

# POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR FOR SECONDARY TEACHING

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The **Political Science education minor** (State code: CD) for secondary certification consists of a minimum of **24 credits**.

Teacher candidates for certification in Political Science at the Secondary level must pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) in Political Science (Test #010). MTTC content exams should not be taken until 90% of course work in the subject area has been completed. A study guide is available at the MTTC website: ([http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/PDFs/MI\\_field010\\_SG.pdf](http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/PDFs/MI_field010_SG.pdf)).

The courses below meet State standards and have been selected so that teacher candidates will be well prepared for the test. Knowledge must be demonstrated in the following categories in order to successfully pass the MTTC subject area exam:

Subarea	Approximate % of Questions on Test
1. Political Science Concepts and Skills	15%
2. Foundations and Operation of Government in the United States	40%
3. The Political Process and U.S. Citizenship	15%
4. Interdisciplinary Perspectives	30%

The following chart is intended to provide you a guide for scheduling your semesters and for keeping track of your grade point average.

**PLEASE REFER TO YOUR DEGREE EVALUATION IN KNOWHOPE PLUS IN ADDITION TO THIS DOCUMENT TO DETERMINE FULFILLMENT OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

## FOUNDATION COURSES – REQUIRED (20 credits)

SUBJECT/COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER OFFERED	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
POL 100	Intro to American Politics	Both	4		
POL 201	Political Geography	Fall	4		
POL 221	State and Local Government	Fall, Odd Yrs	4		
POL 235	Public Policy and Administration	Spring, Odd Yrs	4		
POL 251	International Relations	Both	4		

## UPPER LEVEL COURSES Must choose one of the following: (4 credits)

SUBJECT/COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER OFFERED	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
POL 262	Latin American Politics	Once a year	4		
POL 303	Asian Politics	Once a year	4		
POL 305	African Politics	Every other year	4		

## A METHODS COURSE - REQUIRED (4 credits)

(The Social Studies methods course is considered pedagogy and will be counted with your education courses for certification.)

SUBJECT/COURSE	TITL	SEMESTER OFFERED	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
EDUC 321	Teaching of Social Studies in the Secondary School	Spring*	3		
EDUC 322	Teaching of Social Studies in the Secondary School Field Placement	Spring*	1		

**This MUST be completed prior to the student teaching semester!**

**\*Offered in Fall 2020 and then Only Spring going forward**