

Political Science Education

Required Courses

Why Choose Political Science Education?

The Political Science Education program prepares prospective teachers for the challenges of teaching students from a broad range of cultural backgrounds in such diverse educational settings as traditional high and middle schools, vocational-technical centers, alternative and magnet schools and tech-prep programs.

Current vocational studies predict growing opportunities for teachers at all levels, both to replace retiring teachers and to provide lower student-teacher ratios in classrooms.

High school graduates, whether they plan to attend college or not, need to be contributing members of society. Understanding their role in the political systems of the world is necessary in order to help them meet the demands of their future careers. The FSU program prepares prospective teachers with the knowledge and skills essential to provide effective Political Science instruction for students in Michigan and throughout the nation.

Career Opportunities

The Political Science education program prepares students to teach in high school, as well as in vocational-technical centers, alternative and magnet schools, tech-prep programs and other non-traditional educational settings. With additional study, students may also teach in post-secondary schools. The program focuses on preparing prospective teachers for the challenges of teaching students from a broad range of educational and cultural backgrounds. Political Science teachers are in high demand and the employment outlook is excellent. A teaching minor is required. You cannot have a Political Science teaching minor with this teaching major.

Admission Requirements

High school students and transfer students with 29 credit hours or less must possess a high school grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or an ACT composite score of 17 or 900 SAT. Transfer students with 30 credit hours or more must possess a 2.0 cumulative GPA. Students transferring into the program with completed majors or minors must have the appropriate GPA as established by each department. Consult individual program description for other admission requirements.

General Education Requirements

All University General Education requirements for a Bachelor's degree are here

Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives.

Consult the Required Courses above or the program advisor for program specific General Education requirements.

Teacher Certification Requirements

As required by the State of Michigan to receive teacher certification, all teacher candidates must: (1) pass the Michigan Basic Skills Exam, (2) pass the pedagogy tests in their subject area majors and minors, and (3) have a 2.50 minimum GPA to receive teacher certification in Michigan. These state requirements are in addition to the FSU graduation requirements of your individual program.

Graduation Requirements

The Political Science education program leads to a Bachelor of Science degree through the School of Education, College of Education & Human Services. Graduates must complete all of FSU's general education, biology, and education requirements. Professional education requirements include a semester of directed student teaching. Consult individual program description for other graduation requirements.

A 2.75 GPA is required for successful completion of the Political Science major.

More Information

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