

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 cr.)

Math 103 or higher____ (3 cr.)

SPK 208____ or 230____ (3 cr.)

Diversity "J" course____ (3 cr.)

Interdisciplinary "I" course____ (3 cr.)

B. Humanities (6 credits)

Two Basic Courses

Two Basic Courses – Select courses from 2 of the following areas:

History (rec.)____

Philosophy____

Literature____

D. The Arts (3 cr.)____

II. Distributive Requirements (21 credits)

A. Sciences (6 credits)

Two Basic Courses – Select courses from 2 of the following areas:

Computer Science____ (NO CSW)

Physics____ Chemistry____

Geology & Astronomy____

Biology____

C. Behavioral / Social Sciences (6 credits)

Two basic Courses – Select courses from 2 of the following areas (PSC does not count)

Anthropology____

Psychology____

Sociology____

Economics____

Geography (rec.)____

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 needs 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 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, PSC352, 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, 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 PSC 340-349 group) _____
- D. Any one additional course from A, B or C; Study Abroad course with PSC prefix; or PSC internationally- focused internship (3 credits) _____
- 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 "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 _____ PSC 304 _____ PSC 350 _____ PSC 351 _____ PSC 352 _____ PSC 353 _____ PSC 354 _____
PSC 355 _____ 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 taken under advisement. _____