

*University of Indianapolis – Shaheen College of Arts & Sciences*  
**2025-2026 Curriculum Guide for Political Science Majors (PSCI)**  
 Bachelor of Arts

**Year I**

- **HIST 105** Freshman Seminar in History, Political Science & International Relations (1)
- **PSCI 101** American National Government (3)
- **IREL 101** Introduction to International Relations (3)

**Year II**

- **PSCI 205** State and Local Government (3)
- **PSCI 201** Writing in Political Science (3)
- **PSCI 301** Research Design and Methods (4)

**Year II, III and IV**

- **PSCI ELEC** Political Science Electives\*
- **IREL ELEC** International Relations Electives\*

**Year IV**

- **PSCI 475** Capstone Research Project (4)

\* There is no specific sequence in which elective courses must be taken, but a total of 21 hours of electives must be completed according to the following distribution. Each student should consult her/his advisor or the Academic Catalog for individual course prerequisites.

**NOTE:** Courses numbered 300 or above are not open to freshmen.

**Political Science Electives:** (a minimum of 21 hours is required)**Group I:** American Government and Political Theory (choose at least 12 hours)

- **PSCI 323** Public Administration (4)
- **PSCI 356** Political Theory (4)
- **PSCI 411** American Political Behavior (4)
- **PSCI 415** Women in Politics (4)
- **PSCI 418** Public Policy (4)
- **PSCI 419** Political Parties (4)
- **PSCI 420** American Political Institutions (4)
- **PSCI 440** Common Law (4)
- **PSCI 444** Constitutional Law I: Powers of Government (4)
- **PSCI 445** Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights and Liberties (4)
- **PSCI 410** Campaigns and Elections (4)
- **PSCI 450** Internship in Political Science (1-15) \*\*\*
- **PSCI 480** Special Topics in Political Science (1-4)

**Group II:** International Relations and Comparative Politics (choose at least 5 hours)

- **IREL 300** Model United Nations (1)
- **IREL 302** Model European Union (1)
- **IREL 335** Comparative Politics (4)
- **IREL 336** Political Development (4)
- **IREL 343** Foreign Policy Analysis (4)
- **IREL 345** International Relations Theory (4)
- **IREL 346** US Foreign Policy: Decision-Making and Process (4)

- IREL 347 International Conflict and Conflict Resolution (4)
- IREL 348 International Organizations and Interdependence (4)
- IREL 352 International Political Economy (4)
- IREL 354 Terrorism: Past, Present, and Future (4)
- IREL 438 Politics of South Asia (4)
- IREL 480 Special Topics in International Relations (4)

No more than **8 hours** of advanced IREL elective courses may be counted towards both a Political Science and an International Relations major. Students with a double major in both disciplines must complete 16 hours of advanced (300/400-level) courses in PSCI, in addition to PSCI 301.

#### NOTES:

- The Political Science Major requires a total of 41 credit hours.
- The Political Science Major requires a total of 29 hours of IREL and PSCI courses above the 200 level.
- No more than 8 hours of internship credit may apply to the Political Science major.
- A grade of C- (1.7 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required in all courses applying toward the Political Science Major.
- The Bachelor of Arts Degree requires a minimum of 120 hours.
- See the General Education Core Guide for additional course requirements.
- A student may complete more than one major as long as each major has at least 24 discrete hours. Please see the Academic Catalog for additional details.

**REMEMBER:** If you have any questions about the Political Science Major and its requirements, contact a faculty advisor from the History & Political Science Department (Dr. Edward Frantz Department Chairperson: 788-4906, Good Hall Room 203G) or your academic advisor. Courses and requirements sometimes change so keep in contact with your advisor.