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

Freshman Applicants:

- No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria

Transfer Applicants:

- In order to be admitted to the online BA program in Political Science, students must have a minimum of 3.0 GPA
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)

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.

Official degree requirements are available in the UIS catalog at https://catalog.uis.edu/

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