

BA Poli Sci
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status

Active

Workflow Status

In Progress

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Changes

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- Program Description
- Requirements
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Proposal Information

Proposed

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Proposed

College

Department

Political Science

Campus

Main Campus

College of Arts & Sciences:
Social Sciences &
Interdisciplinary

Existing

College

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Effective Term and Year

Proposed

Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2026

Existing

Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2024

Justification

Proposed

Program Justification

The Political Science Faculty would like to allow students the opportunity to take POLS 1140 as a Core Course where previously it was not allowed. We are proposing to amend F4 to read: select an additional course from the core course above or POLS 1140.

Existing

Program Justification

MS 5/22/24 Adding major code to match BANP

Program Category and Level

Program Category

Degree

Program Level

Undergraduate

Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Certificate or Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

Degree/Certificate Level

Undergraduate

Proposed

Is this program also offered online?

No

Existing

Is this program also offered online?

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File Uploads

Document uploads

Associated Quali Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

Select any associated program forms that exist

Shared Credit and Dual Degree information

Interdepartmental Program

No

Catalog Information

Proposed

Program Description

A total of 36 hours is required for a major in political science. These hours must be distributed among the following:

1. Twelve hours from the core courses (see *Degree Requirements* below for required course list)
2. Twenty-one hours from courses numbered 300 or above; and
3. Three additional hours from any level.

NOTE: A grade of C or better is required in all political science courses counted toward the major. Only three credit hours of POLS 2996 is permitted toward the major. However, students may enroll in additional hours of POLS 2996 and count them as electives. No more than a total of six (6) credit hours of Internship (2998 and/or 491) or Independent Study (499) combined can be counted toward the major.

Distributed Minor for Political Science Majors

A Political Science major may pursue a distributed minor consisting of courses in related disciplines, provided the minor program of courses is approved by the department chairperson.

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2. Twenty-one hours from courses numbered 300 or above; and
3. Three additional hours from any level.

NOTE: A grade of C or better is required in all political science courses counted toward the major. Only three credit hours of POLS 299 is permitted toward the major. However, students may enroll in additional hours of POLS 299 and count them as electives. No more than a total of six (6) credit hours of Internship (291 and/or 491) or Independent Study (499) combined can be counted toward the major.

Distributed Minor for Political Science Majors

A Political Science major may pursue a distributed minor consisting of courses in related disciplines, provided the minor program of courses is approved by the department chairperson.

Admissions Requirements

A minimum of 26 credit hours; 23 credit hours must be in courses acceptable toward graduation.

A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 on all work.

- Transfer students must have a 2.00 transfer GPA.
- Continuing UNM students must have a 2.00 institutional GPA.

Demonstrated academic achievement by satisfying the following:

- Completion of General Education Curriculum: Communication.
- Completion of General Education Curriculum: Mathematics and Statistics.
- Completion of General Education Curriculum: Second Language.

Completion of Department of Political Science admission course work with grades of "C" or better:

- Two POLS courses from 1120, 1140, 2110, 2120, 2130, 2140, or 2150.

Graduation Requirements

Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

License/Certification associated with program

No

Professional Accrediting Bodies

Degree Information

Degree Hours

120

Minimum Major Hours

36

Degree Requirements

Requirements

- Complete all of the following
 - Core Courses**
 - Complete all of the following
 - Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - POLS1120 - American National Government (3)
 - POLS2150 - Public Policy and Administration (3)
 - Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - POLS2110 - Comparative Politics (3)
 - POLS2120 - International Relations (3)
 - Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - POLS2130 - Political Ideas: Introduction to Political Theory (3)
 - POLS2140 - Introduction to Political Analysis (3)
 - Earn at least 3 credits from the following types of courses:
 - ~~selected~~**select** an additional course from the core ~~course~~**courses** above **or POLS 1140.**
 - Earned at least 21 credits from 300 - 499
 - Earn at least 3 credits from the following types of courses:
3 additional credit hours from any level.
 - Earn at least 84 credits from the following types of courses:
In addition to the program-specific requirements outlined here, all undergraduate students are required to fulfill UNM's General Education Program requirements and other general undergraduate degree requirements to earn a minimum of 120 credits. In some instances, courses included in an undergraduate degree program's requirement may also fulfill a General Education requirement. Please review the General Education Program in this Catalog for General Education information. Students within the College of Arts and Sciences must also complete 1) a major and a minor; or 2) two majors; or 3) one of the special curricula of the College that requires no minor.
 - NOTE: A grade of "C" or better is required in all political science courses counted toward the major. Only 3 credit hours of POLS 2996 is permitted toward the major. However, students may enroll in additional credit hours of POLS 2996 and count them as electives. No more than a total of 6 credit hours of Internship (2998 and/or 491) or Independent Study (499) combined can be counted toward the major.

Grand Total Credits: 120

Concentrations

Program Concentrations

Code	Title
CON Public Policy	Public Policy Concentration

Code**Title**

CON Pre-Law

Pre-Law Concentration

Concentration Required

No

Emphases

Emphasis required

N/A

Emphasis Hours**Emphasis Rules**

No Rules

Sample Degree Plan

Sample Degree Plan Upload

Program Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes

Registrar Office Only

CM Program Code

BA Poli Sci

BANP

Banner Program Code

BA-POLS-AS

Major Code

POLS

Online Program Code**Online Major Code****Pre-major Program Code**

BA-FPOL-AS

Pre-major Major Code

FPOL

CIP Code

45.1001

Concentration Inheritance

No

Catalog**Catalog Activation Date**

Registrar Notes Only

MS 5/22/24 Adding major code to match BANP

MR, 10/2/24: Per Jessica, correcting a dept policy re POLS1140:

We want to free students up to be able to take 1140 at any point in their education rather than OLY before any other POLS class. Unless there is some negative externality of that choice that I'm missing?

Thank you,

Jessica

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