Are you interested in both politics and the business world? There are careers available that can combine both fields of interest. They include, but are not limited to,

- Corporate government relations
- Campaign management
- Political fundraising
- Nonprofit lobbying
- Grant writing for nonprofits or government agencies
- Government human resources
- Regulatory Compliance

A BA in Political Science followed by a Master’s in Business Administration (MBA) degree would be excellent preparation for these kinds of careers.

*How can I do this?*

*During your undergraduate career:* You would earn a BA in Political Science with a Minor in Business Administration. In addition, you would need to complete the prerequisites for admission into the MBA program. The Professional Minor in Business is 21 required hours (plus CSCI 101), and include all prerequisites for admission to the MBA program.

Given the flexibility of the Political Science degree program, you can complete all of these requirements within the 124 hour minimum for a bachelor’s degree at Winthrop University.

During your senior year at Winthrop University, you should take the GMAT and apply for admission to the MBA program.

*What’s required exactly?*

1. Touchstone (general education) Program requirements.
2. Political Science major: 30-36 hours.
3. CSCI 101 (as a prerequisite for ACCT 280)
4. Professional Business Minor (21 hours)
5. Taking the GMAT
6. Meeting the admissions requirements for the MBA program.

*Please consult the Graduate Catalog for MBA admissions requirements.*
# Sample Curriculum

## Touchstone (General Education) Program

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### Critical Skills

- **Writing and Critical Thinking**
  - WRIT 101: Composition 3
  - CRTW 201: Critical Reading, Thinking and Writing 3

- **Quantitative Skills**
  - Math 105 or 150 or 151 or 201: 3

- **Logic/Language/Semiotics**
  - Foreign Language: at the 102 level, see approved list 3-4
  - Oral Communication: May be met in major 0-3

- **Technology**
  - CSCI 101: 3

### Skills for a Common Experience and Thinking Across Disciplines

- HMXP 102: The Human Experience: Who am I? 3
- Global Perspectives: May be met in major 0-3
- Historical Perspectives: See approved list 3

### Developing Critical Skills and Applying them to Disciplines

- **Natural Science**
  - Select from two categories and one must be Lab science 7
- **Social Science**
  - Met in major 0
- **ECON 215**
- **ECON 216**
- **Humanities and Arts**
  - Select from list 3-6
  - (Students must complete a total of 12 hours from Social sciences, Humanities and Arts)

- **Intensive Writing**
  - Met in major with PLSC 490 0

- **Constitution Requirement**
  - Met in major with PLSC 201 0

**Subtotal** 32-42

### Required Program

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- **American Government**
  - Select from list in catalog 3

- **Comparative Government and International Relations**
  - Select from list in catalog 3

- **Political Theory**
  - Select from list in catalog 3

- **Public Administration and Public Policy**
  - Select from list in catalog 3

- **Experiential Learning Requirement**
  - Select from list in catalog 0-3
(Course may be used to meet another degree requirement)

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**TOTAL**                                    **124**