Program Description

The Online Political Science Bachelor’s Degree at UIS provides students with a systematic knowledge of political life, helping them evaluate public issues and make decisions through a balanced program of study in which philosophical, empirical, and policy concerns complement one another. Our political science curriculum offers a flexible course of study that provides a solid foundation for a career in law, politics, public service, research, or teaching.

Admission Requirements

In order to be admitted to the Online Political Science Bachelor’s degree program, students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and reside at least 50 miles outside of Springfield, Illinois. Students should apply directly through the Office of Admissions at http://www.uis.edu/admissions/applytoday

We recommend that students complete all of their Illinois general education requirements before they begin the online Political Science Bachelor’s degree program. Students may apply and be admitted to the Online Political Science Bachelor’s Degree Program prior to completing all of their general education requirements; however, they may need to complete missing general education requirements either at a local community college or online through UIS.
Degree Requirements

Undergraduate majors must take five foundation courses and a closing seminar:

- PSC/LES 201: Introduction to the American Political System (3 credit hours)
- PSC 325: Introduction to Political Philosophy (3 credit hours)
- PSC 371: ECCE: Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 credit hours)
- PSC 373: ECCE: Introduction to International Relations (3 credit hours)
- PSC 451: Empirical Political Analysis (3 credit hours)
- PSC 485: Closing Seminar (2 credit hours) or
- PSC 486: Honors Closing Seminar (2 credit hours)

All students intending to become PSC majors should take PSC 201: Introduction to the American Political System prior to taking any other PSC course. Students are encouraged to take the foundation courses, including PSC 451, prior to taking other 400 level courses.

PSC 325: Introduction to Political Philosophy is a prerequisite to advanced courses in political philosophy (PSC 425-435).

PSC 371: Introduction to Comparative Politics and 373 Introduction to International Relations are prerequisites to advanced courses in comparative and international politics (PSC 471-478).

Students should consult with academic advisors in the major for specific guidance regarding completion of general education requirements.

In addition to the 17 hours of foundation courses, students are required to take 15 hours of PSC electives, which must be at the 300 or 400 level.

This brings the total hours in the major to 32.

Official degree requirements are available in the UIS catalog at www.uis.edu/uiscatalog

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