POLITICAL SCIENCE: RESEARCH DESIGN AND ANALYSIS TRACK

Specific Requirements for Admission to the Political Science Major

• PLS 121 American Government And Politics or PLS 215 Political Science Research Methods 1 are normally prerequisites for other political science courses for a department major.

B.A., Political Science: Research Design and Analysis track requirements: 40 Credits

• The track in Research Design and Analysis (RDA) is designed to prepare students to meet the burgeoning demand for hard analytical skills in business, government, and the non-profit sector.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Required PLS Major Courses | | |
| PLS 121 | American Government And Politics | 3 |
| PLS 215 | Political Science Research Methods 1 | 3 |
| PLS 310 | Political Science Research Methods 2 | 4 |
| PLS 591 | Senior Research Seminar In Political Science ¹ | 3 |
| Research Design and Analysis Track Courses | | |
| PLS 530 | Advanced Statistics for Political Science | 3 |
| Select 12 credits from the following: | | 12 |
| PLS 408 | The New Institutionalism | |
| PLS 463 | Game Theory And Social Choice | |
| PLS 592 | Advanced Research Practicum | |
| SOC 470 | Making Maps that Matter: Introduction to Geographic Information Systems | |
| Political Science Electives | | 12 |
| Select 12 credits in Political Science at the 200 level or above. | | |
| Total Credits | | 40 |

¹ This course is offered only in the fall semester, and **may not** be taken on an independent study or transfer basis.

Students in this major are strongly encouraged to take PLS 483 Public Affairs Internship.