Public Policy Concentration in the Political Science Major

Total required Political Science courses (34 hours total) including the following:

General Requirements for the Major (19 hours)

One course in each of the subfields (12 hours)

- American Politics: POLS 1150
- Comparative Politics: one class
- International Relations: one class
- Political Thought: POLS 1700, 2700, 3710, 3720, or 3770

Methods: POLS 2000 (4 hours)
One Senior Seminar (3 hours)

Required course hours for the Public Policy concentration (6 hours)

Students must complete 2 of the following
- POLS 2930 Introduction to Public Policy
- POLS 2200 American State and Urban Politics
- POLS 2120 The American Congress
- POLS 2220 Urban Politics
- POLS 2600 Introduction to International Political Economy (if taken, may not double count for IR subfield requirement.)

Elective course hours for the Public Policy concentration (6 hours)

Students may not use a Policy elective to fulfill the IR and CP distribution requirement

Students must complete 2 of the following
- POLS 1510 Politics of the Developing World
- POLS 2010 Ethics and Politics
- POLS 2300 Introduction to Public Administration
- POLS 2350 Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll: Morality Politics in the United States
- POLS 2820 American Foreign Policy
- POLS 3210 U.S. Housing Policy
- POLS 3330 U.S. Public Policy
- POLS 3500 East Asian Political Economy
- POLS 3600 Problems of Globalization
- POLS 3660 US Strategy in Asia
- POLS 3670 America and the Middle East
- POLS 3780 Disability Theory and Politics
- POLS 3800 Structure of Poverty: Globally and Locally
- POLS 3810 Latin American-U.S. Relations
- POLS 3910 Federal Government Internship
- POLS 3912 Administrative Internship
- POLS 3911 State or Local Government Internship

Other Cross listed policy courses approved by Department chair/Undergraduate director
Senior Seminar Requirement (3 additional hours)

Students must complete 1 of the following
POLS 4171 Law, Policy, and Society
POLS 4130/5130 American Race Relations
POLS 4150 Gender and Politics
POLS 4200/5200 Seminar in State Politics
POLS 4300/5300 Law, Politics, and Regulatory Policy
POLS 4340/5350 Issues in Public Policy
POLS 4510/5510 Democratization
POLS 4650 War, Peace, and Politics
POLS 4840/5840 Global Health Politics and Policy
POLS 4930/5310 Issues in American Public Administration
POLS 4960 Senior Research
POLS 4990/4991 Senior Honors Thesis on Public Policy
POLS 4980 Advanced Independent Study

Other 4000 or 5000 level seminars approved by the Department chair/Undergraduate director.

As an alternative to one of the 4000-level seminars, students having a grade-point average of 3.30 or better, with Department Chair approval, may complete POLS 4960, an individual research project under the supervision of a Political Science faculty member. With permission, students may write a Political Science honors thesis, which can substitute for one of the 4000-level seminars. Students may substitute 5000-level seminars taught by regular Political Science faculty for the required 4000-level seminars.

Political science majors may count more than four 1000 level courses toward the 34 hours required for a major. Majors may not count more than six hours of independent study (POLS 4980) and/or internship work toward the major. Majors must complete at least four 3000 or higher level courses. Only 15 hours of transfer credit can apply toward the Political Science major. The two 4000-level seminars and the methods class must be completed at Saint Louis University and not by transfer credit. Substitutions must be approved by the department Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies.