

POLITICAL SCIENCE (MINOR)

Program Description

The Political Science major at NYU Abu Dhabi attracts students who are interested in the many important political questions—conceptual, empirical, policy-oriented—that societies everywhere face today. How do different political systems affect policy-making? What are the intrinsic and instrumental virtues of democracy?

How could its functioning improve? Why do dictatorships survive in many countries, but evolve into democracies in others? Why do countries go to war? What are the connections between internal conflicts (such as civil war) and political or economic development? What are the main characteristics and causes of economic underdevelopment? Why are prosperity and stagnation distributed so unequally, both across countries and within them?

The student with a passion for questions such as these finds the Political Science major most rewarding. The philosophy underlying the courses has several distinctive features. First, the major has a strong analytical focus, with two required courses that introduce students to statistics and models of political behavior and institutions. These courses provide an introduction to the kinds of tools used by social scientists to conduct a deep analysis of these questions and to test the analysis using quantitative data. Second, the major offers many substantive courses, wherein these analytical tools are applied to important policy questions of considerable current interest. Third, the courses in the major include discussions of classic texts that illuminate both the intellectual history and the broader dimensions of these policy questions. Finally, the major offers several courses jointly with programs in Economics, Psychology, and Philosophy, providing students with exciting interdisciplinary opportunities.

The Political Science minor is open to all NYUAD students. The minor requires SOCS-UH 1112 Introduction to Political Thinking and any three Political Science courses from across the elective areas of Comparative Politics, International Politics, or Political Theory and Institutions.

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Minor Required Course		
SOCSC-UH 1112	Introduction to Political Thinking	4
Minor Electives		
Complete 3 Political Science Area Electives (see list below)		12
Total Credits		16

Political Science Area Electives

Code	Title	Credits
ACS-UH 1610X	Feminism and Islamism in the Middle East and North Africa	4
BUSOR-UH 1011	Foundations of Leadership	4
CSTS-UH 1015	Legitimacy	4
CSTS-UH 1094	Space Diplomacy	4
CSTS-UH 1129	Environment & Politics	4
CSTS-UH 1131	Gender & Governance	4
HIST-UH 1131	Southeast Asia in the World	4
HIST-UH 2121	Genocide in a Global Perspective	4

LAW-UH 2011	Constitutional and Administrative Law	4
LAW-UH 2114	Climate Change Law and Policy	4
LAW-UH 3503	European Union Law	4
POLSC-UH 1114	War on Terrorism	4
POLSC-UH 2310	Political Psychology	4
POLSC-UH 2311	Political Economy of Institutions	4
POLSC-UH 2312	Political Economy of Development	4
POLSC-UH 2317	Identity and Culture in Politics	4
POLSC-UH 2326	Politics and Finance	4
POLSC-UH 2410X	Comparative Politics of the Middle East	4
POLSC-UH 2411	Politics, Social Change & Development in South Asia	4
POLSC-UH 2412	Power and Politics in America	4
POLSC-UH 2414	African Politics	4
POLSC-UH 2421X	Political Economy of the Middle East	4
POLSC-UH 2422X	North African Politics	4
POLSC-UH 2423	Media and Politics	4
POLSC-UH 2426	Comparative Politics of Industrialized Democracies	4
POLSC-UH 2429	Latin American Politics	4
POLSC-UH 2511	International Organizations	4
POLSC-UH 2517Q	Modeling Politics and International Relations	4
POLSC-UH 2519	Nuclear Politics	4
POLSC-UH 2910	Business, Politics, and Society	4
POLSC-UH 3313	Making and Breaking Elections	4
POLSC-UH 3413	Foreign Policy Analysis	4
POLSC-UH 3510	Money in Global Politics: Politics of global trade, finance, and development.	4
POLSC-UH 3512	Civil Wars and International Intervention	4
PSYCH-UH 3619EQ	Lab in Psychology of Economic Inequality	4
SOCSC-UH 3220	Econometrics	4
SRPP-UH 2612X	State Formation: The Case of the United Arab Emirates	4

Policies

NYU Policies

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NYU Abu Dhabi Policies

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