

University of Mosul / College of Political Science

First Cycle – Bachelor's Degree (B.A.) – Political Science



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First:

Mission & Vision Statement

1. Mission Statement

The faculty members of the College of Political Science at the University of Mosul believe that students can only appreciate the depth of this field and fully understand its dimensions through an integrated system that combines theoretical academic learning, rigorous scientific research, and direct engagement with political and institutional realities. This integrated educational approach develops students' balanced understanding, enabling them to analyze political phenomena, comprehend international and domestic dynamics, and develop critical perspectives on the nature of power, the state, and society. The small size of classes also helps foster a close cooperative relationship between faculty members and their students in an academic environment characterized by seriousness and mutual encouragement.

2. Vision Statement

The College of Political Science at the University of Mosul is committed to pursuing an ambitious, multidimensional vision. Through its academic program, it seeks to provide all students with a solid academic foundation in the principles of political science, together with deeper understanding in a field of specialization selected by the student within the discipline. The curriculum and academic advising have been designed to prepare graduates for their professional futures, whether they wish to join state institutions and ministries, work in civil society organizations or international and regional organizations, or continue their research careers in postgraduate studies in international relations, law, and comparative politics. In addition, the College provides the core knowledge needed to support related fields such as law, public administration, and security and strategic studies, and offers key

courses that constitute essential cultural and political requirements for students of other colleges.

Second:

Program Specification

Program Code	PO.SC	Number of ECTS Credits	240 credits
Program Duration	4 years	Mode of Study	Full-time

Political science is one of the richest and most wide-ranging academic disciplines in terms of its fields of knowledge. At the College of Political Science, University of Mosul, it is designed to provide an exceptional educational experience. The program places the human being and society at the center of inquiry, whether in relation to major political theories or to the analysis of public policies and decision-making mechanisms in states. The program attracts broad interest: some students are drawn to the breadth of the field and the diversity of its issues, while others see it as a gateway to specialization in a particular area. All students may specialize in one of the available study tracks, such as International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Iraqi and Arab Politics, beginning at the end of the first year.

The first year introduces students to the foundations and essential principles of political science and prepares them to move into the various program tracks. In the second year, the core specialized areas are covered in preparation for advanced research courses in the third and fourth years. Accordingly, graduates are trained to understand the close relationship between scientific research and academic teaching, in accordance with the mission of the College and the University.

In the second, third, and fourth years, students enjoy considerable freedom in selecting their elective courses, provided that the selected courses reflect the complexity and diversity of the fields of political science—from classical and contemporary political theory, through the study of political systems and institutions, to the analysis of international relations and regional politics. This is done in coordination with each student's academic advisor, enabling students to develop their own research interests.

Students' research orientation is established from the first year through practical activities integrated into theoretical courses or offered in independent practical units,

in addition to research seminars and academic seminars. There is a compulsory field course in the first year that includes institutional visits and introductory training, and passing it is required for progression to the second year. Optional field activities are also available in later years. In the fourth year, each student completes an independent graduation research project, either in the form of a desk-based or analytical study or through a field case study.

Academic advising sessions are held in the first and second years with the same advisor, who also serves as the student's personal mentor, ensuring continuity and gradual development of guidance. These sessions include workshops for developing skills such as desk research, report writing, and presentation and public-speaking skills, followed by assessment exercises that allow students to practice these skills in authentic political and academic contexts.

International learning opportunities and field training placements are also available with government institutions and relevant organizations. Individual needs are discussed with the appropriate academic advisor, and efforts are made to accommodate them as far as possible.

Third:

Program Objectives

1. Provide comprehensive academic education in political science that promotes critical and analytical thinking and addresses issues and problems across all subfields of political science.
2. Prepare students to pursue diverse pathways after graduation, including enrollment in postgraduate programs, participation in professional qualification and training programs, or entry-level employment in state institutions, international and regional organizations, and other relevant bodies.
3. Provide intensive training in quantitative and qualitative political analysis skills, the use of information technology, digital research, and specialized political databases, together with field training in observing and studying political phenomena.
4. Develop students' written and oral academic communication skills, enabling them to formulate political arguments and present their research findings in accordance with established academic standards.

