

Bachelor of Arts/Science in Political Science | 2016–2017

The BA/BS in Political Science is designed for students who want an understanding of the development of national and international public policies. Our program empowers students for the next phase of their life—career and/or graduate studies. The BA includes government, public policy making, international affairs, American and comparative politics, and language. The BS includes the same courses and requirements, but has no foreign language requirement.

The Andrews University Department of History & Political Science constitutes a vital component of this distinctive Seventh-day Adventist institution. Serving its major and minors, the department promotes the study of political science within the Christian worldview, emphasizing both individual and corporate responsibility for service to humanity.



CORE REQUIREMENTS: 43 CREDITS			
Course		Credits	Recommended Year
PLSC 101	Introduction to History & Political Science	1	Freshman—Fall
PLSC 104	American Government	3	Freshman
PLSC 115	Introduction to Political Theory	3	Freshman
PLSC 225	Comparative Politics	3	Sophomore
PLSC 230	International Relations	3	Sophomore
PLSC 277	Political Science Colloquium	0	All
PLSC 298	Research Seminar	3	Sophomore—Spring
BHSC 230	Research Methods I: Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3	Sophomore—Fall
INTERMEDIATE COURSES: 12 CREDITS Choose at least one course from each category			
American Politics			
PLSC 324	American Political Parties and Elections	3	Junior/Senior
PLSC 260	Introduction to American Law	3	Sophomore/Junior
PLSC 316	Legal Writing and Rhetoric	3	Junior/Senior
PLSC 326	American Political Institutions: Judiciary	3	Junior/Senior
PLSC 328	American Political Institutions: Congress	3	Junior/Senior
International Relations			
PLSC 237	The Individual, State, and Marketplace	3	Freshman/Sophomore
PLSC 365	American Foreign Relations	3	Junior/Senior
PLSC 420	Human Rights, Violations, and Reconciliations	3	Junior/Senior
Political Theory			
PLSC 366	Terrorism and Political Theory	3	Sophomore/Junior
PLSC 314	Contemporary Political Thought	3	Junior/Senior
PLSC 456	Classical, Medieval and Early Modern Political Thought	3	Junior/Senior
PLSC 457	Modern Political Thought	3	Junior/Senior
SEMINARS: 12 CREDITS			
Course		Credits	Recommended Year
PLSC 405	Globalization	3	Senior
PLSC 419	Political Extremism	3	Senior
PLSC 454	Utopian Political Thought	3	Senior
PLSC 437	Topics	3	Junior/Senior
PLSC 458	American Political Thought	3	Senior
PLSC 460	Area Study	3	Senior
PLSC 490	Internship	1-6	Junior/Senior
ELECTIVES Remaining credits chosen in consultation with the advisor			

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students who complete this program should be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of key historical facts, values and ideas that have shaped governments throughout history
- Demonstrate ability to conduct independent research to construct arguments based on data and political science method
- Critically examine and evaluate political developments from an SDA/Christian worldview
- Explore and engage in the political science profession with personal interaction, research tools and academic scholarship
- Demonstrate competence in oral/written communication, presenting ideas, perspectives and arguments in an effective manner

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LIFE/PHYSICAL SCIENCES		8
<i>Take a total of 6 credits from any two of the following categories:</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Science:		
BIOL 100	Human Biology	4
BIOL 110	Principles of Biology	4
BIOL 208	Principles of Environmental Science	4
BIOL 330	History of Earth & Life	4
FDNT 230/240	Nutrition/Nutrition Lab	3+1
HORT 150	iGrow	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Science:		
CHEM 100	Consumer Chemistry	4
CHEM 110	Intro to Inorganic & Organic Chemistry	4
PHYS 110	Astronomy	4
PHYS 115	MythBusting	4
PHYS 225	Sound & Waves	4
SERVICE		2
<input type="checkbox"/> BHSC 100	Philosophy of Service	2
<input type="checkbox"/> S-designated course	History and Political Science Majors: (HIST 488 or PLSC 425)	
<input type="checkbox"/> BHSC 300	Social Studies Majors: Fieldwork	
SOCIAL SCIENCES		6
<input type="checkbox"/> Take one foundation course from the following:		
ANTH 200	Cultural Anthropology	3
ECON 225	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
GEOG 110	Survey of Geography	3
PLSC 104	American Government	3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCI 119	Principles of Sociology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Take one interdisciplinary course from the following:		
BHSC 220	Contemporary Social Issues	3
BHSC 235	Culture, Place & Interdependence	3
FNCE 206	Personal Finance	3
PLSC 237	The Individual, State & Marketplace	3
PSYC 180	Dealing With Your Mind	3
FMST 201	Personal Relationships	3
FITNESS EDUCATION		4
<input type="checkbox"/> HLED 120	Fit for Life, in first year recommended	1
<i>Recommend students take one course for each academic year in attendance. Three courses, taken from at least two different categories: Personal Fitness, Outdoor Skills, Team Activity.</i>		
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RELIGION		12
<input type="checkbox"/> RELT 100	God & Human Life (first year)	3
<i>Recommend students take one course for each academic year in attendance from RELB, RELG, RELP, RELT</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	9
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LANGUAGE/COMMUNICATION		BA *13/BS 9
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 115/117	College Writing I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 215	College Writing II	3
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 104	Communication Skills	3
*BA Language	Intermediate Level	4
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HISTORY		6
<input type="checkbox"/> HIST 110	World Views, Cultures and Gods	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HIST 117	Civilization & Ideas I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HIST 118	Civilization & Ideas II	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HIST 204	American Experience I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HIST 205	American Experience II	3
FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES		6
<i>Take a total of 6 credits from any two of the following categories:</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts:		
ARTH 220	Language of Art	3
PHTO 210	History of Photography	3
Studio Art Course		4
<input type="checkbox"/> Humanities:		
Any 200 Level	Literature Course	3
PHIL 224	Intro to Philosophy	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Music:		
MUHL 214	Enjoyment of Music	3
MUHL 258	American & World Music	3
3 credits of	Ensemble, Applied Music	3
MATH		3–4
<i>For BA majors in History or Political Science, and BS majors in Political Science, a statistics/mathematics course will fulfill the GE mathematics requirements.</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> STAT 285	Elementary Statistics	3
<input type="checkbox"/> BHSC 230	Research Methods I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH	_____	3–4
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS		
Bachelor of Science		56–57
Bachelor of Arts		60–61