

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE GUIDANCE SHEET

For Transfer Students and first year students who entered the University Fall 2013 (or later); Social Studies Teacher Certification PSC Majors - see separate Guidance Sheet. For all three programs (Government and Politics, International Relations, and Applied Public Policy), you need to complete a total of 120 credits for graduation. Depending on how you choose and complete your coursework, you may have time to add a Minor, and/or take up to 15 credits of PSC-related Internship(s).

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 208 ____ or 230 ____ (3 c.)
Diversity "J" course ____ (3c.)
Interdisciplinary "I" course ____ (3c.)

B. Humanities (6 credits)

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

History (rec.) ____
Philosophy ____
Literature ____

D. The Arts (3 c.)

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 ____

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 ____

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: PSC DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

I. Common Core; All B.A. Tracks in Political Science (21 credits)

Other than the Capstone Seminar, the core courses should be taken during the first and second year.

PSC 100 (U.S.) ____ PSC 200 (Methods) (W) ____ PSC 230 (Theory) (W) ____
PSC 213(Intl. Relations) ____ PSC 240 (Comparative) ____ PSC 202 (Public Admin.) ____
PSC 401 ____ (Capstone Seminar)

II. B.A. Political Science: Government and Politics (18 credits):

- A. Two courses (6 credits) in the Institutional Area: PSC 350, PSC 352, PSC 355, PSC 359
- B. Two courses (6 credits) in the Behavioral Area: PSC 301, PSC 322, PSC 323, PSC 325, PSC 329
- C. Two additional PSC Courses (6 credits) at the 300 level, including any not taken above. 3 credits of Internship (PSC 412) can be used in this area as well .
- D. Cognates: (12 credits)
 - 1.) Geo 101 or Geo 103 _____
 - 2.) SOC 200 _____
 - 3.) History 150, 151 or 152 _____
 - 4.) An economics course under advisement _____

Minors related to this track include: Geography, History, Criminal Justice, Business, Marketing, Communications, Journalism, etc.

III. B.A. International Relations (18 credits):

- A. PSC 317 (Contemporary Intl. Relations) or PSC 320 (US Foreign Relations) _____ (3 credits)
PSC 213 and PSC 240 should be completed prior to taking PSC 317 or 320.
- B. Two courses from the International Group (6 credits)
(Courses in the 310-319 group or PSC 330 or second course from above) _____
- C. Two courses from the Comparative Group (6 credits)
Courses in the 340-349 group _____
- D. Any one additional course from A, B or C; Study Abroad course with PSC prefix; or PSC internationally-focused internship (3credits) _____
- E. Cognates: (15 credits)
 - 1) Geography 101 (World) or 103 (Human) _____
 - 2) History 101 or 102 _____
 - 3) Economics course under advisement _____
 - 4) 2 additional "international-themed" courses (6 credits non-PSC) _____

Courses with an "international focus"- with approval by advisor; can overlap with related courses for Culture Clusters, or related Minor, for example in Language & Cultures, Peace & Conflict Studies, Ethnic Studies, Latin American Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, Business, Marketing, Finance, Geography, History.

IV. B.A. Applied Public Policy (18 Credits):

- A. Requirements: (12 credits)
 - PSC 322 Public Opinion, Media and Politics
 - PSC 356 U.S. Public Policy
 - PSC 357 Advanced Political Analysis
 - PSC 358 Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation / PSC 502 for MA level with approval from advisor
- B. Two additional political science courses chosen from the following: (6 credits)
PSC 301____ PSC304____ PSC 350____ PSC 351____ PSC 352____ PSC 353____ PSC 354____
PSC355____ PSC 359____ PSC 371____ PSC 375____
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

Final Note: Students must complete a total of 120 credits to graduate.