Graduates are also qualified to work outside of Alaska in numerous local, national, and international governments and as legislators and legislative staff members. Students can participate in model United Nations simulations, join the political science honor society Pi Sigma Alpha, aid faculty as research assistants, and serve as teaching assistants.

The political science B.A. has led students to graduate work in just societies, and the ways individuals reconcile personal liberty with political authority. As the science of political behavior, it analyzes the actions of interest groups, political parties and public officials. Politics is an omnipresent force, not only in governments but in families, social organizations, schools and decision-making bodies of all types—from student councils to international institutions. A solid understanding of local, national and international politics will benefit any student throughout his or her career.

COURSES OF STUDY

1. Complete the general university requirements. (See page 112. As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete PS 100X, PS 300X and HIST 100X.)

2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 116).

3. Complete the following major (program) requirements:*
   a. Group A—American Government and Politics
      PS 212—Introduction to American Government and Politics.............3
      PS 301—American Presidency ......................................................3
      PS 302—Congress and Public Policy ............................................3
      PS 401W—Political Behavior .....................................................3
      PS 403W—Public Policy ..............................................................3
      PS 462—Alaska Government and Politics .....................................3
   b. Group B—Public Law
      PS 303—Politics and the Judicial Process .....................................3
      PS/JUST 404—Introduction to Legal Research and Writing ............3
      PS 433W—Constitutional Law I: Federalism ................................3
      PS 436W—Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights and Liberties ..........3
   c. Group C—Comparative Politics
      PS 201—Comparative Politics ....................................................3
      PS 202—Democracy and Global Society .......................................3
      PS 460W—Government and Politics of Canada ..............................3
      PS 469W—East Asian Governments and Politics ..........................3
      PS/HIST 467W—Political Development in Latin America and the Caribbean ..................................................3
      PS 468W—Government and Politics of Russia ................................3
   d. Group D—International Politics
      PS 321—International Politics ...................................................3
      PS 322O—International Law and Organization .............................3
      PS 323—International Political Economy ....................................3
      PS 437—United States Foreign Policy .........................................3
   e. Group E—Political Theory
      PS 314W—Political Ideologies ..................................................3
      PS 315—American Political Thought ..........................................3
      PS/WMS 340—Women and Politics ............................................3
      PS/PHIL 411W,0—Classical Political Theory ...............................3
      PS/PHIL 412W—Modern Political Theory ..................................3
   f. Group F—Public Administration and Nonprofit Management
      PS 212—Introduction to American Government and Politics ........3
      PS 301—American Presidency ......................................................3
      PS 302—Congress and Public Policy ............................................3
      PS 401W—Political Behavior .....................................................3
      PS 403W—Public Policy ..............................................................3
      PS 462—Alaska Government and Politics .....................................3

4. Complete 24 credits in political science. Include at least one course from four of the following sub-disciplinary groups:*  
   a. Group A—American Government and Politics
      PS 212—Introduction to American Government and Politics.............3
      PS 301—American Presidency ......................................................3
      PS 302—Congress and Public Policy ............................................3
      PS 401W—Political Behavior .....................................................3
      PS 403W—Public Policy ..............................................................3
      PS 462—Alaska Government and Politics .....................................3
   b. Group B—Public Law
      PS 303—Politics and the Judicial Process .....................................3
      PS/JUST 404—Introduction to Legal Research and Writing ............3
      PS 433W—Constitutional Law I: Federalism ................................3
      PS 436W—Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights and Liberties ..........3
   c. Group C—Comparative Politics
      PS 201—Comparative Politics ....................................................3
      PS 202—Democracy and Global Society .......................................3
      PS 460W—Government and Politics of Canada ..............................3
      PS 469W—East Asian Governments and Politics ..........................3
      PS/HIST 467W—Political Development in Latin America and the Caribbean ..................................................3
      PS 468W—Government and Politics of Russia ................................3
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      PS 321—International Politics ...................................................3
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      PS 314W—Political Ideologies ..................................................3
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      PS 301—American Presidency ......................................................3
      PS 302—Congress and Public Policy ............................................3
      PS 401W—Political Behavior .....................................................3
      PS 403W—Public Policy ..............................................................3
      PS 462—Alaska Government and Politics .....................................3

5. Minimum credits required .............................................................120

* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

Minor

1. Complete the following:
   PS 101—Introduction to American Government and Politics ........3
   Complete at least four political science courses at the 200-, 300- or 400-level.........................................................12

2. Minimum credits required .............................................................15

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### Baccalaureate Core Requirements

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses. Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

**COMMUNICATION (9)**

Complete the following:

- ENGL 111X .................................................................(3)

  ENGL 190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

- ENGL 211X OR ENGL 213X ............................................(3)

Complete one of the following:

- COMM 131X OR COMM 141X ...........................................(3)

**PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)**

Complete all of the following four courses:

- ANTH 100X/SOC 100X ....................................................(3)
- ECON 100X OR PS 100X ...................................................(3)
- HIST 100X .......................................................................(3)
- ENGL/FL 200X ...............................................................(3)

Complete one of the following three courses:

- ART/MUS/THR 200X, HUM 201X OR ANS 202X ...................(3)

Complete one of the following six courses:

- BA 323X, COMM 300X, JUST 300X, NRM 303X,
  PS 300X OR PHIL 322X ..................................................(3)

OR complete 12 credits from the above courses

**MATHEMATICS (3)**

Complete one of the following:

- MATH 107X, MATH 161X OR MATH 103X .............................(3-4)

  * No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH 107X or 161X.

OR complete one of the following:

- MATH 200X, MATH 201X, MATH 202X,
  MATH 262X OR MATH 272X ...............................................(4)

  * Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite

**NATURAL SCIENCES (8)**

Complete any two (4-credit) courses:

- ATM 101X ............................................................................(4)
- BIOL 100X ............................................................................(4)
- BIOL 103X ............................................................................(4)
- BIOL 104X ............................................................................(4)
- BIOL 105X ............................................................................(4)
- BIOL 106X ............................................................................(4)
- BIOL 111X ............................................................................(4)
- BIOL 112X ............................................................................(4)
- CHEM 100X ............................................................................(4)
- CHEM 103X ............................................................................(4)
- CHEM 104X ............................................................................(4)
- CHEM 105X ............................................................................(4)
- CHEM 106X ............................................................................(4)
- GEOG 205X ............................................................................(4)
- GEO 100X .............................................................................(4)
- GEO 101X .............................................................................(4)
- GEO 112X .............................................................................(4)
- GEO 120X .............................................................................(4)
- GEO 125X .............................................................................(4)
- MSL 111X .............................................................................(4)
- PHYS 102X ..........................................................................(4)
- PHYS 103X ..........................................................................(4)
- PHYS 104X ..........................................................................(4)
- PHYS 115X ..........................................................................(4)
- PHYS 116X ..........................................................................(4)
- PHYS 173X ..........................................................................(4)
- PHYS 211X ..........................................................................(4)
- PHYS 212X ..........................................................................(4)
- PHYS 213X ..........................................................................(4)

**LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0–1)**

Successful completion of library skills competency test OR

- LS 100X or 101X prior to junior standing ............................(0–1)

**UPPER-DIVISION WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (0)**

Complete the following:

- Two writing intensive courses designated (W) .....................(0)
  One oral communication intensive course designated (O) ......(0)
  OR two oral communication intensive courses designated (O2), at the upper-division level (see degree and/or major requirements) ....(0)

**TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED** ...........................................38–39