

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE – B.A. in Political Science –
International Relations**

- ❖ 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 minors in **Law, Politics, and Society** or **Global Studies** minor.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> First Year Experience | _____ (4 credits) | -complete within first 30 credits (<i>FYE waived for transfer students with more than 24 credits</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WRT 120 | _____ (3) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WRT 200-220 | _____ (3) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAT 103 or higher | _____ (3) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts course | _____ (3) | - cannot simultaneously fulfill culture cluster req. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity (J) course | _____ (3) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interdisciplinary course (I) | _____ (3) | - I course cannot simultaneously fulfill distributive req. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethics course (E) | _____ (3) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking Emphasis I | _____ (3) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking Emphasis II | _____ (3) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking Emphasis III | _____ (3) | - one must be at 300-level |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Emphasis I | _____ (3) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Emphasis II | _____ (3) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Emphasis III | _____ (3) | - one must be at 300-level |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> Language 102 - required	
<input type="checkbox"/> Language 201	<i>*Consider a minor in your language – These minors typically require only two 300-level courses</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Language 202	<i>*Courses (in addition to 101, 102, 201, and 202 language courses</i>

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 (HIS 101 or 102)	<input type="checkbox"/> Economics (ECO111 or 112)
<input type="checkbox"/> Physics	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy (PHI 100,101,150, or 180)	<input type="checkbox"/> Geography 101 or 103
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Sociology 100
<input type="checkbox"/> Biology		<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: International Affairs (42 credits)

Common Core Courses: (15 credits)

- PSC 100 (American Government)
- PSC 200 (Political Analysis, a Writing Emphasis Course - **W**)
- PSC 213 (International Relations)
- PSC 230 (Introduction to Political Thought, a Writing Emphasis Course - **W**)
- PSC 240 (Comparative Politics)

Upper-level requirements: (27 credits)

- A. One additional 200-level course (3 credits):
 - PSC 201 (Politics of Diversity, a Diversity and Ethics Course - **J, E**)
 - PSC 202 (Elements of Public Administration)
 - PSC 250 (The Politics of the Judicial Process)
 - PSC 255 (State and Local Government)
- B. PSC 317 **AND** PSC 320 (6 Credits)
 - PSC 317 (Topics in International Affairs, a Speaking Emphasis Course – **SE**)
 - PSC 320 (U.S. Foreign Policy, a Writing Emphasis Course – **W**)
- C. Two of the following courses (6 credits) focused on International Relations (i.e. World Politics):
 - PSC 310 (United States and Latin American Relations)
 - PSC 311 (Russian Foreign Policy)
 - PSC 315 (European Union)
 - PSC 318 (International Political Economy, a Interdisciplinary Course - **I**)
 - PSC 330 (Politics of Holocaust and Genocide)
 - PSC 341 (Politics of Development)
 - PSC 353 (Latinx Politics)
- D. Two of the following courses (6 credits) focused on Comparative Politics: ¹
 - PSC 319 (Middle Eastern Politics)
 - PSC 340 (Latin American Culture and Politics – **J, Spanish Culture Cluster**)
 - PSC 342 (European Politics – **Spanish, French, German and Italian Culture Clusters**)
 - PSC 343 (Culture and Politics of Asia, a Writing Emphasis Course - **W**)
 - PSC 346 (Russian Government and Politics – **Russian Culture Cluster**)
 - PSC 348 (African Politics and Society, a Diversity Course - **J**)
- E. One additional course from B, C (above, 3 credits) or 3 credits chosen from:
 - PSC 399 (Special Topics), permission of Dep. Chair required²
 - International Affairs oriented internship (adviser's permission required)
 - Study Abroad credit bearing experience (3 credits) (adviser's permission required)
- F. One cap-stone course (3 credits)
 - PSC 401 (Senior Seminar)
 - PSC 402 (Advanced Political Analysis) (Instructor needs to certify that research topic focuses on international affairs, chair need to approve that paper fulfills capstone course requirements.)

¹ Revised 07/2022

² Depending on topic, PSC399 might also qualify as a 'B' or 'C' requirement