**POLITICAL SCIENCE (COURSE 17)**

Department of Political Science (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/political-science/#undergraduatetext)

**Bachelor of Science in Political Science**

**General Institute Requirements (GIRs)**
The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

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<th>Summary of Subject Requirements</th>
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<td>Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS)</td>
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<td>Requirement [between two and five subjects can inform the Departmental Program]; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.</td>
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<td>Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement</td>
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<td>Laboratory Requirement (12 units) [can be satisfied by 17.803 in the Departmental Program]</td>
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<td>Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree</td>
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**Physical Education Requirement**

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

**Departmental Program**

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

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<td>17.801 Political Science Scope and Methods (CI-M)</td>
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| Restricted Electives | 81-84 |

Select seven subjects, including one subject from the each of the four groups listed below and three additional political science subjects representing a coherent plan of study. Specific subjects satisfying these criteria should be chosen in consultation with a faculty advisor.

| Units in Major | 132-135 |

**Unrestricted Electives**

| Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs | 81-120 |
| Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree | (36-72) |

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

1. Students typically enroll in subjects as follows: 17.801, fall term, junior year; 17.803, spring term, junior year; 17.THT, fall term, senior year; 17.THU, spring term, senior year.

2. 17.THT and 17.THU may be replaced by two additional elective subjects in Political Science.

3. This chart has been calculated based on an overlap of 36 units (three subjects) between the HASS General Institute Requirement and the departmental requirements. Students who develop a program of study with more overlap will be able to select more unrestricted electives to meet the number of total units beyond the GIRs required for an SB degree.

**Restricted Electives**

| Political Philosophy/Social Theory | 12 |

Select one subject in political philosophy/social theory from the following:

- 17.007[J] Feminist Thought
- 17.01[J] Justice
- 17.021[J] Philosophy of Law
- 17.03 Introduction to Political Thought
- 17.035[J] Libertarianism in History
- 17.04[J] Modern Conceptions of Freedom
- 17.05[J] Humane Warfare: Ancient and Medieval Perspectives on Ethics in War

**American Politics**

Select one subject in American politics from the following:

- 17.20 Introduction to the American Political Process
- 17.251 Congress and the American Political System I
- 17.261 Congress and the American Political System II
- 17.263 Electoral Politics, Public Opinion, and Democracy
- 17.265 Public Opinion and American Democracy
- 17.269 Race, Ethnicity, and American Politics
- 17.275 Public Opinion Research Design and Training Seminar
Public Policy

Select one of the following options:

Option 1
Select one political science subject in public policy from the following:

- 17.30[J] Making Public Policy
- 17.303[J] Methods of Policy Analysis
- 17.307 American Public Policy for Washington Interns
- 17.309[J] Science, Technology, and Public Policy
- 17.315 Health Policy
- 17.317 US Social Policy
- 17.381[J] Leadership in Negotiation: Advanced Applications
- 17.391[J] Human Rights at Home and Abroad
- 17.393[J] Environmental Law, Policy, and Economics: Pollution Prevention and Control

Option 2
Select one subject in another field designated as fulfilling the public policy requirement

International Politics

Select one of the following options:

Option 1
Select one subject in international relations / security studies from the following:

- 17.40 American Foreign Policy: Past, Present, and Future
- 17.407 Chinese Foreign Policy
- 17.41 Introduction to International Relations
- 17.411 Globalization, Migration, and International Relations
- 17.42 Causes and Prevention of War
- 17.433 International Relations of East Asia
- 17.445 International Relations Theory in the Cyber Age
- 17.447 Cybersecurity
- 17.473 The Politics of Nuclear Proliferation
- 17.483 US Military Power

Option 2