5. Enrich students' educational experience through opportunities for undergraduate research, field training in government institutions and international organizations, and academic exchange programs with partner universities and reputable scholarly institutions.
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Fourth:

Student Learning Outcomes

Political science is the study of systems of power and governance, the state, and international relations at multiple levels, ranging from major political theory to public policy and governmental decision-making. Graduates acquire well-founded knowledge of the historical, intellectual, and social dimensions of political science and use this knowledge to understand broader concepts and interpret contemporary political realities. The College awards a Bachelor's degree in Political Science with a concentration in one of the following tracks: Public Policy and Governance; International Relations and Diplomacy; and Comparative Politics and Iraqi and Arab Affairs. In addition, the College offers courses to large numbers of students from other colleges and supports professional qualification programs related to the field. The curriculum and educational experiences are designed to prepare students for admission to law and postgraduate programs and for professional pathways in civil service, diplomacy, and academic research.

✈ Outcome 1: Analysis of Complex Relationships and Systems

The graduate will be able to diagnose the structure of political systems and their mechanisms of operation and interpret the nature of interaction among state institutions and different political actors within a single political system and across comparative systems.

✈ Outcome 2: Written and Oral Academic Communication

The graduate will be able to formally communicate the results of research and political analyses in a clear and systematic manner, whether in writing or through oral presentations before academic and professional audiences.

✈ Outcome 3: Field and Applied Research

The graduate will be able to conduct field and applied research in politics and public affairs using data-collection tools and digital research techniques while adhering to the ethical standards of academic research.

✈ Outcome 4: Scientific Knowledge Base

The graduate will be able to demonstrate a balanced understanding of the development of knowledge in political science, including the historical origins of major theories and schools of thought and the nature of methodological debates in the field.

✈ Outcome 5: Political Data Analysis

The graduate will be able to employ the quantitative and qualitative skills required to analyze political and social data, including the ability to read indicators and statistics and interpret their results within their political contexts.

✈ Outcome 6: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

The graduate will be able to apply critical-thinking and logical-reasoning skills to formulate a research problem and develop a research project or complete academic paper in accordance with accepted academic methodology.

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Sixth:**Credits, Grading and GPA****1. Academic Credits**

The University of Mosul follows the Bologna Process and adopts the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). The Bachelor's program in Political Science comprises 240 credits, with 30 credits in each semester. One credit is equivalent to 25 hours of student workload, including scheduled classroom attendance and unscheduled self-study hours.

2. Grading System

Before final assessment, student results are divided into two main groups: pass and fail. Statistical results are calculated separately from students who fail the course. The grading system is defined as follows:

GRADING SCHEME				
Group	Grade	Description	Marks (%)	Definition
Pass Group (50–100)	A – Excellent	Excellent	90–100	Outstanding Performance
	B – Very Good	Very Good	80–89	Above average with some errors
	C – Good	Good	70–79	Sound work with notable errors
	D – Satisfactory	Satisfactory	60–69	Fair but with major shortcomings
	E – Sufficient	Sufficient	50–59	Work meets minimum criteria
Fail Group (0–49)	FX – Fail	Fail – Pending Remediation	45–49	More work required but credit awarded
	F – Fail	Fail	0–44	Considerable amount of work required

Note:				
Decimals equal to or above 0.5 are rounded up to the next whole mark, while decimals below 0.5 are rounded down. For example, 54.5 is rounded to 55, whereas 54.4 is rounded to 54. The University has a policy of not overlooking marks that are close to passing or failing; therefore, the only adjustment to the marks awarded by the original marker is the automatic rounding described above.				

3. Calculation of the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)

The cumulative grade point average is calculated by multiplying the grade for each module by the number of its ECTS credits, summing these products, and dividing the total by the total number of credits in the program.

Cumulative Grade Point Average for the four-year Bachelor of Science degree:

$$\text{CGPA} = [(\text{Grade of Module 1} \times \text{Number of its ECTS credits}) + (\text{Grade of Module 2} \times \text{Number of its ECTS credits}) + \dots] / 240$$

Seventh:

Curriculum / Modules

Semester 1 | 30 ECTS | 1 ECTS = 25 hrs

Module Code	Module Name	SSWL hr/sem	USSWL hr/sem	ECTS	Module Type	Prerequisite Module(s) Code
PO.SC-1101	Modern Trends in Political Science	63	87	6.00	C	
PO.SC-1102	Comparative Constitutional Systems	78	122	8.00	C	
PO.SC-1103	History of International Relations	78	122	8.00	C	
UOM102	English Language 1	33	17	2.00	B	
PO.SC-1104	Introduction to the Study of Law	33	17	2.00	S	
UOM104	Human Rights and Democracy	33	17	2.00	B	
PO.SC-1105	Principles of Statistical Analysis	33	17	2.00	S	
Total		336	414	30		

