

## 2022-2023 B.A. in POLITICAL SCIENCE

32 credits required for graduation with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00)

**NOTE:** This guide is not meant to replace the degree audit; it is subject to change and represents actions approved by Faculty to date. Students are encouraged to run their degree audit often. Please refer to the 2022-2023 *Catalog*, which will be updated with the most current information.

### GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

*No single transfer course can meet more than one General Education requirement.*

#### Core Courses

*(Developmental math courses may be waived on basis of test scores.)*

MAT 010 Pre-Algebra  
MAT 011 Elementary Algebra  
MAT 012 Elementary Algebra II

GSTR 110 Writing Seminar I: Critical Thinking in the Liberal Arts *(Transfer students may waive if College Composition was taken as a degree-seeking student at another college and earned a grade of B or higher.)*

GSTR 210 Writing Seminar II: Identity and Diversity in the U.S.  
GSTR 310 Understandings of Christianity  
GSTR 410 Seminar-Contemporary Global Issues

#### Scientific Knowledge and Inquiry

GSTR 332 Scientific Origins **OR**

Two (2) approved science courses, from two different disciplines, one of which must be an approved lab course. The following courses have been approved to meet this requirement: ANR 110, BIO 100, 101, 110, CHM 113, 131, PHY 111, 127, 221

#### Wellness & Fitness

WELL 101 Principles of Wellness I  
WELL 102 Principles of Wellness II

Two (2) ¼-credit HHP activity courses *(HHP 200 will satisfy both the SWIM requirement and one of the activity course requirements)*

#### Practical Reasoning (PR & PRQ)

Two (2) courses, at least one firmly grounded in math or statistics (PRQ); the other can be an approved practical reasoning (PR) course or another PRQ course.

#### Perspectives (Six areas required)

One (1) course in **each** of the six areas is required. Individual courses may be approved to satisfy more than one perspective, but no single course may satisfy more than two perspective areas.

- 1) Arts
- 2) Social Science
- 3) Western History
- 4) Religion
- 5) African American/Appalachian/Women
- 6) International (choose one option):
  - A) Two (2) courses in the same non-English language, one of which may be waived through testing; **OR**
  - B) Two (2) world culture courses, one of which must be grounded in a non-western culture

#### Active Learning Experience

An approved experience, taken for credit or non-credit (e.g. internships, undergraduate research experiences).

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

*A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major is required for graduation.*

#### Core Courses

PSC 100 Intro to Study of Politics  
PSC 110 American Government  
PSC 220 Comparative Political Systems  
PSC 235 Research Methods  
PSC 250 International Relations

#### Capstone Course

PSC 480 Senior Research Seminar

*(Students must demonstrate advanced oral and written communication skills by completing a major research paper and discussing and presenting it to the satisfaction of the departmental faculty.)*

#### Required Distribution Courses (Four total credits)

##### American Government (1 credit)

PSC 314 American Constitutional Law  
PSC 317 The Judicial Process  
PSC 319 Citizen Politics  
PSC 322 Congress and the Presidency  
PSC 330 State & Local Government & Politics

##### International Relations/Comparative Governments (1 credit)

PSC 351 International Organizations  
PSC 355 Foreign Policy Analysis  
PSC 360 International Political Economy

Two additional PSC credits at the 200-level or above

#### Electives

20 credits outside the major

**Admission Requirements:** In most cases, students should have completed at least one (preferably more than one) course in the major, with at least a 2.0 GPA in PSC courses.

I. As qualified members of the liberal arts community, students should:

1. Demonstrate proficiency in speech.
2. Demonstrate good writing and acquire a lifelong habit of writing.
3. Demonstrate understanding and habitual application of principles of logical and scientific analysis.
4. Demonstrate an ability to read comprehensively and interpretively.
5. Demonstrate awareness of significant global issues and problems.

II. As beginning members of the profession of political science, students should:

1. Demonstrate a knowledge of the structure, processes and institutions of American government that goes beyond that of the average citizen.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of principles of government through knowledge of differing types, seen historically and in contemporary times.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental structures, processes and institutions of international relations and organizations.
4. Demonstrate an ability to undertake both quantitative and non-quantitative analyses of political phenomena and behavior.
5. Demonstrate familiarity with the "classics" of the theoretical and philosophical analysis of politics.
6. Demonstrate an understanding of concepts and terminology in common use in the profession.