POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS.BA)

Required Courses		Hrs.	Prereq.	Rec.Yr.
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 SOCI course	Jr
POLS 345	Research Methods in Soc Sciences	3	CJUS 110, POLS 101, PUBS 102 or SOCI 101	Jr
POLS ***	POLS elective	3		Soph-Sr
	OR			
PUBS 101	Introduction to Public Service	3		
POLS 3**	POLS elective, 300 level or above	3		Jr-Sr
POLS 401	Final Year Portfolio Showcase	1	Coreq POLS 499	Sr
^POLS 499	Sr Seminar Soc Sci Rrsch Careers	3		Sr
Two of the following courses				
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
One of the following courses				
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
One of the following courses				
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
One of the following courses				
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
		40 total hours		

^Satisfies advanced composition requirement.

****REMINDERS****

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

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B.A. Degree: Political Science Major (for students entering in Fall 2026/Spring 2027)

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]
_____	_____	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]

39 - 41 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]
_____	_____	POLS 202/##210/##235/245/303/315/333[3 hrs]
_____	_____	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 401 [1 hr]
	_____	POLS 499 [3 hrs]

_____ 40 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.