Semester 2 | 30 ECTS | 1 ECTS = 25 hrs

Module Code	Module Name	SSWL hr/sem	USSWL hr/sem	ECTS	Module Type	Prerequisite Module(s) Code
PO.SC-1206	Comparative Political Systems	78	97	7.00	C	
PO.SC-1207	Introduction to Political Science	78	97	7.00	C	
PO.SC-1208	International Politics in the Middle East	78	97	7.00	C	
PO.SC-1209	Introduction to Political Science (E)	33	17	2.00	C	
UOM101	Arabic Language 1	33	17	2.00	B	
UOM103	Computer Science 1	48	27	3.00	B	
PO.SC-12010	Principles of Economics	33	17	2.00	S	
Total		381	369	30		

Semester 3 | 30 ECTS | 1 ECTS = 25 hrs

Module Code	Module Name	SSWL hr/sem	USSWL hr/sem	ECTS	Module Type	Prerequisite Module(s) Code
PO.SC-21011	Principles of International Relations	78	122	8.00	C	
PO.SC-21012	Ancient and Medieval Political Thought	78	122	8.00	C	
PO.SC-21013	The Contemporary Political System in Iraq	33	17	2.00	C	
PO.SC-21014	Arab Political Systems	78	122	8.00	C	
PO.SC-21015	International Organizations (E)	33	17	2.00	C	
UOM2012	Arabic Language 2	33	17	2.00	B	
Total		333	417	30		

Semester 4 | 30 ECTS | 1 ECTS = 25 hrs

Module Code	Module Name	SSWL hr/sem	USSWL hr/sem	ECTS	Module Type	Prerequisite Module(s) Code
PO.SC-22016	Political Sociology	78	122	8.00	C	
PO.SC-22017	Local Governments	78	122	8.00	C	
PO.SC-22018	Public International Law	63	112	7.00	S	
UOM2050	Baath Party Crimes	33	17	2.00	B	
UOM2022	English Language 2	33	17	2.00	B	
UOM2032	Computer Science 2	33	42	3.00	B	
Total		318	432	30		

Semester 5 | 30 ECTS | 1 ECTS = 25 hrs

Module Code	Module Name	SSWL hr/sem	USSWL hr/sem	ECTS	Module Type	Prerequisite Module(s) Code
PO.SC-31019	Public Policy Formulation and Analysis	63	62	5.00	C	
PO.SC-31020	Modern Western Political Thought	63	62	5.00	C	
PO.SC-31021	Political Systems in Asia and Africa	63	62	5.00	C	
PO.SC-31022	Principles and Theories of Geopolitics	63	62	5.00	C	
PO.SC-31023	Political Psychology	63	62	5.00	C	
PO.SC-31024	Security Studies	63	62	5.00	C	
Total		378	372	30		

Semester 6 | 30 ECTS | 1 ECTS = 25 hrs

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PO.SC-32025	International Economic Relations	63	62	5.00	C	
PO.SC-32026	Arab-Islamic Political Thought	63	62	5.00	C	
PO.SC-32027	Strategy	63	62	5.00	C	
PO.SC-32028	Public Policy (E)	63	62	5.00	C	
PO.SC-32029	International Organizations	63	62	5.00	C	
PO.SC-32030	Principles of Political Analysis	63	62	5.00	C	
Total		378	372	30		

Semester 7 | 30 ECTS | 1 ECTS = 25 hrs

Module Code	Module Name	SSWL hr/sem	USSWL hr/sem	ECTS	Module Type	Prerequisite Module(s) Code
PO.SC-41031	Political Systems in Europe and the Americas	78	72	6.00	C	

PO.SC-41032	Contemporary Western Political Thought	78	72	6.00	C	
PO.SC-41033	Political Parties and Public Opinion	63	62	5.00	C	
PO.SC-41034	Foreign Policy	78	72	6.00	C	
PO.SC-41035	Research Methods in Political Science	33	17	2.00	C	
PO.SC-41036	Quantification and Mathematical Modeling in International Relations	63	62	5.00	C	
Total		393	357	30		

Semester 8 | 30 ECTS | 1 ECTS = 25 hrs

Module Code	Module Name	SSWL hr/sem	USSWL hr/sem	ECTS	Module Type	Prerequisite Module(s) Code
PO.SC-42037	Regional Political Systems	78	72	6.00	C	
PO.SC-42038	Contemporary Islamic Political Thought	78	72	6.00	C	
PO.SC-42039	Diplomacy	78	72	6.00	C	
PO.SC-42040	International Politics (E)	33	17	2.00	C	
PO.SC-42041	Political Communication	63	62	5.00	C	
PO.SC-42042	Sustainable Development and Diversity Management Policies	63	62	5.00	C	
Total		393	357	30		