

THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR (BA)

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Political science is the study of political systems and the ideas that bring them into being, transform them, and sustain them. Students in the political science program at Lyon examine such enduring concepts as freedom, justice, equality, order, and power; explore the practical and ethical dimensions of contemporary issues, and compare political systems throughout the world. The study of political science provides students with a deeper understanding of the nature and responsibilities of citizenship and builds a strong foundation for a range of careers and professions, including public service.

NOTE

* Students may use POL 105 and ECO 101 to satisfy core requirements.

NOTE: To graduate with a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree from Lyon College, students must successfully complete a minimum of 120 semester credit hours comprised of our required Core curriculum (44-48 hours), the requirements of at least one major (credit hours vary per major), and a selection of our Liberal Arts electives. They must also earn at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average for all work taken at Lyon College and a 2.00 cumulative grade point average in their major, minor, and concentration.

Program: Political Science

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR A MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Item #	Title	Credits
POL 105	The American Experience	3
POL 201	Comparative Politics	3
POL 205	World Politics	3
POL 220	Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science	3
	POL 351 OR POL 353	3
POL 455	Senior Seminar	3
	POL Elective	3
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ECO 101	Principles of Economics I	3
	Sub-Total Credits	36

CORE CURRICULUM

Item #	Title	Credits
	Core Curriculum Requirements	44 - 48
	Sub-Total Credits	44-48
	Total credits:	80-84

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

POL 351 OR POL 353

Item #	Title	Credits
POL 351	Ancient Political Philosophy	3
POL 353	Modern Political Philosophy	3

POL Elective

Any political science course.

Core Curriculum Requirements

Developmental requirements (up to 6 credits):

Taken in the first semester, if placed into it:

- ENG 001 College English

Taken in the first year, if placed into it:

- MTH 001 Intermediate Algebra

Proficiency requirements (15 credits):

Taken in the first two years, if not placed out of it:

- MTH 101 College Algebra or
- MTH 103 College Algebra w/Lab or
- MTH 105 Mathematics for Liberal Arts

Taken in the first year (depending on placement):

- ENG 101 English Composition I (taken immediately if placed into it or immediately following completion of ENG 001)

with a grade of 'C' or better)

- ENG 102 English Composition II (taken immediately following successful completion of ENG 101 with a grade of 'C' or better)

Recommended but not required in the first year:

- First-year of a foreign language

Common Core requirements (13–14 credits):

Taken in the first year (or within one year of completing any pre-requisite coursework):

- COR 100 Year One
- COR 101 Year One OH ONE

Taken anytime in the first TWO years:

- ENG 105 World Literature
- POL 105 The American Experience

Taken anytime prior to graduation:

- HIS 110 World Civilization
- HIS 112 World Civilization II

Distribution requirements:

One fine arts course (3 credits)

Select from the following:

- ART 101 Introduction to Visual Arts
- ART 201, 202 World Art I and II
- MUS 105 Language of Music
- MUS 110 Music Theory
- THE 101 Introduction to Theatre

One social science course (3 credits)

Select from the following:

- ANT 101 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ECO 101 Principles of Economics I
- PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology

One mathematics course (3–4 credits)

Select from the following:

- MTH 105 Mathematics for Liberal Arts
- MTH 110 Elementary Functions
- MTH 115 Discrete Mathematics or MTH 290 Foundations of Modern Mathematics
- ECO 208 Quantitative Methods in Business, Economics, and Decision Science
- MTH 210 Calculus I
- BUS 323 Statistical Applications to Business Decision Making
- PSY 235 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences

One lab science course (4 credits)

Select from the following:

- BIO 100, 100L Biology in Context
- BIO 110, 110L Principles of Biology I
- CHM 105, 105L Introduction to Chemistry
- CHM 110, 110L General Chemistry I
- PHY 210, 211 General Physics
- PHY 240, 241 Fundamentals of Physics
- SCI 100, 100L Physical Science for Liberal Arts

One religion/philosophy course (3 credits)

Select from the following:

- RPH 110 Old Testament
- RPH 120 New Testament
- RPH 130 Introduction to Christian Theology
- RPH 140 Introduction to World Philosophies
- RPH 150 World Religions
- RPH 205 Introduction to Ethics

Two physical education courses (0-2 credits)

Select from the following:

- PED courses with designations from 101 to 130
- OLP courses with designations from 120 to 130

NOTE: Only one activity (specified PED/OLP) course can be taken per semester. Additionally, only seven activity credits can be counted toward the graduation requirement.