

# POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR—BA

**Minimum of 37 semester course credits and general BA requirements** (<https://catalog.mills.edu/undergraduate/academic-requirements/ba-requirements>)

Each student must complete at least five breadth courses across the five main subfields of political science and select a major concentration. Each student must complete at least 18 semester course credits in the concentration. Finally, each student must complete a capstone research experience.

## Breadth Requirement

Students must complete at least 3 semester course credits in each of the five main subfields of political science. A course cannot be used for two subfields for the breadth requirements.

### American Politics

Code	Title	Credits
ETHS 040/140	Activism in the Digital Age	3-4
ETHS 165	Politics of Chicanx and Latinx Communities	3-4
PPOL 093	Law and Society	3
PPOL 115	The American Presidency	3
PPOL 151	Political Representation	3-4
PPOL 152	American Constitutional Law: Fundamental Freedoms	3-4
PPOL 157	Minority Political Behavior	3-4

### Comparative Politics

Code	Title	Credits
ETHS 039	Latin American Social Movements	3-4
PPOL 016	Comparative Politics	3
PPOL 130	Regime Change	3-4
PPOL 142	African Politics	3-4
PPOL 143	States and Nations	3
PPOL 187	Comparative Politics of Social Policy	1-3

### International Relations

Code	Title	Credits
ETHS 047	The "Third World": Colonialism and Globalization	3
ETHS 158	Latin American Transnational Migration	3-4
PPOL 017	International Relations	4
PPOL 132	Theories of International Relations	3-4
PPOL 148	Model United Nations	3

### Political Analysis

Code	Title	Credits
DATA 150	Introduction to Data Analysis	4
ECON 081	Introduction to Statistics	3
ECON 165	Applied Econometrics	3
ECON 182	Modeling and Data Analysis	4

MATH 102	Probability and Statistics	4
PPOL 100	Methods of Social Research and Policy Analysis	4

### Political Theory

Code	Title	Credits
ETHS 126	Theories of Race and Ethnicity	4
ETHS 150	Black Feminist Theory	3
PHIL 028/128	Political Philosophy	3
PHIL 125	Philosophy of Law	3
WGSS 106	Postcolonial Feminist Theory and Literature	3-4
WGSS 135	Race, Sexuality, and the State	3
WGSS 182	Feminist and Queer Theories	3

### Electives

Students must complete 6 elective credits, chosen in consultation with their advisory, and drawn from courses in Political Science and Public Policy or in related disciplines, including but not limited to Sociology, History, Economics, Ethnic Studies, WGSS, and Philosophy. Foreign language courses are recommended for students concentrating in Comparative/International Relations.

## Concentrations

Students must select a concentration and complete at least 12 semester course credits in the concentration. At least 6 of the concentration credits must be at the upper division level. Additional courses not on the lists below may be counted with advisor approval.

### American Politics Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
ETHS 040/140	Activism in the Digital Age	3-4
ETHS 165	Politics of Chicanx and Latinx Communities	3-4
ETHS 166	Women of Color in Social Movements	3-4
PSYC 155	Social Psychology	3
PSYC 158	Psychology of Intergroup Relations and Prejudice	3
PPOL 093	Law and Society	3
PPOL 115	The American Presidency	3
PPOL 118	Women's Leadership in Politics: Theory and Practice	4
PPOL 143	States and Nations	3
PPOL 151	Political Representation	3-4
PPOL 152	American Constitutional Law: Fundamental Freedoms	3-4
PPOL 157	Minority Political Behavior	3-4
WGSS 135	Race, Sexuality, and the State	3

### Comparative Politics and International Relations Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 155	International Trade	3
ECON 158	International Finance	3-4
ECON 159	Economic Development	3-4
ETHS 039	Latin American Social Movements	3-4
ETHS 047	The "Third World": Colonialism and Globalization	3
ETHS 158	Latin American Transnational Migration	3-4
PPOL 016	Comparative Politics	3

PPOL 017	International Relations	4
PPOL 130	Regime Change	3-4
PPOL 143	States and Nations	3
PPOL 148	Model United Nations	3
PPOL 150	Environmental Policy Analysis	4
PPOL 187	Comparative Politics of Social Policy	1-3

### Political Analysis Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
CS 080AJ	Python For All	4
DATA 60	Data Visualization	3-3
DATA 150	Introduction to Data Analysis	4
ECON 081	Introduction to Statistics	3
ECON 149	Strategic Behavior	4-4
ECON 165	Applied Econometrics	3
ECON 182	Modeling and Data Analysis	4
ETHS 119	Action Research for Social Change	4
ETHS 189/190	Research Methods with Communities of Color, with Fieldwork	4
MATH 102	Probability and Statistics	4
PPOL 100	Methods of Social Research and Policy Analysis	4
PSYC 151	Research Methods in Psychology	4
WGSS 101	Feminist and Queer Research Methodologies	4
WGSS 187	Fieldwork Study in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies	4

### Political Theory Concentration

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PHIL 125	Philosophy of Law	3
WGSS 106	Postcolonial Feminist Theory and Literature	3-4
WGSS 135	Race, Sexuality, and the State	3
WGSS 182	Feminist and Queer Theories	3

### Capstone Research Requirement

Students are required to accrue at least 4 semester course credits in active research projects. Students may choose to accomplish this requirement by completing directed research on faculty-led projects for credit or preparing a thesis in a senior seminar course offered by the Department of Public Policy and Political Science or, with permission of their advisor and the instructor, the Department of Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

### Honors

To receive honors in the major, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all classes and a GPA of 3.7 within the major. Students must also enroll in a senior seminar course and complete the associated thesis.