

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 Comparative Political Systems 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
Required PLS Major Courses		
PLS 121	American Government And Politics	3
PLS 215	Comparative Political Systems	3
PLS 310	Political Science Research Methods	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 463	Game Theory And Social Choice	
PLS 510	The New Institutionalism	
PLS 592	Advanced Research Practicum	
RDA 520	Math Fundamentals for the Social Sciences	
RDA 525	Computer Applications	
RDA 535	Games and Models	
SOC 570	Making Maps that Matter: Introduction to GIS	
Select 12 credits in Political Science at the 200 level or above.		12
An internship with an agency, business, or non-profit where the student will employ his/her data analysis skills is strongly encouraged:		
PLS 483	Public Affairs Internship	
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.