Minor in American Politics: Democracy and the Political Process  
(Not for political science majors)

Objectives:
This minor is designed to provide students with an understanding of the institutions and processes involved in the formulation of demands made on the American political system and the responsiveness of the authorities in the system to these demands.

Competencies, Knowledge, or Skills to be Achieved:
Through the study of topics such as the formulation and expression of public opinion, the effectiveness with which political parties create and maintain broad-based governing coalitions, the structures and operations of basic governing institutions, and the nature of the policy process, students should develop a solid grasp of the linkages between public opinion, groups, parties, institutions, and public policy. Since democratic theory assumes the existence of this linkage, students completing the minor should have a solid understanding of the practice of American democracy. Since a number of courses in the minor require the quantitative analysis of data, students will also deepen their knowledge of the methods of the social sciences. The requirement that papers and reports be submitted should enhance mastery of the English language.

Structure of the Minor:
1. Required Courses
   - PSCI 301 American Parties and Politics
   - PSCI 308 Public Opinion
   - PSCI 305 American Presidency or PSCI 306 Legislative Process

2. Electives (choose two)
   - 304 American Political Thought
   - 305 American Presidency or PSCI 306 Legislative Process
   - 307 Southern Politics
   - 311 The Civil Rights Movement and American Politics
   - 310 Domestic Terrorism
   - 371 Leadership in Politics
   - 373 Research Methods in Political Science
   - 396 Politics and the Media
   - 401 Political Issues and Public Policy
   - 403 Topics in American Government and Politics
   - 431 American Foreign Relations
   - 499 Internship

Total Credit Hours Required—15, at least 3 of which must be complete at The Citadel.

For further information, please contact the Department of Political Science.