

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2023→ Onwards

Acceptance Requirement:

GPA

Honors Majors and Minors: 3.67 POLS courses, 3.5 outside department ____

Special Majors: 3.33 POLS courses, 3.0 outside department ____

Course and Double Majors: 2.67 POLS courses, 2.33 outside department ____

Completion of two Political Science courses (1 intro + 1 other) ____

Graduation Requirements:

Distribution Requirements

American Politics ____

Comparative Politics ____

International Politics ____

Theory (POLS 11, 12, 100 or 101) ____

1 Intro Course ____

**Only 2 intros can be counted toward requirements*

Completion of POLS Courses

10 credits for honors majors ____

**3 honors seminars*

8.5 credits for course and double majors ____

6 credits for honors special major ____

5.5 credits for special major ____

5 credits for honors minors ____

**1 honors seminar*

Completion of Senior Comps for Course Students ____

Completion of 3 Seniors Honors Study Papers for Honors Students ____

Notes:

- To receive credit for transfer courses, you must fill out the proper forms. Please find them on our website or reach out to Christina (cruzzol1@swarthmore.edu)
- Only **3 transfer credits** may be counted toward the total credits needed, and they do not count toward distribution requirements
- Students should update their sophomore plans ASAP if they have significant changes that affect course selection in their remaining years
- Courses taken off-campus should typically be reserved for courses not offered by the Department regularly