The minor in American government provides students the opportunity to focus on the most relevant features of American government, its institutions, the political behavior of its citizens and leaders, and the defining political questions of our time.

**Faculty**
Travis (minor advisor)

**Admissions & Policies**

**Policies**
Students pursuing this minor must complete 18 credits in government with a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course. Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

**Requirements**

**Minor Requirements**
Total credits: 18

**Core Course**

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<td>GOVT 103</td>
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Total Credits 3

**Electives**
Select five electives from the following: 15

- Any course on political institutions: GOVT 301–GOVT 309
- Any course on political behavior GOVT 310–GOVT 319
- Any course from GOVT 409–GOVT 420
- GOVT 344 American Foreign Policy
- GOVT 480 Internship

Total Credits 15

1 When topic is relevant, 3 credits of GOVT 480 Internship may be applied to the minor with approval of the minor advisor.