

Political Science • Bachelor of Science

Why Choose Political Science?

Political Science as an academic discipline historically developed from the interrelationships between political science and law. Today, political science is multi-disciplinary in both substance and methodology and borrows heavily from economics, sociology, psychology, business administration, social work and criminal justice. In this major you will take coursework in these related disciplines.

As a leading career-oriented institution, Ferris offers you valuable training not found elsewhere. Because of our strong technical programs, you can broaden your academic credentials to include coursework and training in numerous technological fields. The Political Science program at Ferris combines for you multi-disciplinary scholarship with practical training in government, business and technology.

Get a Great Job

Are you concerned with improving the quality of life in your local community, the state of Michigan, the nation? Do you like to work with people? A political science degree will open numerous career paths for you to make a difference.

As a graduate of Ferris with a bachelor of science degree in Political Science, you will have developed the intellectual and practical skills to find entry-level employment in federal, state, regional, and local governmental agencies. Numerous positions exist in the private sector for persons knowledgeable about government policy and procedures. Nonprofit community and social service organizations also will find your credentials appealing.

As a Ferris graduate, you will have the scholarly training necessary to enter graduate and professional programs in Political Science, public administration, the social sciences, management, public policy, social work, criminal justice, law or technology.

Admission Requirements

First year student admission is open to high school graduates (or equivalent) who demonstrate academic preparedness, maturity and seriousness of purpose with educational backgrounds appropriate to their chosen program of study. High school courses and grade point average, ACT composite score, and ACT reading and mathematics subscores will be considered in the admission and placement process. Transfer students must have at least 12 credits at the time of application with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA including an English and mathematics course, or they must provide their high school records and ACT scores for admission review.

Graduation Requirements

The Political Science program at Ferris leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. Graduation requires a minimum 2.0 GPA and a minimum of 120 credits. Students must complete all general education requirements as outlined on the General Education website.

Required Courses

Credit Hours

General Education

This degree requires completion of the General Education requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree. Details of these requirements are delineated on the General Education website. Courses listed below as program/major required courses with the indicators: C, S, Z, R, G, may also be used to satisfy some of these general education requirements.

ACCT 201	Principles of Accounting 1	3
Choose one:		
ANTH 122	Intro Cultural Anthropology	3
OR		
SOCY 121	Introductory Sociology	3
OR		
SOCY 122	Social Problems	3
COMM 121	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
ECON 221	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 222	Principles of Microeconomics	3
Choose two:		
HIST 121	US History to 1877	3
OR		
HIST 122	US History - 1877 to Present	3
OR		
HIST 277	American Business History	3
PHIL 216	Introduction to Ethics	3
GEOG 311	Social Aspects of GIS	3
MGMT 305	Supervision and Leadership	3
PLSC 121	Amer Gov 1-People and Politics	3
PLSC 122	Amer Gov 2-Policy Making	3
PLSC 251	Public Administration	3
PLSC 311	American State-Local Govt	3
PLSC 411	Urban-Regional Planning	3
PLSC 421	Public Sector Labor Management	3
PLSC 465	Local Govt Budget Analysis	3
PLSC 481	Political Science Capstone	2
PLSC 491	Political Science Internship	4
PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 325	Social Psychology	3
OR		
PSYC 326	Indust-Organizational Psych	3
SOCY 340	Minority Groups in America	3
SSCI 310	Applied Social Research Method	3

Students also choose a 15-credit specialization from one of the following areas:

Communications
Criminal Justice
Economics and Business Administration
Legal Studies
Nonprofit Organization Administration and Grant Writing
Social Work
Television Production

Electives to achieve the minimum 120 credits including a minimum of 40 credits numbered 300 or higher.



More Information

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