

Political Science

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)



Discover world economics, policy making and political relationships with a degree in Political Science from Black Hills State University. The political arena is ever-changing. Congressional power shifts keep law makers and history writers busy. If you want a career that is fast-paced and challenging; has great employment opportunities; and can be your catalyst into the political scene, the BHSU Political Science degree is the clear choice for you.

PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE:

As a political science student at BHSU, you'll study world events from a variety of perspectives and strive to unravel the history and development of political systems. Through the examination of different types of political organizations from various eras in history, you'll learn to identify the best practices and implement them into new proposals and ideas. Good written and verbal communication skills are crucial for political science students to clearly and accurately articulate issues and views.

A Political Science degree will prepare you for career opportunities in government agencies, political parties, public service, lobbying groups, research institutes and congressional and state legislative staff positions. Considering law school or graduate school? A degree in political science will help you reach your long-term goals.

LEARN FROM THE BEST:

You will learn from dedicated, politically-involved professors who keep pace with the dynamic world of politics. BHSU's professors stay abreast of current government politics and publish essays in political journals.

ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE:

You will have immense exposure to the areas of American government and politics, international relations, comparative politics and political philosophy. BHSU will open the doors to a variety of internship opportunities within state government or lobbying groups.

Black Hills State is your ticket into the political arena.

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CAREER OPTIONS:

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to do with what you can
achieve.*

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Peace Corps
Law
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Required Core

POLS 100 American Government **
POLS 141 Governments of the World
POLS 210 State and Local Government
POLS 250 World Politics
POLS 400 The President and Congress
POLS 411 International Political Economy
POLS 461 Early Political Philosophy or POLS 462 Modern Political Philosophy
SS 350 Introduction to Research Methods

Take 4 additional courses; no more than 2 from each category below and no course can be repeated from above.

U.S. Government Emphasis

POLS 320 Public Administration
POLS 402 Judicial Process
POLS 417 (AIS) American Indian Government and Politics
POLS 430 Constitutional Law
POLS 476 History of South Dakota
SOC 400 Social Policy

Comparative and International Relations Emphasis

HIST 313 History of the Middle East
POLS 341 Europe Democratic Government
POLS 349 Politics of Non-Western Nations
POLS 418 (HIST) Latin American History & Politics
POLS 459 Political Geography
POLS 469 American Foreign Relations

Political Philosophy Emphasis

POLS 461 Early Political Philosophy
POLS 462 Modern Political Philosophy
POLS 465 Contemporary Political Thought

General Education Requirements

- ENGL 101 Composition I
- ENGL 201 Composition II
- SPCM 101, 215, or 222 Speech
- Social Science, minimum 2 different subject areas (9 credits)
- Arts & Humanities, minimum 2 different subject areas (12 credits)
- MATH 102 College Algebra or higher math
- Natural Science with Lab (8 credits)
- Wellness & Wellness Lab (2 credits)
- Globalization Course (3 credits)

A *minor* is required with this major plus electives to total 128 hours, of which 36 hours must be 300-400 level courses.

**Completes one general education requirement.