

# POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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## Political Science and Public Administration at NMU

The Political Science and Public Administration Department has three major objectives. First, the department provides students with a traditional liberal arts education. The department's offerings in the university-wide liberal studies program create an awareness and understanding of national and international political processes. Second, the department's professional and preprofessional programs in political science, law, public administration and education facilitate the development of talented and ethical leaders and educators. Third, the department's faculty and students study and assist in the resolution of political and administrative problems in the local community, the Upper Peninsula region, and the state.

The department offers majors in political science and public administration. Students interested in legal careers may designate a pre-law emphasis as part of a political science major. Students interested in secondary teaching may pursue a professional education emphasis along with a political science major. A political science minor and a public administration minor are available and can be arranged to complement a variety of majors. Interdisciplinary majors in social science and secondary education social studies are offered by the department, along with support courses in the international studies major. See the "Interdisciplinary Programs" and "International Studies" sections of this bulletin.

Internships in public administration and law are secured for qualified juniors and seniors. Internships are available at the local, state and national level. Competitive scholarships for student interns in the nation's capital are provided through the Northern Michigan University/Washington Center Internship Program.

## Student Organizations

- College Republicans Student Organization
- Model United Nations Club
- Political Science Symposium

- Student Law Forum
- Student Michigan Education Association
- Young Democrats Student Organization

## Pre-law Advising

Pre-law students enroll in courses, work as legal interns and participate in mock trial competition and other law-related extracurricular activities. All students planning to attend law school are encouraged to consult with the university pre-law advisers in the Political Science and Public Administration Department. While law schools do not require a political science major, students interested in legal careers frequently select the political science/pre-law major.

## Department/Program Policies

The Political Science and Public Administration Department's policies are the same as the university's regular admission and graduation requirements for its non-teaching majors.

Students majoring in secondary education political science or minoring in political science secondary education must maintain a grade point average of 2.70 or greater with no grade below a "C" in the professional education sequence, the major and/or minor's and required cognates combined.

## BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

**Liberal Studies:** Complete information on the liberal studies requirements and additional graduation requirements, including the health promotion requirement, is in the "Liberal Studies Program and Graduation Requirements" section of this bulletin (38-44).

Courses within each major that can be used to satisfy liberal studies requirements are listed with the roman numeral (in brackets) that coincides with the liberal studies division the course falls under.

### Political Science Major

This major trains students in government, public policy and political theory, communication and analysis, independent thinking, and problem definition and solving.

<b>Total Credits Required for Degree</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Liberal Studies</b>	<b>30-40</b>
<b>Health Promotion</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Required Courses in Major</b>	<b>34</b>
PS 101 Introduction to Political Science [IV]	4
<i>Subject to waiver with adviser's approval.</i>	
PS 490 Senior Seminar	2
<b>Political Science Core</b>	<b>12</b>
<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
PS 105 American Government (4 cr.) [IV]	
PS 203 Comparative Government (4 cr.)	
PS 206 International Relations (4 cr.)	
PS 207 History of Political Theory (4 cr.) [II]	
<b>Political Science Electives</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Minor</b>	<b>20</b>

### Political Science/Pre-Law Major

This major prepares students for law schools and legal careers. It has all of the same areas of emphasis as the political science major but also includes courses that focus on the law and judicial process.

<b>Total Credits Required for Degree</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Liberal Studies</b>	<b>30-40</b>
<b>Health Promotion</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Required Courses in Major</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Political Science Core</b>	<b>18</b>
PS 101 Introduction to Political Science [IV] <i>or</i>	4
PS 105 American Government [IV]	
PS 203 Comparative Government <i>or</i>	4
PS 206 International Relations	
PS 207 History of Political Theory [II] <i>or</i>	4
PS 411 American Political Thought [II]	

PS 303 Public Opinion and Voting Behavior <i>or</i>	4
PS 309 State and Local Government	
PS 490 Senior Seminar	2
<b>Pre-Law Core</b>	<b>8</b>
PS 215 Introduction to Law	4
PS 331 Judicial Process	4
<b>Pre-Law Electives</b>	<b>4-8</b>
<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
PS 332 Administrative Law (4 cr.)	
PS 430 American Constitutional Law and Politics (4 cr.)	
<b>Pre-Law Electives</b>	<b>4-8</b>
<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
PS 297 Mock Trial (2 cr.)	
PS 341 Social Welfare Policy Making (4 cr.)	
PS 491 Legal Internship (2-8 cr.)	
<b>Minor</b>	<b>20</b>

### Public Administration Major

This major prepares students for careers in management in the public sector. Students analyze and discuss operations of all forms and levels of government and learn the basic principles of government, political philosophy, statistical analysis and computer literacy.

