

## Political Science / International Relations (PSI)

### Division of Social Sciences

- **Major: 42 credit hours (At least 18 taken at McKendree University.)**
- **Minor: 21 credit hours (At least 12 take at McKendree University.)**
- **All courses for the major and minor must be completed with a grade of C- or better.**

#### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- **Capstone: Senior Survey in Political Science (W) (PSI 498)**
- **Research: Research Methods (PSI 296)**

**Description of Major:** McKendree offers a major in both political science and international relations. These majors provide students with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to be effective citizens in a globalizing world. Students learn the enduring ideas of political philosophy, multiple theoretical approaches within the discipline, and social science research skills. Students then apply the knowledge and skills of the discipline to both explore the many challenges of our contemporary world and to develop their values. Both majors culminate with a capstone experience which provides students with the opportunity to do extensive research and present their findings in a seminar setting.

#### Student Learning Outcomes

*In both majors, students will:*

- Demonstrate knowledge of the major concepts of the discipline, particularly in the fields of American politics and international relations.
- Demonstrate the writing skills necessary to effectively participate in academic, civic, and political environments.
- Demonstrate the oral presentation skills necessary to effectively participate in academic, civic, and political environments.
- Demonstrate the critical thinking and research skills necessary to effectively participate in academic, civic, and political environments.

**Preparation:** Degrees in political science and international relations are a strong foundation for careers in a number of areas, including local, state or national government, law, non-governmental organizations, labor and industrial relations, city management and urban planning, political consulting and campaign management, interest groups and social interest lobbying, and journalism.

#### POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

**42 crs.**

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PSI 101	AMERICAN POLITICS	(3)
PSI 296	RESEARCH METHODS	(3)
PSI 498	SENIOR SURVEY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (W)	(3)
	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	(6)

#### TWO COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING

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PSI 102	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	(3)
PSI 210	INTRODUCTION TO WORLD POLITICS	(3)
PSI 220	INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS	(3)
PSI 230	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY	(3)

#### 15 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING

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PSI 300	CONGRESS (W)	(3)
PSI 301	THE PRESIDENCY (W)	(3)
PSI 305	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	(3)
PSI 307	CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS	(3)
PSI 309	PUBLIC POLICY	(3)
PSI		
380-389	SPECIAL TOPICS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	(1-3)

**SIX CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING**

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PSI 311	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (W)	(3)
PSI 312	INTERNATIONAL LAW	(3)
PSI 313	INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (W)	(3)
PSI 314	UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY	(3)
PSI 315	GENDER AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	(3)
PSI 316	MODEL UNITED NATIONS	(1-3)

**POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR REQUIREMENTS** **21 crs.**

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PSI 101	AMERICAN POLITICS	(3)
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**TWO COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING**

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PSI 102	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	(3)
PSI 210	INTRODUCTION TO WORLD POLITICS	(3)
PSI 220	INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS	(3)
PSI 230	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY	(3)

**FOUR COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING**

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PSI 300	CONGRESS (W)	(3)
PSI 301	THE PRESIDENCY (W)	(3)
PSI 305	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	(3)
PSI 307	CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS	(3)
PSI 309	PUBLIC POLICY	(3)

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS** **42 crs.**

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PSI 210	INTRODUCTION TO WORLD POLITICS	(3)
PSI 296	RESEARCH METHODS	(3)
PSI 498	SENIOR SURVEY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (W)	(3)
	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	(6)

**TWO COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING**

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PSI 101	AMERICAN POLITICS	(3)
PSI 220	INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS	(3)
PSI 230	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY	(3)

**FIFTEEN CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING**

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PSI 311	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (W)	(3)
PSI 312	INTERNATIONAL LAW	(3)
PSI 313	INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (W)	(3)
PSI 314	UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY	(3)
PSI 315	GENDER AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	(3)
PSI 316	MODEL UNITED NATIONS	(1-3)

**TWO COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING**

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PSI 300	CONGRESS (W)	(3)
PSI 301	THE PRESIDENCY (W)	(3)
PSI 305	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	(3)
PSI 309	PUBLIC POLICY	(3)

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MINOR REQUIREMENTS** **21 crs.**

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PSI 210 INTRODUCTION TO WORLD POLITICS (3)

**TWO COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING**

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PSI 101 AMERICAN POLITICS (3)

PSI 220 INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS (3)

PSI 230 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY (3)

**TWELVE CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING**

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PSI 311 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (W) (3)

PSI 312 INTERNATIONAL LAW (3)

PSI 313 INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (W) (3)

PSI 314 UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY (3)

PSI 315 GENDER AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (3)

PSI 316 MODEL UNITED NATIONS (1-3)

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