



The Department of Political Science and Geography Minor in Political Science

A Minor in Political Science is designed to support students strengthening their understanding of Virginia, US or international politics. With politics and public policy touching virtually every field, the minor is highly relevant and useful. The minor program is for students who want to engage the future as informed citizens, or to apply political science in their major field, whether it is in a social science or the humanities, or anything from biology to computer science, business to engineering, sports to public health.

The department offers two political science minors: a general minor in *Political Science*, and a specialized minor in *Public Law*. Either requires a total of fifteen hours.

Political Science Minor: A minor in political science requires a total of *fifteen hours*, including one introductory course:

- POLS 100S Introduction to International Politics
- POLS 101S Introduction to American Politics
- POLS 102S Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics

In addition, the minor requires *twelve hours* of political science electives at the 300/400 level.

Public Law Minor: A minor in public law requires a total of fifteen hours, including POLS 101S plus twelve hours of political science electives chosen from: POLS 301W, 306, 307, 403, 408, 409, 419, 421, 495/496 Topics in Public Law, or other courses approved by the department chair. The minor in public law *is not open* to students majoring in political science.

Completion of a Political Science or Public Law Minor requires a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 2.00 for all courses taken towards the minor, except 100-level and prerequisite courses. A minimum of six hours in upper-level courses must be taken at ODU. No more than three hours of upper divisional (300 or 400-level courses) may be *doubled counted* toward the Political Science Minor from other majors such as International Studies. No more than three credit hours may be counted toward the Political Science Minor from POLS 367/368 Internship in Political Science or POLS 497 Independent Research.

To Declare a Political Science or Public Law Minor, submit a completed *Majors and Minors Declaration Form* to Mrs. Vinecia Parraway at the Political Science and Geography Department office, BAL 7000, vparrawa@odu.edu

The Program Declaration Form is at <https://www.odu.edu/pols-geog/forms.html.html>