

POLITICAL & CIVIC LEADERSHIP MINOR, UG

for the Undergraduate Minor in Political and Civic Leadership

The minor in Political and Civic Leadership offers students an informed appreciation of American democracy, the values and structures on which it is based, its successes and its weaknesses, and the challenges it will face in the 21st century. Because the potential benefits of democratic governance cannot be realized without an abundant supply of capable and committed civic leaders, the minor takes on the mission of generating a stream of highly motivated, exceptionally capable, ethically aware, and broadly-trained individuals who will be prepared to assume leadership positions in civic affairs in both the private and the public domains.

The Political and Civic Leadership minor is designed to appeal to students with interests in American politics, public policy, and civic engagement. The curriculum points students toward coursework inside and outside the Department of Political Science that will provide them with the substantive background and theoretical foundations to understand leadership and policymaking in the U.S. context and to participate as civic leaders.

The minor in Political and Civic Leadership is for students who are not political science majors. Students must be admitted to the minor and meet all of its requirements (17 hours). At least three courses (9 hours) must be at the advanced level.

Code	Title	Hours
PS 100	Intro to Political Science	3
PS 101	Intro to US Gov & Pol	
GLBL 100	Intro to Global Studies	
GLBL 220	Governance	
An intermediate (200 level) or advanced (300 level) course in public policy ¹		3
A course examining the construction and consequences of social identity relating to race, religion, ethnicity, or gender		3
A course exploring different perspectives on a just, ordered, and moral society		3
PS 491 or approved internship course in another department		3
At least two sections of PS 191 designated as pertaining to the Civic Leadership Program. A list of such sections is available in the Undergraduate Studies Office of the Department of Political Science.		2
Total Hours		17

¹ Choose from a list maintained by the Department of Political Science.

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Students completing the minor will be able to:

1. **Demonstrate knowledge of American democracy**, including its values, institutions, successes, challenges, and the theoretical foundations of leadership and policymaking.
2. **Apply civic leadership skills and ethical reasoning**, preparing to participate effectively in public and private sectors and to engage responsibly in civic life.
3. **Analyze and evaluate political and policy issues**, integrating interdisciplinary perspectives to inform decision-making and foster active, informed participation in American civic life.

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advising: Political Science advising (<https://pol.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/academic-advising/>)

overview of college admissions & requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/>)
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