



# Political Science Major

## Introduction-Opportunities

The Northeastern Illinois University Political Science B.A. degree completion program at the University Center offers students the opportunity to take courses in the career-relevant areas of public administration, public policy, and public law. The primary area of emphasis for NEIU students seeking the B.A. in Political Science degree at the University Center will be American Politics and Public Affairs, as that is the area into which most public administration, public law, and public policy courses fall.

This especially tailored Political Science program prepares students for diverse careers in the public, private, law-related, and nonprofit sectors. Also, this B.A. in Political Science degree is a very good foundation for pursuing graduate degrees in public administration, public policy, political science, nonprofit management, business administration, and law.

## Target Audience

Students with an AA or AS or a minimum of 60 semester hours and who are interested in careers in public administration, public policy, political science, law, nonprofit and/or business management.

## Accreditation

Northeastern Illinois University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.



## Major Required Courses

Students must have completed three (9 credits) of the introductory Political Science courses listed below (or their equivalents) before being admitted into the University Center program.

PSCI 210	Introduction to Political Science .....	3 cr.
PSCI 216	American National Government.....	3 cr.
PSCI 251	Comparative Political Systems .....	3 cr.
PSCI 275	Introduction to World Politics.....	3 cr.
PSCI 291	Concepts of Political Science .....	3 cr.
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>9 cr.</b>

At the University Center, students will take eight 300-level Political Science courses. This will include five 300-level courses in the area of American Politics and Public Affairs and three courses in the secondary and tertiary areas of International Relations/Comparative Politics and Political Theory.

Eight 300	level courses to be distributed among: .....	24 cr.
First Area	5 courses in American Politics and Public Affairs	
Second Area	2 courses in International /Comparative Politics or Political Theory	
Third Area	1 course in International /Comparative Politics or Political Theory	
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>33 cr.</b>

## Degree Requirements

- It is expected that students will have completed the three introductory Political Science courses (9 credits) before being admitted into the University Center program.
- Community college courses may not be used to fulfill 300-level requirements.
- Transfer courses must be approved by the department before being applied to the major or minor.
- Students must complete at least half of their major or minor course work at Northeastern.

Subject to change. See current catalog for up-to-date information. For further information call 773 / 442-5640.

# Bachelor Degree Requirements

Students are expected to have completed an Associate of Arts or Sciences degree or have completed a minimum of 60 semester credits. Students with an AA degree from an Illinois Community College and/or completion of the IAI will have fulfilled Northeastern's general education requirements.

## University Requirements

A minimum of 120 semester hours must be earned to be eligible to graduate from Northeastern.

**1. 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)

**2. University Requirements:** English Composition I (grade of "C" or higher); Improving Human Relations (consult the schedule of classes or catalog for listing of courses).

**3. Residency:** The last 30 consecutive credit hours must be taken at Northeastern, unless permission is received from the Office of Enrollment Services.

**4. 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.

**5. 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, minor or approved area of study. All grade point average requirements must be met for the successful completion of a program of study.

**6. 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.

## Application Deadlines

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

## Admissions

Students must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher for all college or university course work attempted. Students must be in good academic standing at the last college or university attended. Required documents are an application for admission, \$25 nonrefundable application fee, and official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended.

## Transfer Policy

For admission purposes only, all college level course work at post-secondary institutions previously attended will be considered in the calculation of grade point average. Up to 60 credits of transferable community college course work will be counted toward the minimum 120 hours needed for graduation. Courses from colleges or universities must have been completed at the appropriate level to be eligible for transfer credit consideration.

## Financial Aid

For Financial Aid information, call (773) 442-5000 or visit the web at [www.neiu.edu](http://www.neiu.edu). Click on Financial Aid & Scholarships.

Northeastern's Federal School code is 001693.

For Foundation Scholarship information, please contact Michelle Morrow at [M-Morrow@neiu.edu](mailto:M-Morrow@neiu.edu) or visit the web at [www.neiu.edu/~schret](http://www.neiu.edu/~schret).

## Contact Information

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