

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE – B.A. in Political Science – Government and Politics Concentration

- ❖ You need to complete a total of 120 credits for graduation
- ❖ The ultimate responsibility for satisfying all graduation requirements is the student's (please check Degree Progress Reports on MyWCU AND consult with your adviser each semester)
- ❖ Please refer to **current** undergraduate catalog for courses qualifying as a general education course.
- ❖ Make sure to discuss with your adviser how easy it is to add **Law, Politics, and Society** minor or the **Global Studies** minor

- First Year Experience _____ (4 credits) -complete within first 30 credits
- WRT 120 _____ (3)
- WRT 200-220 _____ (3)
- MAT 103 or higher _____ (3)
- Arts course _____ (3) - cannot simultaneously fulfill culture cluster req.
- Diversity (J) course _____ (3)
- Interdisciplinary course (I) _____ (3) - I course cannot simultaneously fulfill distributive req.
- Ethics course (E) _____ (3)
- Speaking Emphasis I _____ (3)
- Speaking Emphasis II _____ (3)
- Speaking Emphasis III _____ (3) - one of them must be at 300-level
- Writing Emphasis I _____ (3)
- Writing Emphasis II _____ (3)
- Writing Emphasis III _____ (3) - one of them must be at 300-level
- Free Electives _____ (9)

Writing And Speaking Emphasis: Transfer students with fewer than 40-college level credits must complete 9 credits of Writing Emphasis and nine credits of speaking emphasis courses (one of them at 300-400 level). Students with 40-70 credits must complete 6 credits of writing emphasis and speaking emphasis courses (one of them at 300-400 level). Students with more than 70 credits must take 3 credits of Writing Emphasis and speaking emphasis at the 300-400 level)

Language and Culture Requirement:

General Concentration		
<input type="checkbox"/> Language 101 - required		Two alternatives: (a) complete language up the 202 level or (b) up to the 102 level + 3 culture cluster courses matching the language
<input type="checkbox"/> Language 102 - required		
<input type="checkbox"/> Language 201	<input type="checkbox"/> Culture Cluster 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Language 202	<input type="checkbox"/> Culture Cluster 2	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Culture Cluster 3	

Distributive Requirements: recommended courses are highlighted in grey):

Science - 6 credits, select 2 courses from 2 fields:	Humanities- 6 credits, select 2 courses from 2 fields	Social Sciences – 6 credits, select 2 courses from 2 fields:
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science (no CSW)	<input type="checkbox"/> History (150,151, or 152)	<input type="checkbox"/> Economics (ECO111 or 112)
<input type="checkbox"/> Physics	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy (rec.: PHI 100,101,150, or 180)	<input type="checkbox"/> Geography (GEO101 or 103)
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Sociology 200
<input type="checkbox"/> Biology	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional gen ed Humanities courses as approved by CAPC (see catalog)	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychology
<input type="checkbox"/> Geology and Astronomy (ESS)		<input type="checkbox"/> Anthropology
<input type="checkbox"/> Geography (only GEO 104)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Science gen ed courses as approved by CAPC (see catalog)		

PART TWO: PSC DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS : Political Science - General Concentration (42 credits)

Common Core Courses: (18 credits)

- PSC 100 (American Government)
- PSC 200 (Political Analysis, a Writing Emphasis Course)
- PSC 230 (Introduction to Political Thought, a Writing Emphasis Course)
- PSC213 (international Relations)
- PSC202 (Elements of Public Administration)
- PSC240 (Comparative Politics)

Additional Requirements: ¹ (24 credits)

A. Two of the following courses (6 credits) focused on Institutions of American Government:

- PSC 324 (U.S. Political Parties)
- PSC338 (U.S. Political Thought)
- PSC 350 (Constitutional Law I)
- PSC 352 (Constitutional Law II)
- PSC 355 (Congressional Politics)
- PSC 359 (Presidential Politics)
- PSC371 (State and Local Government)

B. Two of the following courses (6 credits) focused on Political Behavior:

- PSC 301 (Women and Politics)
- PSC 322 (Public Opinion, Media, and Politics)
- PSC 323 (Racial/Ethnic Politics)
- PSC 325 (Campaigns and Elections)
- PSC339 (Contemporary Political Thought)
- PSC 329 (Courts, Law, and Policy)
- PSC 353 (Latino Politics)

C. Two of the following courses (6 credits) focused on Public Policy:

- PSC 304 (Urban Politics)
- PSC 320 (US Foreign Policy)
- PSC 351 (Energy and the Political Process)
- PSC 354 (Environmental Politics and Policy)
- PSC 356 (US Public Policy)
- PSC 357 (Advanced Political Analysis)
- PSC 358 (Applied Public Policy Analysis)
- PSC 370 (PA Government and Politics)

D. One additional 300-level course or internship (3 credits):

- PSC 412 (internship)
- Additional 300 – level course: _____

E. Senior Seminar in Political Science (3 credits):²

- PSC401
- PSC357 (if not counted in 'C' category / chair or instructor's permission required)

Note: Qualified undergraduate students³ can take two graduate courses in WCU's MPA program (typically, PPA500, PPA501, or PPA502). This is a good option for those students who want to explore the graduate MPA degree at WCU. Please discuss how these courses can replace "C" category requirements with your adviser.

¹ PSC399, depending on topic, can be counted in 'A,' 'B' or 'C' category. Adviser's permission required.

² HBI400 can be taken in lieu of PSC401 or PSC357, chair's permission required

³ A senior (90 credits or more) pursuing a bachelor's degree who has an overall grade point average of 3.00 may, with the permission of the major advisor, course professor, department chair of the course, the Dean of The Graduate School, and the vice provost, enroll in up to six credits of graduate-level course work. The student must be at the senior level with the designated grade point average at the time the course begins.