The Ohio State University  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Political Decision Making (POLDEC-MN)  

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The minor in Political Decision Making is designed to accommodate the interests and the needs of students from a variety of majors who want to develop a coherent educational program in a sub-field of Political Science. This minor will provide students with the knowledge necessary to understand the methods by which citizens and elites arrive at solutions to political problems.

**Required Course:**  
Polit Sc 4120 United States Congress

**Elective Courses (choose 4):**  
- Polit Sc 3100 American Politics and Policy Making  
- Polit Sc 3115 Introduction to the Policy Process  
- Polit Sc 3910 Identity Politics  
- Polit Sc 3912 Political Leadership  
- Polit Sc 4132H Supreme Court Decision Making  
- Polit Sc 4137 The Politics of Legal Decision Making  
- Polit Sc 4160 Public Opinion  
- Polit Sc 4164 Political Participation and Voting Behavior  
- Polit Sc 4175 Women, Government, and Public Policy  
- Polit Sc 4320 Strategies for War and Peace  
- Polit Sc 4331 The United Nations System  
- Polit Sc 4910 or 4910H Business-Government Relations

**Political Decision Making minor program guidelines**

- **Required for graduation** No
- **Credit hours required** A minimum of 15 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 9 credit hrs must be at the 3000-level or above.
- **Transfer and EM credit hours allowed** A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.
- **Overlap with the GE** A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.
- **Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)**  
  - The minor must be in a different subject than the major.  
  - The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).
- **Grades required**  
  - Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.  
  - Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.  
  - Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.  
  - No more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

**X193 credits** No more than 3 credit hours.

**Minor approval** The minor may be approved by the student’s assigned academic advisor via the Degree Audit Report (DAR). If the minor is not complete on the DAR, the student must consult with a Political Science advisor.

**Filing the minor program form** The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

**Changing the minor** Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.