

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



[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>	
<u>First Year - 1st Semester</u>			<u>First Year - 2nd Semester</u>			
ENGL 101 Composition I	SGR 1	3	POLS 100 American Government	SGR 3+Major	3	
Mathematics	SGR 5	4	POLS 141 or 250	Major	3	
Fine Arts	SGR 4	3	ENGL 210 Introduction to Literature	BS	3	
POLS 101 Introduction to Political Science	Major, BS	3	Additional Mathematics	BS	3	
First Year Seminar		1	CMST 101 Fundamentals of Speech	SGR 2	3	
	Semester Credit Hours:	14		Semester Credit Hours:	15	
<u>Second Year - 1st Semester</u>			<u>Second Year - 2nd Semester</u>			
POLS 202 Writing & Research in POLS*	SGR 1, M	3	POLS 320 Public Admin. or 226 Public Pol.	Major, BS	3	
Additional Mathematics	BS	3	POLS 205 Info Literacy in Soc. Sci.**	Major	3	
Natural Science	SGR 6	4	Natural Science	SGR 6	4	
Humanities	SGR 4	3	Minor	BS	3	
Minor	BS	3	Social Science (non-POLS)	SGR 3	3	
	Semester Credit Hours:	16		Semester Credit Hours:	16	
<u>Third Year - 1st Semester</u>			<u>Third Year - 2nd Semester</u>			
POLS Amer. Pols/Inst. Course	Major	3	POLS Pub. Admin./Pub. Policy Course	Major	3	
POLS Elective	Major	3	POLS Elective	Major	3	
Additional Science	BS	4	Elective		3	
Elective		3	Minor	BS	3	
Minor	BS	3	Additional Science	BS	4	
	Semester Credit Hours:	16		Semester Credit Hours:	16	
<u>Fourth Year - 1st Semester</u>			<u>Fourth Year - 2nd Semester</u>			
POLS Comp. Pols/Intl. Rel. Course	Major	3	POLS 489 Capstone**	Major	3	
Minor	BS	6	Minor	BS	3	
Elective		6	Elective		6	
	Semester Credit Hours:	15		Semester Credit Hours:	12	
					Total Major Requirements	120

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.