



Political Science at Case Western Reserve University

<http://politicalscience.case.edu/>

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The Basics

- * 30 credit hours (ten courses) required.
- * 4 required courses: POSC109, The U.S. Political System; POSC160 Introduction to Comparative Politics; POSC172 Introduction to International Relations; and POSC396 Senior Project SAGES Capstone. A.P. credit possible for POSC109 and POSC160 (see <https://admission.case.edu/apply/ap-ib-and-college-credit/>).
- * 6 additional courses required at the 300-level.
- * The POSC396 Senior Project SAGES Capstone is an independent project. A student and a faculty member agree on content and a work plan. Projects count as SAGES capstones. Oral presentations are organized like an academic conference, followed by a buffet dinner for the faculty and students.
- * Three or four SAGES departmental seminars are offered each year.
- * Most POSC courses are seminars. No class has more than 35 students. Our average class size is about 20.
- * POSC majors choose their academic adviser from among regular faculty, subject to mutual agreement.
- * Non-classroom opportunities include the Washington Center Program, which earns credit, and the Wellman Hill Internship Grants program, a competitive program limited to our majors, to fund summer public service internships.
- * Additional opportunities for POSC majors include the Careers Colloquium Public Lecture and a related careers workshop; and funded research assistantship opportunities through the Undergraduate Research Mentoring Assistantship Program.
- * Related programs include minors in political science and in public policy. The Political Science minor requires 15 hours of POSC course work, of which at least 9 hours must be at the 300-level. For details of the Public Policy minor, see <http://policy.case.edu/degree-programs/undergraduate-minor-program/>. The Political Science major fits well with a wide range of other majors (e.g. English, History, Mathematics, Philosophy), and any foreign language major (e.g. French, German, Spanish), as well as with majors in other Colleges (e.g. Economics, Engineering).

Example Schedules for POSC Major

Example #1

Fall	Spring
First Year	
First introductory level course First Seminar [3 additional courses]	Second introductory level course 1 300-level course University Seminar #1 [2 additional courses]
Second Year	
Third introductory level course 1 300-level course University Seminar #2 [2 additional courses]	2 300-level courses [3 additional courses]
Third Year	
300-level course [four additional courses]	300-level course [four additional courses]
Fourth Year	
300-level course [four additional courses]	POSC396 Senior Capstone [four additional courses]

Example #2

Fall	Spring
First Year	
First introductory level course First Seminar [3 additional courses]	Second introductory level course 1 300-level course University Seminar #1 [2 additional courses]
Second Year	
Third introductory level course 1 300-level course University Seminar #2 [2 additional courses]	2 300-level courses [3 additional courses]
Third Year	
STUDY ABROAD*	1 300-level course [four additional courses]
Fourth Year	
1 300-level course [four additional courses]	POSC396 Senior Capstone [four additional courses]

*With approval, some political science courses taken abroad can count toward the POSC major at CWRU. In addition, a semester's study abroad can be taken in the second semester of the junior year (or of the sophomore year; year-long study abroad is also possible, in the junior year). Students should consult with their academic advisor about which semester (or year) abroad would be best for them.



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