**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) 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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**Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree** | 17        |

**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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<th>Required Subjects ¹</th>
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<td>17.801 Political Science Scope and Methods (CI-M)</td>
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<td>17.803 Political Science Laboratory (CI-M)</td>
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<td>17.THT &amp; 17.THU Thesis Research Design Seminar and Undergraduate Political Science Thesis ²</td>
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**Restricted Electives**
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 (36-72)

**Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree** | 180        |

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

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**American Politics**
Select one subject in American politics from the following:

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**Political Science (Course 17)**

Political Science (Course 17)
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

Select one subject in comparative politics from the following:

- 17.50 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- 17.509 Social Movements in Comparative Perspective
- 17.523 Ethnic Conflict in World Politics
- 17.53 The Rise of Asia
- 17.537 Politics and Policy in Contemporary Japan
- 17.55[J] Introduction to Latin American Studies
- 17.561 European Politics
- 17.565 Israel: History, Politics, Culture, and Identity
- 17.569 Russia’s Foreign Policy: Toward the Post-Soviet States and Beyond
- 17.57[J] Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society: 1917 to the Present
- 17.571 Engineering Democratic Development in Africa
- 17.581 Riots, Rebellions, Revolutions
- 17.591 Research Seminar in Applied International Studies

1 17.567, a 9-unit version of this subject that is taught during IAP, is also acceptable.