Writing	
ENGL U252	Understanding English Grammar	
FILM U240	Introduction to Film	
PHIL U102	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL U111	Political Philosophy	
PHIL U211	Contemporary Moral Issues	
RELG U103	Comparative Religion	

V. Foreign Language

Select one of the following: ¹	6
ASLG U101 American Sign Language I & ASLG U102 and American Sign Language II	
FREN U101 Introductory French I & FREN U102 and Introductory French II	
GERM U101 Introductory German I & GERM U102 and Introductory German II	
SPAN U101 Introductory Spanish I & SPAN U102 and Introductory Spanish II	
SPAN U201 Intermediate Spanish	
or placement in a 201 or higher level language course	

VI. Social & Behavioral Sciences

Social & Behavioral Science:	
POLI U101 American National Government ²	3
Select one of the following:	3
AFAM U201 Introduction to African American Studies	
ANTH U102 Understanding Other Cultures	
ECON U221 Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON U222 Principles of Microeconomics	
GEOG U103 Introduction to Geography	
PSYC U101 Introduction to Psychology	
SOCY U101 Introduction to Sociology	
WGST U101 Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies	

VII. General Education Electives

Choose from the options below if hours are required in the major.	
General Ed. Electives:	
Select any approved general education course or courses (https://academic-catalog.uscupstate.edu/academic-programs/general-education-courses/)	0-6

Major Requirements²

POLI U210 Research Methods in Political Science	3
POLI U310 International Politics	3
POLI U320 Comparative Politics	3
POLI U462 The Legislative Process	3
or POLI U463 The American President	
Internship (POLI U495 or POLI U496), Study Abroad, or Service-Learning	3
POLI U500 Senior Seminar ^{2,3,4}	3

Groups²

Students must complete the required credit hours from either Group A or Group B: Law and Justice Studies with a minimum grade of C. 18

Group A or Group B (p. 2)

Cognate or Minor²

Political Science majors may select either a cognate (12 hours) or minor (18-21 hours) in consultation with their advisor. 12-21

Electives

Select 12-23 credits 12-23

Total Hours 120

² A minimum grade of C is required.

³ Fifteen credit hours of political science, including senior seminar, applied to graduation must be awarded by USC Upstate.

⁴ At least 12 hours of upper-level political science courses with a grade of C or better are required for enrollment in POLI U500 Senior Seminar.

Group A

Code	Title	Hours
Other POLI courses at 300-level or above		18

Group B: Law and Justice Studies^{1,2}

Code	Title	Hours
Law		3

Select one of the following:

CRJU U321	Criminal Law	
POLI U450	Constitutional Law	
POLI U452	The Judicial Process	

Behavior and Communication 3

Select one of the following:

CRJU U345	Juvenile Delinquency or SOCY U35 Juvenile Delinquency	
POLI U361	Political Behavior	
PSYC U307	Social Psychology	
PSYC U313	Psychology & Law	
PSYC U317	Stereotypes and Prejudice	
SOCY U333	Race and Ethnic Relations	
SPCH U380	Intercultural Communication	
SPCH U430	Communicating Difference in Social Institutions	

Movements and Rights 3

Select one of the following:

AFAM U398	Topics in African American Studies	
POLI U451	Civil Rights & Civil Liberties	
SOCY U325	Social Movements	
SOCY U330	Social Inequality	
SOCY U343	Political Sociology	
WGST U355	U.S. Women's Movement	

Global Law and Justice 3

Select one of the following:

CRJU U383	Comparative Criminal Justice System	
POLI U455	European Law and Society	
POLI U460	International Law	

Two additional courses from the above categories 6

Total Hours 18

¹ Complete a minimum of 3 hours from each of the following categories and two additional courses from the category list for a total of 18 hours.

² No more than three courses can be from the same prefix (i.e. SOCY, CRJU, etc.).

¹ The minimum acceptable level of competency for a political science major is completion of the 102 level of a language. Students who place into the 201 or higher level of a language satisfy the language requirement but will have additional hours in general education electives.