



## 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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