



# orientation

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## Political Science

**Cassie Doll**  
**Academic Advisor**



# Agenda

- **Student Responsibilities**
- **Advisor Responsibilities**
- **Requirements of your Major**
- **Generic Fall Schedule**
- **Placement**
- **Available Classes**

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# Student Responsibilities

**What do you need to be aware of as the student?**

# Student Responsibilities

- DegreeWorks and MyInfo
  - Familiarize yourself with your DegreeWorks and MyInfo accounts to understand your progress toward graduation.
- Deadlines
  - Understand important deadlines for each semester – last day to drop/add classes, refund schedule, withdrawal schedule.
- Registration and Advising
  - To register for classes each semester, you'll need to meet with your assigned academic advisor to choose classes and receive your registration pin.
- Speak up
  - If anything is confusing or does not sound right, please make sure to ask. We are always here to help and answer questions.

# Things to Consider

## Scholarships

- If you have a scholarship, be sure to understand the requirements. Most scholarships require students to attempt 30 credits per year.

## Timeline

- 15 credits per semester is ideal for students to graduate on a 4-year timeline.
- Do not exceed 5 classes this Fall. If you feel that 5 classes is too much, come speak with an advisor.





# Advisor Responsibilities

**What are my responsibilities as an academic advisor?**





# Meet your Advisor



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# Advisor Responsibilities

"Academic advising at MSU is a collaborative process between students, faculty, and professional advisors designed to empower students to discover who they are as learners, where their academic interests lie, and how their University experience will shape their lives."

**Engage in the  
advising process.**

**Be knowledgeable  
about academic  
policies, procedures,  
and deadlines.**

**Facilitate student  
understanding of  
policies and major  
requirements**

**Maintain student  
confidentiality.**

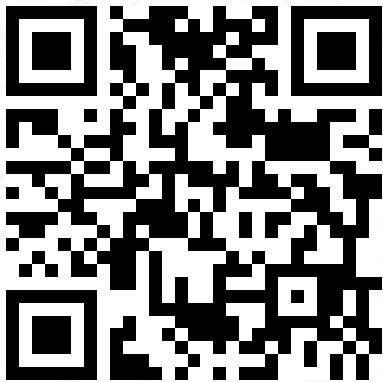
**Hold advising  
hours by drop-in or  
appointment,  
assist with  
registration, and  
follow up on  
appointments.**



# Political Science Major Requirements

# Meet the Department

- Dr. Eric Austin – Department Head
- Madison Gordon – Academic Service Coordinator (Wilson Hall 2-128, 406-994-4201)
- Cassie Doll – Academic Advisor



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# Political Science Major Requirements

- Required Classes:
  - PSCI 210 – American Government
  - PSCI 230 – International Relations
  - PSCI 240 – Public Administration
  - PSCI 250 – Intro to Political Theory
  - STAT 216Q OR Two Semesters of a Foreign Language
  - One American Politics Upper Div. Course
  - One International Politics Upper Div. Course
  - One Public Admin./Policy Upper Div. Course
  - One Political Theory Upper Div. Course
  - Four more upper div. PSCI courses of your choosing
  - PSCI 390R Research Methods
- \* PSCI classes must be past with a "C" grade or better to be accepted for the major. CORE requirements can be passed with a "C-" or better.





# Fall Schedule

## Pick 5 classes

- PSCI 210IS / PSCI 230D (International Rel)
- Math – based on placement score
- University Seminar OR WRIT 101W
- CORE/Elective of choice
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# Math Placement

What does your math score mean?

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**Look at your RAWR sheet:**

- Level 100 – M 105 with M 005
- Level 150 – M 105 with M 005
- Level 250 – M 105 with M 005
- Level 290 – M 105
- Level 300+ - STAT 216Q or M 105

**If you are pre-med planning for medical school:**

- Level 100 – M 063 with M 090
- Level 150 – M 090
- Level 250 – M 021 with M 121
- Level 300 – M 121 College Algebra
- Level 400 – M 161 Survey of Calculus or M 151 Precalculus



# Important Things to Know

- You will need 120 credits to graduate from MSU. 42 of these credits need to be 300/400 level classes.
- Your CORE and Major requirements will not add up to 120 credits – your advisor will encourage you to add a minor based on your interests.
- These majors give room for exploration. Explore your interests when choosing classes for your first year to decide what major is right for you. Never feel stuck!
- Political Science major classes must be passed with a "C" grade or better. CORE classes must be passed with a "C-" or better.





# Important Things to Know

- AP or Dual Credit from high school may cover some of your major or CORE requirements. MSU will need the official transcript to accept these credits. Speak with an advisor if you are confused about AP/Dual Credit.
- If you earned 15+ AP or Dual Credits from high school, speak with an advisor to see if your graduation timeline can be moved up.



# Questions?

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