DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
REQUIREMENTS

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 (POLS 92 or 95) for Course Students

Completion of 3 Seniors Honors Study Papers for Honors Students

Notes:
- Only 3 credits taken outside Swarthmore (AP, transfer, or Off Campus Study) can be counted toward the major
- To receive credit for transfer courses, you must fill out the proper forms. Please find them on our website or reach out to Christina Dahl (cdahl1@swarthmore.edu)
- Distribution requirements cannot be taken outside Swarthmore.
- Courses taken off-campus should typically be reserved for courses not offered by the Department regularly