POLITICAL SCIENCE-B.A.##

General Education Requirements
I. Required Skills and Competencies 16 cr
___ ENG 106 Writing Intensive First Year Seminar OR
___ ENG 110 Advanced Placement Writing (3 cr)
May need ENG 050 Basic Writing first, based on test results
___ HCS 100 Intro to Human Communication (3 cr)
___ Mathematical Competency-Required
___ MAT 117 Applied Statistics (4 cr)
___ HIS 105 Historical Foundations of Global Cultures (3 cr) AND
___ HIS 106 Thinking Historically in a Global Age (3 cr)

II. Categories of Knowledge 33 cr
A: Logic/Numbers for Rational Thinking (3 cr)
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B: Literary, Artistic & Cultural Traditions (9 cr)
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C: Biological & Physical Sciences (9 cr)
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D: Political, Economic & Geographic Science (6 cr)
___ ECO 101 Principles of Macroeconomics
___ GEO 101 World Geography OR
GEO 103 Geography of U.S. and Canada

E: Social & Behavioral Science (6 cr)
___ SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

III. Library Skills Completed via College/Advanced Writing course

Political Science Core Requirements 18 cr
Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in each core course
___ PLS 100 U.S. Government and Politics (3 cr)
___ PLS 141 World Politics (3 cr)
___ PLS 201 Foundations of Political Science: Concepts & Critical Analysis (3 cr)
___ PLS 300 Adv. U.S. Gov’t: Institutions and Public Policy (3 cr)
___ PLS 301 Political Science Research Methods (3 cr)
___ PLS 399 Senior Seminar (3 cr)

Areas of Concentration 12 cr
Choose one course from each of the following concentrations

Global Choose one
___ PLS 251 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 cr)
___ PLS 341 International Law & Organization (3 cr)
___ PLS 342 American Foreign Policy (3 cr)
___ PLS 343 Global Economic and Political Conflict (3 cr)
___ PLS 347 Applied Diplomacy (3 cr)
___ PLS 348 Applied Diplomacy (3 cr)
___ PLS 349 Applied Diplomacy (3 cr)
___ PLS 351 European Politics (3 cr)
___ PLS 356 Comparative Revolutions (3 cr)
___ PLS 357 Third World Politics (3 cr)

Government Choose one
___ PLS 231 State & Local Government (3 cr)
___ PLS 271 Introduction to Public Administration (3 cr)
___ PLS 311 The Legislative Process (3 cr)
___ PLS 312 The American Presidency (3 cr)
___ PLS 313 The Judicial Process (3 cr)
___ PLS 331 City Politics and Administration (3 cr)
___ PLS 332 Federal-State-Local Relations (3 cr)
___ PLS 431 Pennsylvania Local Government (3 cr)
Behavior Choose one
___ PLS 302 Public Policy Analysis (3 cr)
___ PLS 321 Public Opinion and Political Media (3 cr)
___ PLS 322 Interest Groups in American Society (3 cr)
___ PLS 323 Campaigns, Elections, and Political Parties (3 cr)
___ PLS 324 Women in American Politics (3 cr)
___ PLS 325 African American Politics (3 cr)

Theory and Law Choose one
___ PLS 361 Political Theory from Ancient Times through the 19th Century (3 cr)
___ PLS 362 Contemporary Political Ideologies (3 cr)
___ PLS 363 American Political Thought (3 cr)
___ PLS 365 Constitutional Law I: The Federal System (3 cr)
___ PLS 366 Constitutional Law II: First Amendment Freedoms (3 cr)
___ PLS 367 Constitutional Law III: Criminal Law & Equal Protection (3 cr)

Major Electives 9 cr
Students must take nine additional hours of coursework in Political Science. Contemporary Issues (PLS291) or a 3 credit hour internship (PLS395) may also be used to satisfy this requirement. At least six credit hours must be taken at the 300-level or above.
___ PLS XXX ______________________________
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Required Allied Fields 16-17 cr
Economics Requirement 6 cr
___ ECO 101 Principles of Macroeconomics (3 cr) *
___ ECO 102 Principles of Microeconomics (3 cr)
or
___ ECO 113 Principles of Economics (4 cr)
___ Any Economics course at or above the 200 level (3 cr)

Sociology Requirement 6 cr
___ SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3 cr) *
An additional Sociology course from the following
___ SOC 241, 243, 258, 346, 351, 354, 363, 365, or 425

Math/Computer Competency 4 cr
___ MAT 117 Applied Statistics (4 cr) *

# B.A. students must satisfy the Novice level competency in a foreign language. This is accomplished via 3 years of the same language in high school, an AP score of at least 2, or the completion of a 103 level course.
Three credits of a foreign language may count under category B.
*Major requirement fulfills General Education Credits

Free Electives 26 cr
Total Graduation Requirements 120 cr

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GPA Needed to Declare: 2.0
Helpful Hints for Advising:
Year I PLS 100 U.S. Government and Politics
PLS 141 World Politics
Year 2 PLS 201 Foundations of Political Science: Concepts and Critical Analysis
MAT 117 Applied Statistics
PLS 201 and MAT 117 are prerequisites for PLS 301.
PLS 301 is a prerequisite for PLS 302.
PLS 399 can only be taken in the Senior year and typically only during the fall.
A student can count a maximum of six internship credits toward the Major. To qualify for an internship, students must have a 2.0 overall GPA and a 2.3 in the Political Science major. Students must have completed the following courses to be eligible for an internship: PLS 100, PLS 141, PLS 201, and six additional credits of coursework in Political Science.
PLS 395 and 396 fulfill a major requirement. PLS 397 can count as part of a student’s 120 credit hour requirement.