West Chester University Accelerated B.A. in Political Science - Government and Politics Concentration to the Master of Public Administration Program through the Honors College Advisement Sheet

Effective for students entering Fall '26 and later.

Indicate all the courses you have taken at WCU or transferred for credit. For completed courses, also list the grades. Mark an asterisk (*) beside courses you are currently taking.

Students must have a "C" average or better in all political science courses, and no more than two grades below "C" in political science courses.

I. POLITICAL SCIENCE CORE CLASSES

PSC 100 ____ (United States Government and Politics)
PSC 200 ____ (Political Analysis)
PSC 213 ____ (International Relations)
PSC 230 ____ (Introduction to Political Thought)
PSC 240 ____ (Introduction to Comparative Politics)
PSC 401 ____ (Senior Project in Political Science)
OR
PSC 402 ____ (Advanced Political Analysis)

NOTE:
With the exception of the Capstone Seminar, the core courses (15 credits) should be taken during the first and second year.

II. ADDITIONAL COURSES

200-level Elective
Select one course below:

PSC 201 ____ (Politics of Diversity in the U.S.)
PSC 202 ____ (Elements of Public Administration)
PSC 250 ____ (The Politics of the Judicial Process)
PSC 255 ____ (State and Local Government)

Institutions of American Government
Select two courses below:

PSC 324 ____ (U.S. Political Parties)
PSC 338 ____ (U.S. Political Thought)
PSC 350 ____ (Constitutional Law I: Government Institutions: Power and Constraints)
PSC 352 ____ (Constitutional Law II: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights)
PSC 355 ____ (Congressional Politics)
PSC 359 ____ (Presidential Politics) \

Political Behavior
Select two courses below:

PSC 301 ____ (Gender and Politics)
PSC 322 _X__ (Public Opinion, Media, and Politics) *
PSC 323 ____ (Racial/Ethnic Politics)
PSC 325 ____ (Campaigns and Elections)
PSC 329 ____ (Courts, Law, and Policy)
PSC 339 ____ (Contemporary Political Thought)
PSC 353 ____ (Latinx Politics)

NOTE:
* HON 313 meets the requirement of PSC 322

Public Policy
Select two courses below:

PSC 304 ____ (Urban Politics)
PSC 320 ____ (U.S. Foreign Policy)
PSC 335 ____ (Pennsylvania Government & Politics)
PSC 354 ____ (Sustainability Politics and Policy)
PSC 356 ____ (US Social Policy)

Additional Upper-level Elective
Select an internship or additional 300-level course from above

PSC 412 ____ (Internship in Political Science)

III. FOREIGN LANGUAGE (0-15 credits)

Option 1: Complete one course at the 202 level (or higher).
Option 2: Complete a course at the 102 level and 3 approved culture cluster courses in the same language area.

Course	Grade
_____	____
_____	____
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IV. HONORS COLLEGE CORE SEQUENCE for GEN ED (27 credits)

HON 100 _____ (Self Awareness)
HON 211 _____ (Public Discourse)
HON 212 _____ (Ethics & Technology)
HON 310 _____ (Community Change)
HON 311 _____ (Stewardship/Civic Responsibility)
HON 312 _____ (Educational Systems)
or
HON 322 _____ (Leader. With ELLs)
HON 313 _____ (Public Opinion)
HON 314 _____ (Environ. Systems)
HON 315 _____ (Community & Arts)
SCI ____ __x___
MAT ___ __x___

V. ADDITIONAL HONORS COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS (9 credits)

A) Two HON seminars at the 320 level or above (except 322)

HON _____ _____
HON _____ _____

B) Capstone Project^

HON 490 _____

^NOTE: ***Enrollment upon core completion***: ideally 6th or 7th semester.

VI. DIRECTED ELECTIVES

Take enough directed electives to complete 120 credits. The actual number of electives required will vary depending upon (among other things) the option to complete a minor(s) and the number of courses the student must take to complete the foreign language requirement.

VII. ACCELERATED PROGRAM

Any Political Science major with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher who has completed at least 90 credits may substitute up to 12 credits of graduate coursework in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program to satisfy course requirements for the B.A. in Political Science - Government and Politics Concentration. Those credits will also apply toward the MPA program. Students must apply to the MPA program after successful completion of 90 undergraduate credits with a 3.0 minimum GPA. If accepted, the student will receive conditional acceptance to the MPA program contingent on successful completion of their undergraduate degree.

Additional 200-level Elective
PPA 500 ____ (Foundation of Public Service)
Public Policy
PPA 504 ____ (Public Human Resource Management)
Additional Upper-Level Elective
PPA 501 ____ (Analysis and Decision Making I)
Free Elective
PPA 502 ____ (Analysis and Decision Making II)

Bring this sheet with you whenever you meet with your advisor about scheduling or course planning!

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