

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (B.A.) (COMBINED B.A./M.A. LAW AND GOVERNANCE)

A Combined Degree program enables undergraduate students to enroll in graduate courses in their senior year, which can be counted towards the completion of both their Bachelor's and Master's degree requirements.

The ability to take these "swing courses" allows students to earn both their Bachelor's and Master's degrees in a shortened period of time, typically within five years of intensive study. Undergraduate students interested in this option can find more information regarding program requirements on the University's Combined Programs website (<https://www.montclair.edu/combined-programs/programs-of-study/>).

## Program Requirements

Students in this combined degree program must complete the requirements for:

Political Science Major (B.A.) (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/political-science-ba/>)

Law and Governance (M.A.) (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/law-governance-ma/>)

## Graduate Swing Courses

A combined degree program allows students to complete 6-12 graduate credits ("graduate swing courses") while enrolled as an undergraduate. These courses count for both their bachelor and master's degrees. Graduate swing courses will count toward undergraduate free electives, unless noted otherwise.

The Graduate Swing Courses for this program:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
LAWS 500	United States Legal System	3
LAWS 503	Research Methods and Analysis	3
LAWS 513	Ethical and Professional Issues in the Legal Environment	3
<b>Elective</b>		
Complete one course from the following:		3
LAWS 512	Statutory and Regulatory Analysis	
LAWS 520	Private Civil Responsibility: Contracts and Torts	
LAWS 525	Jurisprudence	
LAWS 531	Administrative Law	
LAWS 537	Entertainment Law	
LAWS 538	Trademark Law	
LAWS 545	Cyberlaw	
LAWS 547	Intellectual Property: Copyright, Licensing, and Advertising	
LAWS 551	Negotiation Theory and Practice	
LAWS 552	Mediation Theory and Practice	
LAWS 553	Arbitration and Other Alternative Adjudicative Processes	

LAWS 554	Conflict Management and Peer Mediation in Schools
LAWS 556	Dispute Resolution in the Workplace
LAWS 557	Law Office Financial Management
LAWS 559	Advanced Conflict Management
LAWS 560	Bullying Prevention
LAWS 572	Legal Information Management
LAWS 574	Human Rights Law
LAWS 577	International Law and Transnational Legal Issues
LAWS 578	Legal Aspects of Human Resource Management
LAWS 579	Private Sector Compliance With Public Regulations
LAWS 580	Field Experience in Law and Governance
LAWS 581	Cooperative Education in Law and Governance
LAWS 588	Independent Study in Law and Governance
LAWS 590	Environmental Law and Policy
LAWS 599	Special Topics in Law and Governance
POLS 524	The Third World in the International System
POLS 525	International Relations
POLS 526	The International Political Economy
POLS 531	Globalization and Security
POLS 532	U.S. Immigration: Law and Politics
POLS 560	Politics of Terrorism

**Total Credits** 12

## Recommended Roadmap to Degree(s)

This recommended five-year plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their degree requirements within five years. This plan is a recommendation and students should only use it in consultation with their academic advisor.

Fifth year courses are taken at the graduate level, after matriculation into the graduate portion of this combined degree program.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
GNED 199	New Student Seminar	1
WRIT 105	College Writing I	3
CMST 101	Fundamentals of Speech: Communication Requirement	3
World Language 1		3
POLS 100	Introduction to Politics	3
POLS 101	American Government and Politics	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
WRIT 106	College Writing II	3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (H) Mathematics		3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (K1) Social Science – American and European History		3
World Language 2		3

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POLS 201	Comparative Politics	3
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**Credits 15**

**Second Year**

**Fall**

GENERAL EDUCATION: (F1) Humanities – Great Works and Their Influences		3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (G) Computer Science		3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (L) Interdisciplinary Studies		3
World Cultures		3

POLS 202	International Relations	3
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**Credits 15**

**Spring**

GENERAL EDUCATION: (D) Fine and Performing Arts		3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (F2) Humanities – Philosophical and Religious Perspectives		3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (I) Natural Science Laboratory		4
GENERAL EDUCATION: (K2) Social Science – Global Cultural Perspectives		3
POLS Elective (200 level)		3

**Credits 16**

**Third Year**

**Fall**

GENERAL EDUCATION: (J) Physical Education		1
POLS 300	Essentials of Political Thought	3
Free Elective/Minor Course		3
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**Credits 16**

**Spring**

POLS Elective (300-400 level)		3
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Free Elective/Minor Course		3
Free Elective/Minor Course		3
Free Elective/Minor Course		3

**Credits 15**

**Fourth Year**

**Fall**

POLS Elective (300-400 level)		3
POLS Elective (300-400 level)		3
Free Elective/Minor Course		3
LAWS 500	United States Legal System	3
LAWS 503	Research Methods and Analysis	3

**Credits 15**

**Spring**

POLS Elective (300-400 level)		3
Free Elective/Minor Course		3
LAWS 513	Ethical and Professional Issues in the Legal Environment	3

Graduate Elective		3
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**Credits 12**

**Total Credits 120**