

Northeastern

I L L I N O I S U N I V E R S I T Y

Political Science Major

Introduction

Political Science is central to an understanding of all basic social issues and is one of the most popular liberal arts majors. A political science education gives people the ability to understand the workings of politics and the way it impacts the lives of all of us. A major in this field helps students develop skills of understanding and analysis, and builds competence in oral and written expression. Graduates go on to careers in law, business, journalism, teaching, and government.

Areas of Study

Areas of political science in which courses are offered include: (1) American Politics and Public Affairs; (2) International Relations and Comparative Politics; and (3) Political Theory. Within each area, major themes are explored (e.g., public policy and administration, political values and change, elite-mass relationships, and political parties and groups.)

Degree Requirements

Majors in Political Science must complete 33 credits divided between introductory courses that provide a foundation and upper level courses that allow for specialized investigation.

Three introductory courses are required for the major. One of the first courses taken should be PSCI 210 - Introduction to Political Science. Two additional introductory courses must be chosen from the following:

PSCI 216 - American National Government
PSCI 251 - Comparative Political Systems
PSCI 275 - Introduction to World Politics
PSCI 291 - Concepts of Political Science

Eight upper level courses are also required. These are selected from the three areas of study: American Politics and Public Affairs; International Relations and Comparative Politics; and Political Theory. Majors choose one of these areas as their area of concentration and complete five 300-level courses in that area. Two 300-level courses must be completed from a second area of study and one 300-level course from the remaining area.



Faculty

The ten faculty members of the Department of Political Science all hold doctoral degrees from a variety of outstanding institutions including: Cornell, Rochester, Tennessee, Florida, Massachusetts, Northern Arizona, John Hopkins, and Purdue.

Accessibility for Full-Time and Part-Time Students

Especially aware of the needs of part-time as well as full-time students, courses on Political Science are available for a full undergraduate program during days, evenings, and Saturdays.

For further information call 773 / 442-5560

Bachelor Degree Requirements

A minimum of 120 semester hours must be earned by every undergraduate student to be eligible to graduate from Northeastern.

Additional requirements:

- General Education Program:** All undergraduate students must complete the General Education Program requirements consisting of 39 semester hours in the following distribution areas:
 - Behavioral/Social Sciences (12 hours)
 - Natural Sciences (9 hours)
 - Mathematics (3 hours; grade of "C" or higher at college level)
 - Humanities (9 hours)
 - Fine Arts (6 hours)
- University Requirements:** English Composition I (grade of "C" or higher); Constitution (includes Illinois State Constitution); Improving Human Relations (consult the schedule of classes or catalog for listing of courses); and English Competency Examination.
- Residency:** The last 30 consecutive credit hours must be taken at Northeastern, unless permission is received from the Office of Enrollment Services.
- Upper Division:** Students must complete a minimum of 24 semester hours at the 300 level and 18 semester hours at the 200 or 300 level.
- Academic Major and Minor:** Undergraduate students must complete a major. Some majors require a minor or set of cognate courses. Students should refer to the section of the Catalog which details the requirements for each major to determine if a minor or a set of cognate courses is required. Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all courses counted toward the major, the minor, cognate, and professional sequences. No "P" grades will count toward a major, minor, or approved area of study. All grade point average requirements must be met for the successful completion of a program of study.
- Grade Point Average:** To be eligible to graduate, a student must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA (overall "C" average). Some academic programs and departments have other specific grade requirements. Check with your academic advisor.



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Freshmen: 19 composite ACT or 890 combined SAT or top 50% class rank. Transfer: Cumulative 2.0 GPA (on 4.0 scale) from all colleges and/or universities attended and be in good academic standing.

Application Deadlines

Fall	July 1
Spring	November 1
Summer I	April 1
Summer II	May 1

International Deadlines

Fall	June 1
Spring	October 1
Summer I	March 1
Summer II	April 1

Financial Aid

For Financial Aid information, call 773-442-5000 or visit the web at www.neiu.edu. Click on Financial Aid & Scholarships.

Northeastern's Federal School code is 001693.

For Foundation Scholarship information, contact Michelle Morrow at M-Morrow@neiu.edu or visit the web at www.neiu.edu. Click on Financial Aid & Scholarships.

Pre-Admission Counseling

Meet with a pre-admission counselor in the Admissions Counseling Office. Prospective students are seen on a walk-in basis. Admissions Counselors are available:

Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Fridays
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For pre-admission counseling information, call 773-442-4050 or e-mail admrec@neiu.edu.



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