GOVERNMENT - BACHELOR OF ARTS

Departmental Requirements

GOVT 100G  American National Government  3
or HON 249G  American Politics in a Changing World  1
GOVT 101  Introductory Government Seminar  1
GOVT 110G  Introduction to Political Science  3
or HON 248G  The Citizen and the State: Great Political Issues  1
GOVT 300  Political Research Skills  3
or
Another social science research methods course  1
Select one upper-division course from four of six subfields:  12
  Public Administration and Policy (GOVT 20/30 series)
  American Government and Politics (GOVT 40/50 series)
  International Relations (GOVT 60 series, may include HON 304V)
  Comparative Politics (GOVT 70 series may include HON 307V)
  Political Theory GOVT 80 series may include GOVT 380V
  Public Law (GOVT 90 series)
GOVT 415  Senior Seminar (take in final year)  2
Electives  9
Select additional credits in government to bring total credits in major to 33, including 20 upper-division.

Total Credits  33

1  Majors should complete these lower level requirements before registering for upper-division government credits.
2  A list of approved options is available in the department office.

Degree Requirements

General Education Courses  35
Viewing a Wider World Courses  6
Departmental Requirements (listed above):  33
Second Language Requirement: (required - see below)  3
Electives: to bring total to 120, of which 48 credits are upper-division  43
Total Credits  120

Note: Students may not count S/U grades taken in their major unless the particular course is regularly graded S/U. All courses must be passed with grades of C- or better. In addition, while research methods courses taken outside of the department may count toward the methods requirement, only GOVT 300 Political Research Skills counts toward the 33 credits in the major.

Up to twelve hours of internship credit are available. However, only three hours count toward the major. Internship guidelines are available in the department office and on the Government Department web page, http://deptofgov.nmsu.edu/.

Second Language Requirement

For the Bachelor of Arts in Government there is a two year second language requirement, the student must do one of the following:

Option 1:
Complete one of the following sequences:

CHIN 111  Elementary Chinese I
& CHIN 112  and Elementary Chinese II
& CHIN 211  and Intermediate Chinese I
& CHIN 212  and Intermediate Chinese II
FREN 111  Elementary French I
& FREN 112  and Elementary French II
& FREN 211  and Intermediate French I
& FREN 212  and Intermediate French II
GER 111  Elementary German I
& GER 112  and Elementary German II
& GER 211  and Intermediate German I
& GER 212  and Intermediate German II
JPNS 111  Elementary Japanese I
& JPNS 112  and Elementary Japanese II
& JPNS 211  and Intermediate Japanese I
& JPNS 212  and Intermediate Japanese II
SPAN 111  Elementary Spanish I
& SPAN 112  and Elementary Spanish II
& SPAN 211  and Intermediate Spanish I
& SPAN 212  and Intermediate Spanish II
PORT 213  Portuguese for Romance Language Students I
& PORT 214  and Portuguese for Romance Language Students II

For Heritage Speakers:
SPAN 113  Spanish for Heritage Learners I
& SPAN 213  and Spanish for Heritage Learners II
& SPAN 214  and Spanish for Heritage Learners III

Option 2:
Complete two semesters of American Sign Language (with a C- or better):
CD 374  American Sign Language I
CD 375  American Sign Language II
CD 476  American Sign Language III

Option 3:
Challenge the 212 level for the following courses:
CHIN 212  Intermediate Chinese II
or FREN 212  Intermediate French II
or GER 212  Intermediate German II
or JPNS 212  Intermediate Japanese II
or SPAN 212  Intermediate Spanish II

OR
Challenge the 214 level for the following courses:
PORT 214  Portuguese for Romance Language Students II
or SPAN 214  Spanish for Heritage Learners III
Option 4:
Pass a three-credit, upper-division course (numbered 300 or above) taught in a second language by the department of Languages and Linguistics.

Option 5:
Obtain college certification of completion of three years of a second language at the high school level with a grade of C- or higher in the second-year level.

Option 6:
By obtaining certification of a working knowledge of a Native American language from the American Indian program director.

Option 7:
By obtaining, from the head of the Department of Languages and Linguistics, certification of a working knowledge of a second language if such language is not taught at NMSU.

Option 8:
In the case of a foreign student who is required to take the TOEFL exam admission, the dean will automatically waive the second language requirement.