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B.A. Degree: Political Science Major (for students entering in Fall 2025/Spring 2026)

In the "WHAT" column, enter the specific course number when applicable--e.g. HIST 121. In the "WHEN" column, enter the term and year in which the requirement is satisfied--e.g., sp '20.

Liberal Arts Core	
WHAT	WHEN
_____	ENGL 101* w/ C (2.0) [3 hrs]
_____	ENGL 110 w/ C (2.0) [3 hrs]
_____	COMM 211 w/ C (2.0) [3 hrs]
_____	Dept senior seminar/writing course
_____	Met by: _____ POLS 499 [3 hrs]
_____	FYEX 101 [3 hrs]
_____	FYEX 102 [1 hr]
_____	FYEX 103/104/105/106/107 [1 hr]
_____	FYEX 103/104/105/106/107 [1 hr]
_____	FYEX 401 [1 hr]
_____	Foundational Scientific Inquiry [3-4 hrs]
_____	Foundational Quantitative Analysis [3-4 hrs]
_____	Foundational Humanities & Liberal Arts [3 hrs]

No more than two lens courses may come from same departmental prefix and one lens must be taken at 300 level or above.

_____	_____	Ethical/Spiritual Explor Lens (ETSP) [3 hrs]
_____	_____	Aesthetic Expression Lens (AEXP) [3 hrs]
_____	_____	Per & Soc Well Being Lens (PSWB) [3 hrs]
_____	_____	Cultural Perspectives Lens (CEXP) [3 hrs]
_____	_____	Experimental Inquiry Lens (EXIN) [3 hrs]

40 - 42 Total semester hours

_____ 120 semester hours required for graduation

*Enter NA (not applicable) if waived upon admission

##Lens course options available in the major for AEXP (POLS-210) and CEXP (POLS-233, POLS-235, POLS-238, POLS-334, POLS-336, POLS-337, POLS-338, POLS-339, SOCI-361)

For students classified as transfers, FYEX course requirements are dependent upon total transferrable credit hours.

Political Science Major	
WHAT	WHEN
_____	POLS 101 [3 hrs]
_____	POLS 222 [3 hrs]
_____	POLS 232 [3 hrs]
_____	POLS 342 [3 hrs]
_____	POLS 345 [3 hrs]
_____	POLS 202/##210/##235/245/303/315/333 [3 hrs]
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_____	POLS ##233/##238/265/348/SOCI ##361 [3hrs]
_____	POLS ##334/##336/##337/##338/##339 [3 hrs]
_____	HIST239/POLS221/310/CJUS 325/SOCI320 [3 hrs]
_____	POLS elective/PUBS 101 [3 hrs]
_____	POLS elective, 300 level or above [3 hrs]
_____	POLS 499 [3 hrs]
_____	39 semester hours

➤Except in specifically approved majors, a maximum of 52 hours in an academic discipline may count toward graduation. Three hours over the limit may count to accommodate an internship in the discipline.

➤ Only six hours of any minor may overlap with the required credit hours of a student's chosen major. The overlap constraint is not applicable to courses that majors or minors MUST take in others departments.

➤Students double-majoring in political science and history are required to complete Senior Seminars (POLS 499/HIST 497) and Comprehensive Exams in each major.

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS.BA)

<u>Required Courses</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Prereq.</u>	<u>Rec.Yr.</u>
POLS 101 Intro. to American Government	3		Fr
POLS 222 Introduction to Comparative Politics	3		
POLS 232 Intro. to International Relations	3		Soph/Jr
POLS 342 Social & Political Thought	3	100 level POLS or SOCL course	Jr
POLS 345 Research Methods in Soc Sciences	3	CJUS 110, POLS 101, PUBS 102 or SOCL 101	Jr
POLS *** POLS elective OR	3		Soph-Sr
PUBS 101 Introduction to Public Service	3		
POLS 3** POLS elective, 300 level or above	3		Jr-Sr
^POLS 499 Sr Seminar Soc Sci Rrsch Careers	3		Sr
<u>Two of the following courses</u>			
POLS 202 State and Local Government	3		Soph/Jr
POLS 210 Art of the Election	3		Soph/Jr
POLS 235 Race & Public Policy	3		Soph/Jr
POLS 245 Parks, Preser & Public Service	3		Soph/Jr
POLS 303 American Presidency	3		Soph/Jr
POLS 315 Constitutional Law	3		Jr/Sr
POLS 333 American Foreign Policy	3		Jr/Sr
<u>One of the following courses</u>			
POLS 334 Sub-Saharan African Politics	3		Jr
POLS 336 CAS: Western Europe	3		Jr
POLS 337 CAS: South/Latin America & Caribbean	3		Jr
POLS 338 CAS: Middle East & North Africa	3		Jr
POLS 339 CAS: Asia & the Pacific	3		Jr
<u>One of the following courses</u>			
CJUS 325 Ethics in Criminal Justice	3		Jr
HIST 239 History of West Virginia	3		Soph/Jr
POLS 221 Politics & Film	3		Soph/Jr
POLS 310 Political Science Fiction	3		Jr
SOCI 320 Popular Culture	3		Jr
<u>One of the following courses</u>			
POLS 233 Gender & Politics in Global South	3		Jr
POLS 238 Terrorism & Counterterrorism	3		Jr
POLS 265 International Organizations	3		Jr
POLS 348 International Law & Human Rights	3		Jr
SOCI 361 Global Conflict	3		Jr

39 total hours

^Satisfies advanced composition requirement.

****REMINDERS****

- Students double-majoring in political science and history are required to complete both Senior Seminars.