

The University of South Dakota

Major Credit Hour count: 36

Major: Political Science, B.S.

[2021-2022 Academic Catalog]

**First Year - 1st Semester**

ENGL 101 Composition I  
Mathematics  
Fine Arts  
POLS 101 Introduction to Political Science  
First Year Seminar

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
SGR 1	3
SGR 5	4
SGR 4	3
Major, BS	3
	1
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>14</b>

**Second Year - 1st Semester**

POLS 202 Writing & Research in POLS\*  
Additional Mathematics  
Natural Science  
Humanities  
Minor

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
SGR 1, M	3
BS	3
SGR 6	4
SGR 4	3
BS	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>16</b>

**Third Year - 1st Semester**

POLS Amer. Pals/Inst. Course  
POLS Elective  
Additional Science  
Elective  
Minor

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
Major	3
Major	3
BS	4
	3
BS	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>16</b>

**Fourth Year - 1st Semester**

POLS Comp. Pals/Intl. Rel. Course  
Minor  
Elective

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
Major	3
BS	6
	6
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>15</b>

**First Year - 2nd Semester**

POLS 100 American Government  
POLS 141 or 250  
ENGL 210 Introduction to Literature  
Additional Mathematics  
CMST 101 Fundamentals of Speech

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
SGR 3+Major	3
Major	3
BS	3
BS	3
SGR 2	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>15</b>

**Second Year - 2nd Semester**

POLS 320 Public Admin. or 226 Public Pol.  
POLS 205 Info Literacy in Soc. Sci.\*\*  
Natural Science  
Minor  
Social Science (non-POLS)

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
Major, BS	3
Major	3
SGR 6	4
BS	3
SGR 3	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>16</b>

**Third Year - 2nd Semester**

POLS Pub. Admin./Pub. Policy Course  
POLS Elective  
Elective  
Minor  
Additional Science

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
Major	3
Major	3
	3
BS	3
BS	4
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>16</b>

**Fourth Year - 2nd Semester**

POLS 489 Capstone\*\*  
Minor  
Elective

SGR/Major Requirement	Cr Hrs
Major	3
BS	3
	6
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>12</b>

**Total Major Requirements 120**

Notes:

\*POLS 202 also meets the SGR #1 Written Communication requirement for ENG 201.

\*\*POLS/CJUS double majors take either the POLS course or the CJUS 205 information literacy course, but not both. POLS/CJUS double majors also take either the POLS course or the CJUS 489 capstone, but not both. The combined POLS/CJUS double major must equal 60 total credits.

No more than 3 credits of internship may count toward the major.

\*\*\*Students must complete at least one elective in each of three areas: American politics/institutions, public policy/public admin., and international relations/comparative politics.