

University of South Dakota  
Major Credit Hour count: 36  
Major: Political Science, B.A.



[2021-2022 Academic Catalog]

<u>Year / Semester</u>	SGR/Major Requirement	<u>Cr Hrs</u>	<u>Year / Semester</u>	SGR/Major Requirement	<u>Cr Hrs</u>
<b><u>First Year - 1st Semester</u></b>			<b><u>First Year - 2nd Semester</u></b>		
POLS 101 Introduction to Political Science	Major	3	POLS 100 American Government	SGR 3+M	3
ENGL 101 Composition I	SGR 1	3	POLS 141 or 250	Major	3
Mathematics	SGR 5	3	ENGL 210 Introduction to Literature	BA	3
Foreign Language: 101	SGR4+BA	4	Foreign Language: 102	BA	4
First Year Seminar		1	CMST 101 Fundamentals of Speech	SGR 2	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours: 14</b>			<b>Semester Credit Hours: 16</b>		
<b><u>Second Year - 1st Semester</u></b>			<b><u>Second Year - 2nd Semester</u></b>		
POLS 202 Writing & Research in POLS*	SGR 1, M	3	POLS 320 Public Admin. or 226 Public Pol.	Major	3
Fine Arts	SGR 4	3	POLS 205 Info Literacy in Soc. Sci.**	Major	3
Natural Science	SGR 6	4	Natural Science	SGR 6	4
Minor	BA	3	Minor	BA	3
Social Science (non-POLS)	SGR 3	3	Additional Social Science/Humanities	BA	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours: 16</b>			<b>Semester Credit Hours: 16</b>		
<b><u>Third Year - 1st Semester</u></b>			<b><u>Third Year - 2nd Semester</u></b>		
POLS Amer. Pols/Inst. Course	Major	3	POLS Pub. Admin./Pub. Policy Course	Major	3
POLS Elective	Major	3	POLS Elective	Major	3
Additional Social Science/Humanities	BA	3	Minor	BA	3
Minor	BA	3	Elective		6
Electives		3			0
<b>Semester Credit Hours: 15</b>			<b>Semester Credit Hours: 15</b>		
<b><u>Fourth Year - 1st Semester</u></b>			<b><u>Fourth Year - 2nd Semester</u></b>		
POLS Comp. Pols/Intl. Rel. Course	Major	3	POLS 489 Capstone**	Major	3
Minor	BA	3	Minor	BA	3
Electives		9	Electives		7
<b>Semester Credit Hours: 15</b>			<b>Semester Credit Hours: 13</b>		
			<b>Total Major Requirements 120</b>		

Notes:

\*POLS 202 also meets the SGR #1 Written Communication requirement for ENG 201.

\*\*POLS/CJUS double majors take either the POLS course or the CJUS 205 information literacy course, but not both. POLS/CJUS double majors also take either the POLS course or the CJUS 489 capstone, but not both. The combined POLS/CJUS double major must equal 60 total credits.

No more than 3 credits of internship may count toward the major.

\*\*\*Students must complete at least one elective in each of three areas: American politics/institutions, public policy/public admin., and international relations/comparative politics.