<b>Total Credits Required for Degree</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Liberal Studies</b>	<b>30-40</b>
<b>Health Promotion</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Required Courses in Major</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Political Science Core</b>	<b>22</b>
PS 105 American Government [IV]	4
PS 201 Methods of Public Policy Analysis	4
PS 309 State and Local Government	4
PS 401 Seminar in Public Policy Analysis	4
PS 407 Principles of Public Administration	4
PS 490 Senior Seminar	2
<b>Public Administration Core</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
PS 303 Public Opinion and Voting Behavior (4 cr.)	
PS 332 Administrative Law (4 cr.)	
PS 341 Social Welfare Policy Making (4 cr.)	
PS 402 Political Economy (4 cr.)	
PS 406 Legislative Politics (4 cr.)	
PS 491 Internship in Public Policy (2-8 cr.)	
<b>Minor</b>	<b>20</b>

**Secondary Education Political Science Major**

Completion of the required courses in this major, a teaching minor and the professional education sequence lead to certification as a secondary teacher of political science.

<b>Total Credits Required for Degree</b>	<b>127-131</b>
<b>Liberal Studies</b>	<b>30-40</b>
<b>Health Promotion</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Required Courses in Major</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Political Science Core</b>	<b>24</b>
PS 101 Introduction to Political Science [IV]	4
PS 105 American Government [IV]	4
PS 203 Comparative Government	4
PS 206 International Relations	4
PS 309 State and Local Government	4
PS 430 American Constitutional Law and Politics	4
<b>Political Science Elective-Politics</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
PS 303 Public Opinion and Voting Behavior	
PS 406 Legislative Politics	
<b>Political Science Electives</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Teaching Minor, minimum</b>	<b>20-24</b>
<b>Professional Education</b>	<b>33</b>
ED 201 Introduction to Education	2
ED 231 Teaching and Learning in the Secondary Classroom	4
ED 301 Dimensions of American Education	2
ED 319 Teaching of Reading for Secondary Teachers	3
ED 349 Teaching for Diversity, Equity and Social Justice in the Secondary School Community	2
PS 350 Methods and Materials in Teaching Social Studies Education	4
ED 361 Special Education and the General Classroom Teacher	2
ED 483 Educational Media and Technology	2
ED 430 Teaching in the Secondary School	11
ED 450 Seminar in Teaching	1

**MINOR PROGRAMS****Political Science Minor**

<b>Total Credits Required for Minor</b>	<b>20</b>
PS 101 Introduction to Political Science	4
<i>Subject to waiver with adviser's approval.</i>	
PS 105 American Government	4
PS 203 Comparative Government	4
Political Science Electives (any level)	8

**Political Science Education Minor**

<b>Total Credits Required for Minor</b>	<b>20-24</b>
PS 101 Introduction to Political Science	4
<i>Subject to waiver with adviser's approval.</i>	
PS 105 American Government	4
PS 203 Comparative Government	4
PS 206 International Relations	4
PS 309 State and Local Government	4
PS 350 Methods and Materials in Teaching Social Studies Education*	4
<i>* Not required if major is economics education, geography education, history education or social studies education.</i>	

**Public Administration Minor**

<b>Total Credits Required for Minor</b>	<b>20</b>
PS 105 American Government	4
<b>Political Science Electives</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
PS 201 Methods of Public Policy Analysis (4 cr.)	
PS 309 State and Local Government (4 cr.)	
PS 332 Administrative Law (4 cr.)	
PS 401 Seminar in Public Policy Analysis (4 cr.)	
PS 402 Political Economy (4 cr.)	
PS 407 Principles of Public Administration (4 cr.)	