

POLITICAL SCIENCE CERTIFICATE (M)

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Student Learning Outcomes for the Political Science Certificate

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Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
POLS 2010	American Government	3
POLS 3000	Comparative Politics	3
POLS 3100	International Relations	3
POLS 3610	Civil Rights & Civil Liberties	3
Total Hours		12