

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

For Transfer Students and first year students who entered the University Fall 2010 (or later)

PART ONE: GENERAL EDUCATION: ALL POLITICAL SCIENCE TRACKS

I. Academic Foundations (18 credits)

WRT 120____ and WRT 200-220 ____ (6 c.)
Math 103 or higher ____ (3 c.)
SPK (formerly Comm) 208 ____ or 230____(3 c.)
Diversity “J” course ____ (3c.)
Interdisciplinary “I” course ____ (3c.)

II. Distributive Requirements (21 credits)

A. Sciences (6 credits)

Two Basic Courses - Select courses from two of following areas:

Computer Science____ (NO CSW)
Physics____ Chemistry ____
Biology____
Geology & Astronomy ____

B. Humanities (6 credits)

Two Basic Courses- Select courses from two of the following areas:

History (rec.) ____
Philosophy____
Literature____

C. Behavioral/Social Sciences (6 credits)

Two Basic Courses - Select courses from two of the following areas
(PSC does not count)

Anthropology ____
Sociology ____
Geography (rec.) ____
Psychology ____
Economics ____

D. The Arts (3 c.)

III. Free General Education “Electives” (9 credits)

IV. Writing Emphasis (3 “W” courses) **

** Transfer students with more than 70 credit hours need to complete one writing emphasis course; those who enter with 40-70 credits need to complete two; those with less than 40 need to complete three. **One Writing Emphasis has to be at the 300 or 400 level.**

V. Applies Only to B.A. in Political Science General and B.A. Applied/Public Policy

Must complete or exempt an approved language through the 102 level; then has a choice of either continuing through the 202 level or completing **three relevant culture cluster courses**. The **3** Culture Cluster courses must pertain to foreign language studied. Only one of them can be a PSC course; no more than two can have the same prefix.

VI. Applies only to B.A. International Relations: Must complete or exempt Foreign Language Through the 202 level

PART TWO: DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

I. Common Core; All B.A. Tracks in Political Science (18 credits)

PSC 100 ____ PSC 200____ PSC 213____ PSC 230____
PSC 202 or PSC 240 ____ PSC 400, 401 or 402 ____ (Senior Seminar)
Other than the Senior Seminar, the core courses are taken during the first and second year.

II. B.A. Political Science General (15 credits):

- A. An additional course in the American or Behavioral Area (3 credits)
This includes PSC 301, 304 and any course in the 320-329 or 350-359 Range

- B. One comparative course (3 credits) - May include PSC 240 if not counted in core
Any course in the 340-349 range _____
- C. Three PSC courses at the 300 level or above (9 credits); PSC 202 can be counted here if not used in the core.

- D. Cognates: (12 credits)
 - 1.) Geo 101 or Geo 103 _____
 - 2.) SOC 200 or Psy 100 _____
 - 3.) History 150, 151 or 152 _____
 - 4.) An economics course under advisement _____

III. B.A. International Relations (15 credits):

- A. PSC 320____ (3 credits)
- B. Two courses from the International Group (6 credits)
(That is, courses in the 310-319 group or PSC 330) _____
- C. Two courses from the Comparative Group (6 credits)
Courses in the 340-349 group _____
- D. 1. Cognates: (15 credits)
 - a) Geo 101 or 103 _____
 - b) History 101, 102, 150, 151 or 152 _____
 - c) An economics course under advisement _____
 - d) 2 Courses (6credits outside the major) _____Normally courses with an “international focus”- with approval by advisor;
Examples include History, Culture Clusters, Geography, Women’s Studies

IV. B.A. Applied/Public Policy (15 Credits):

- A. Requirements: (9 credits)
PSC 322
PSC 356
PSC 357
- B. Two additional political science courses chosen from the following: (6 credits)
PSC 202 (if not used in core), PSC 301____PSC304____PSC 323____ PSC 324____
PSC 355____PSC 358____PSC 359 ____ PSC371____PSC 375 ____or up to six hours of
internship (see catalog) _____
- C. Cognates distributed as follows: (9 credit hours)
 - 1. A sociology course selected under advisement
 - 2. An economics course selected under advisement
 - 3. A geography course selected under advisement

For all three programs (General, International Relations, and Applied/Public Policy), you need to complete a total of 120 credits for graduation.

For information on the **B.A. in Social Studies – Political Science/Teacher Certification**, please see Dr. Linda Stevenson. For **Internship** information, please Dr. John Kennedy.
