

Political Science, Philosophy, and Economics Major (54 credit hours)

The Political Science, Philosophy, and Economics major is designed to transform students with an interest in or concern for politics into graduates who can understand, evaluate, manage, and shape political events and governmental actions in a manner consistent with a Christian faith perspective. The program involves the systematic study of how political institutions influence the behavior of citizens, leaders, and international actors to achieve public policies that promote justice both nationally and globally. Our program will help you prepare for successful careers in government, politics, law, non-profits, teaching, journalism, business, and more.

Major Requirements:

Foundational Courses (29 credit hours):

- POSC 2020, Introduction to Politics, 3 credit hours (fulfills Civil Discourse & Critical Reasoning)
- POSC 2100, American National Government, 3 credit hours (fulfills Civic Ways of Knowing)
- National Government, 3 credit hours
- POSC 2200, Public Policy, 3 credit hours
- POSC 2400, Political Science Research Methods, 3 credit hours (fulfills Writing Intensive)
- POSC 2420, Applied Statistics Lab, 1 credit hour
- MATH 2120, Introductory Statistics with Applications, 4 credit hours (fulfills Quantitative Reasoning)
- ECON 2010, Principles of Macroeconomics, 3 credit hours (fulfills Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing)
- ECON 2020, Principles of Microeconomics, 3 credit hours
- PHIL 2000, Introduction to Philosophy, 3 credit hours
- PHIL 2120, Ethics, 3 credit hours

Advanced Courses (12 credit hours):

- POSC 3510, International Political Economy, 3 credit hours
- ECON 3410, Money, Banking, and Financial Markets, 3 credit hours
- PHIL/POSC/HIST 3010, History of Political Thought, 3 credit hours
- PHIL/RLGN 3250, Ethics and Morality for Professionals, 3 credit hours (fulfills Christian Ways of Knowing)

Senior Capstone course (1 credit hour):

- POSC 4930, Senior Seminar, 1 credit hour

Electives (12 credit hours):

- Remaining hours are chosen from additional upper-division (3000-level or above) POSC, PHIL, or ECON courses not previously taken, or from BIBL 3420 or RLGN 3120.

No more than 3 credit hours from POSC 4800, 4810 and 4820 may be applied toward the major.

NOTE: All students must complete 120 total credit hours to graduate from Anderson University.



Political Science, Philosophy, and Economics Major Suggested Course Sequence

SEMESTER 1	14 Hours	SEMESTER 2	16 Hours
POSC 2020*	3	POSC 2100*	3
ENGL 1100/ENGL 1110	4-3	ENGL 1120	3
LART 1050	1	Scientific Ways of Knowing**	4
COMM 1000	3	Aesthetic Ways of Knowing (COMM 2550 recommended)	3
Foreign Language	4	Elective	3

SEMESTER 3	15 Hours	SEMESTER 4	16 Hours
POSC 2400*	3	POSC 2200	3
ECON 2010*	3	POSC 2420	1
PHIL 2000	3	MATH 2120	4
BIBL 2000	3	ECON 2020	3
Elective	3	PHIL 2120	3
		Personal Wellness	2

SEMESTER 5	15 Hours	SEMESTER 6	15 Hours
PHIL/RLGN 3250*	3	POSC 3510	3
PHIL/POSC/HIST 3010	3	ECON 3410	3
POSC or PHIL or ECON Elective	3	Global/Intercultural Ways of Knowing***	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3

SEMESTER 7	15 Hours	SEMESTER 8	16 Hours
POSC or PHIL or ECON Elective	3	POSC 4930	1
POSC or PHIL or ECON Elective	3	POSC or PHIL or ECON Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
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* Fulfills a Liberal Arts requirement

** We recommend either BIOL 2070 in Spring of 1st year or PSYC 3210 in Fall of 2nd year

*** If not fulfilled by a PPE Elective

Major Course Sequence:

Freshman: POSC 2020 || POSC 2100

Sophomore: POSC 2400, ECON 2010, PHIL 2000 || POSC 2200, POSC 2420, MATH 2120, ECON 2020, PHIL 2120

Junior: PHIL/RLGN 3250, POSC or PHIL or ECON Elective || POSC 3510, PHIL/POSC/HIST 3010, ECON 3410

Senior: POSC or PHIL or ECON Elective, POSC or PHIL or ECON Elective || POSC or PHIL or ECON Elective, POSC 4930