

**Requirements for the Political Science major
with a concentration in Public Policy (34 hours total):**

General Requirements for the Major (19 hours):

One course in each of the subfields (12 hours)
American Politics: POLS 1150
Comparative Politics: one class
International Relations: one class
Political Thought: POLS 1700, 2700, 3710,
3720, OR 3770
Methods: POLS 2000 (4 hours)
One Senior Seminar (3 hours)

**Required course hours for the Public Policy
concentration (6 hours)**

Students must complete two of the following:

POLS 2XXX Introduction to Public Policy
POLS 2200 American State and Urban Politics
POLS 2120 The American Congress
POLS 2220 Urban Politics
POLS 2600 Introduction to International Political
Economy (if taken, may not double count for IR
subfield requirement.)

**Elective course hours for the Public Policy
concentration (6 hours)**

*Students may not use a Policy elective to fulfill the IR
and CP distribution requirement). Students must
complete 2 of the following:*

POLS 1510 Politics of the Developing World
POLS 2010 Ethics and Politics
POLS 2300 Introduction to Public Administration
POLS 2350 Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll: Morality
Politics in the United States
POLS 2820 American Foreign Policy
POLS 3210 U.S. Housing Policy
POLS 3330 U.S. Public Policy
POLS 3500 East Asian Political Economy
POLS 3600 Problems of Globalization
POLS 3660 US Strategy in Asia
POLS 3670 America and the Middle East
POLS 3780 Disability Theory and Politics
POLS 3800 Structure of Poverty: Globally and Locally
POLS 3810 Latin American-U.S. Relations
POLS 3910 Federal Government Internship
POLS 3912 Administrative Internship
POLS 3911 State or Local Government Internship

Senior Seminar Requirement (3 hours):

Students must complete 1 of the following:

POLS 4171 Law, Policy, and Society
POLS 4130/5130 American Race Relations
POLS 4150 Gender and Politics
POLS 4200/5200 Seminar in State Politics
POLS 4300/5300 Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy
POLS 4340/5350 Issues in Public Policy
POLS 4510: Democratization
POLS 4650 War, Peace, and Politics
POLS 4840/5840 Global Health Politics and Policy
POLS 4930/5310 Issues in American Public
Administration
POLS 4960 Senior Research
POLS 4990/4991 Senior Honors Thesis on a Public
Policy topic
POLS 4980 Advanced Independent Study

As an alternative to one of the 4000-level seminars, students having a grade-point average of 3.30 or better may, with Department Chair approval, take POLS 4960 (formerly POLS 483), an individual research project under the supervision of a Political Science faculty member.

With permission, students may write a Political Science honors thesis, which can substitute for one of the 4000-level seminars.

Students may substitute 5000-level seminars taught by regular Political Science faculty for the required 4000-level seminars.

Political science majors may not count more than four 1000 level courses toward work toward the 34-hours Political Science requirement. Majors may not count more than six hours of independent study (POLS 4980) and/or internship work toward the major. Majors must complete at least four 3000 or higher courses. Only 15 hours of transfer credit can apply towards the major. The two 4000-level courses and the methods class must be completed at Saint Louis University and not by transfer credit. Substitutions must be approved by the department Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies.