

POLITICAL SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS & SCIENCES
Beginning Fall 2025

YEAR	FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER	VERITAS REQUIREMENTS
FRESHMAN	DGN 1101 The Responsible Self 4 cr. ¹ ENG 1110 First Year Composition 4 cr. POL/GSJ 2001 Intro to Political Science 4 cr. GSJ 1101 Introduction to Global Sustainability and Justice Studies 4 cr.	DGN 1102 And Dignity for All 4 cr. ¹ CME 1101 Interpersonal Communication 2 cr. PSY 3331 or MTH 2442 4 cr. Veritas Course 4 cr.	Foundations 18 credits (plus language requirement) Foundations courses need not all be completed in a student's first year. 1) DGN 1101 or HON 1111 (4 cr.) 2) DGN 1102 or HON 1112 (4 cr.) 3) CME 1101 Interpersonal Communication (2 cr.) 4) ENG 1110 First Year Composition (4 cr.) 5) World Language+ 6) Math (4 cr.) (Met PSY 3331/MTH 2442/FIN 3550) +The language requirement can be met by having completed three years of one language in high school, completing the 1112 in a language sequence, demonstrating equivalent proficiency at the same course levels through a placement exam, or being bilingual. Conceptions & Integrations Students must complete 4 credits in each of the 7 disciplinary pathways plus 4 more credits in any pathway(s). 16 credits must be Conceptions courses; 8 credits must be designated Integrations courses. 1) Social Sciences (Met by POL 2001 or Concentration course) 2) History (May be met by Concentration course) 3) Literature 4) Fine Arts 5) Religious Studies 6) Philosophy (Met by PHL 2223 or maybe by Concentration course) 7) Science (Met by BIO 1102) 8) Elective (May be met by Concentration course) To graduate from The College of St. Scholastica, students must complete a total of 120 credits of which 40 credits need to be upper division and the last 30 credits must be earned through St. Scholastica. Upper division credits are those numbered 3000 or greater and cannot include graduate level credits. ¹ The course can be completed fall or spring semester. ² Sixteen credits from one of the concentrations on the second page **Of the 40 credits required for the major, 20 credits (50%) must be upper division (3000-4000 level).
SOPHOMORE	PSY 3331 or MTH 2442 4 cr. ¹ POL Elective 4 cr. ² Major Concentration 4 cr. Veritas Course 4 cr.	PHL 2223 Political Philosophy 4 cr. ¹ POL Elective 4 cr. ² Major Concentration 4 cr. Veritas Course 4 cr.	
Minimum GPA for the major is 2.0.			
JUNIOR	POL 3333 Intro to Comparative Politics 4 cr. ¹ POL Elective 4 cr. ² Major Concentration 4 cr. Veritas Course 4 cr.	POL 2001 Intro to International Politics/Relations 4 cr. ¹ POL Elective 4 cr. ² Major Concentration 4 cr. Veritas Course 4 cr.	
SENIOR	¹ POL 4999 Independent Study (Capstone) 4 cr. Veritas Course 4 cr.	¹ POL 4999 Independent Study (Capstone) 4 cr.	

*Concentrations in International Politics or Comparative Politics would complete one year of language study at the intermediate level (8 credits beyond the College's world language requirement).

American Politics Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
CME 4417	Mass Media Law and Ethics (VIOP)	4
GSJ 2480	Community Nonprofits (VCOP)	4
NAS 2610	Indigenous Peoples of North America (VCSS)	4
SWK 3350	Understanding Systems of Privilege and Oppression	4
SWK 3360	American Social Welfare Policy (VISS)	4

Comparative Politics Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
GSJ 2050	Introduction to Mexico (VCHI)	4
GSJ 3200	Popular Music/Political Movements (VIFA)	4
GSJ 3303	The Other Americas (VISS)	4
GSJ 3305	Contemporary Africa (VISS)	4
HIS 3301	Russia Since 1900 (VIHI)	4
HIS 3355	Islam & the Modern World (VIHI)	4
POL/GSJ 4402	Environmental Politics (VISS)	4

International Politics Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
GSJ 2111	Migration, Diaspora, Identity (VCSS)	4
GSJ 2201	Peaceful Resolution Intl Conflict (VCOP)	4
GSJ 3301	Human Rights (VISS)	4
GSJ 3302	Europe Today (VISS)	4
HIS 3214	The World Since 1945 (VIHI)	4
HIS 3310	United States Foreign Relations (VIHI)	4
HIS 3350	Feminism & Globalization	4
POL 2280	Religion/Culture post 9/11	4
POL 3001	Politics of Globalization (VISS)	4
POL 4402	Environmental Politics (VISS)	4

Political Theory Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
PHL 2214	Introductory Ethics (VCPH)	4
PHL 3350	Contemporary Ethical Issues (VIPH)	4
PHL 3360	Philosophies of Feminism (VIPH)	4
TRS 2501	Theologies of Peace and Justice (VCRS)	4
TRS 3320	Religion and Politics of Compassion (VIRS)	4
WGS 3101	Advanced Social and Cultural Theory	4