

M.Ed./Initial License in Social Studies Education ■ Political Science

What are prerequisites?

Prerequisites are foundational courses required in specific content areas for licensure. Candidates are required to have an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution with a major in political science or closely related field, and with appropriate liberal arts/general education coursework. Students must verify their concentration area and supporting fields competency by completion of the following courses or equivalent. Coursework may be taken at any accredited liberal arts college or university, and you must earn a C- or better.

When do prerequisites need to be completed?

Up to two prerequisite courses may be incomplete at the start of the M.Ed./Initial License program; however, it is strongly encouraged that all prerequisite coursework is completed prior to starting the program. Any in-progress coursework would be counted as complete if an official transcript with proof of enrollment is provided at the time of application. Please check with your program area adviser before registering for any prerequisite coursework.

**Political Science CONCENTRATION AREA COURSES:
 28 credits minimum for U of M Political Science majors**

Course Requirements	Some UMN Options
American Government & Politics Introduction to politics/government in the United States. Constitutional origins/development, major institutions, parties, interest groups, elections, participation, public opinion. Ways of explaining politics, nature of political science.	POL 1001, 3306, 3308, 3309, 3321, 3325, 4327, 4737, 4766
World Politics or International Relations Study of international relations and issues in contemporary world affairs: power and responsibility; governmental stability; political decision making, economic order	POL 1025, 1054, 3835, 4461
Political Ideas/Ideologies Analysis of key concepts and ideas (e.g., freedom, equality, democracy) as they are constructed by major theories and ideologies (liberalism, conservatism, socialism, etc.); generational change/values	POL 1201, 3251, 3225, 3235, 3252, ID 3301
Comparative Government & Politics Theory/practice of political systems in different countries. Topics may include political processes/problems, political economy of underdevelopment/development, and/or development of political institutions.	POL 3410, 3451, 3475, 3479, 3701, 4403, 4410, 4461, 4465, 4473, 4477, 4492
Politics & Behavior How race/ethnicity/class interact in political process. How political behavior of citizens and political elites is shaped by psychological factors. Political activism/apathy, leadership charisma, mass media, group identifications, political culture. Role of individual, of group processes, of political/social cognition, and of context in political decision-making.	POL 3739, 3766, 3767, 4487, 4771
American Governmental System Governmental institutions and public policies in national government and American states; branches of government; justice systems	POL 3308, 4315, 4501, 4766
Quantitative Analysis in Poli Sci Research techniques/how one tests a political hypothesis using data. Topics such as setting up a research question in political science, proper research design, and basic techniques of data analysis	POL 3085, 4900W
Electives	

SUPPORTING FIELDS COURSES: 21-26 credits

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<p>US History to 1880 (3-4 cr) From colonial era through Civil War: colonization/resistance, slavery, nation-building, westward expansion, gender roles, religion, reform, race/ethnicity, immigration, industrialization, class relations</p>	<p>HIST 1301W or 1307</p>
<p>US History 1880 to Present (3-4 cr) U.S. history since Civil War: emancipation, forms of labor, immigration, citizenship, conceptions of race/gender, hot/cold wars, reform/rights movements, globalization, state power</p>	<p>HIST 1302W, 1308, or AFRO 3865</p>
<p>Sociology (3-4 cr) Study of human societies/behavior. Major theories, methods, concepts, research findings. Characteristics of basic social units, patterns of interrelation, processes of change</p>	<p>SOC 1001, 1011, 3003, 3251, 3452, 3701</p>
<p>Economics (3-4 cr) Economic behavior of consumers/firms in domestic/international markets. Demand, supply, competition. Efficiency, Invisible Hand. Monopoly, imperfect competition. Externalities, property rights. Economics of public policy in environment, health, and safety. Public goods, tax policy.</p>	<p>ECON 1101 or 1102, or APEC 1101 or 1102</p>
<p>Human Geography (3 cr) Geographical understandings of globalization and connections/differences between places; how diverse groups of people interact within the complexities of the natural environment; population policies, problems, theories; impact of population growth on food supply and the environment.</p>	<p>GEOG 1301, 3101, 3371, or 3381</p>
<p>Psychology (3-4 cr) Scientific study of human behavior. Problems, methods, findings of modern psychology.</p>	<p>PSY 1001, 3011, 3101, 3135, 3301, or PSTL 1281</p>
<p>Contemporary American Indian Studies (3 cr) Indigenous peoples contribution to history of cultural expression in North America. Historic contexts/varieties in individual tribal cultures.</p>	<p>AMIN 1001, 3201, 3301, 3402, 3409, 3501, 3711, 3713, 3872, 4525</p>