Political Science, B.A. *major*

Required Credits: 42
Required GPA: 2.25

I REQUIRED CORE COURSES

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- PHIL 3380 Political Philosophy (3 credits)
  or POL 1100 Understanding Politics (3 credits)
- POL 1200 Introduction to American Politics (3 credits)
- POL 1300 Introduction to International Relations (3 credits)
- POL 1400 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 credits)
- POL 3400 Political Theory (3 credits)
- POL 4100 Political Inquiry (3 credits)
- POL 4500 Thesis and Career Preparation (3 credits)

A. GENERAL

SELECT 15 SEMESTER CREDITS OF GUIDED ELECTIVES FROM POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES NUMBERED ABOVE 3000 WITH CONSENT OF ADVISOR. MAY INCLUDE INTERNSHIP UP TO 4 CREDITS:

SELECT 6 SEMESTER CREDITS OF GUIDED ELECTIVES FROM APPROPRIATE COURSES NUMBERED ABOVE 3000 WITH CONSENT
OF ADVISOR. MAY INCLUDE INTERNSHIP UP TO 4 SEMESTER CREDITS.

Note: A total of up to 8 credits of internship may be taken.

B. PRE-LAW EMPHASIS

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSE:

- POL 4200 Constitutional Law (3 credits)

SELECT 18 SEMESTER CREDITS OF GUIDED ELECTIVES FROM APPROPRIATE COURSES NUMBERED ABOVE 3000 WITH CONSENT
OF ADVISOR.

Program Learning Outcomes| Political Science, B.A.

1. An understanding of American government and policitcs: Students will be able to develop an in depth understanding of American governmental institutions and policy-making processes; with an appreciation of the role of the citizen and the motivations of public officials.
2. Develop thinking, leardership and communication skills: Students will be able to develop student abilities in critical thinking, analytical reasoning, leadership, writing, presentation, and research.
3. Effectively present paper to college commuinity: Students will be able to effectively present their senior paper in a roundtable or panel format to the college community.
4. Evaluate political beliefs and tolerance of diversity: Enable students to evaluate political structures in terms of their beliefs about the proper relationship between the individual and the state. To encourage students to appreciate the diversity of political perspective, and to encourage understanding and tolerance of differing point of view.
5. Evaluating politicis from a comparative perspective: Enable student to evaluate differing governmental systems and policy outputs from a comparative perspective.
6. Foundation for career, learning and participation: Student will be able to provide the foundations for a career in the public or private sector and for a lifetime of learning and participation in politics.
7. Produce a quality senior paper: Students will be able to write a senior paper of approximately 20 pages that is tightly focused, persuasive, well documented and clearly presented. The papers should contain an abstract, literature review, original analysis, and a discussion and conclusion.
8. Students should participate in politics: Student will be able to participate in politicis in some form either on or off campus either for credit or not. (e.g., Model UN, Student overnment, political campaigning, community volunteer work, internship, etc.)
9. Understand and utilize research methodologies: Students will be able to understand and utilize the major research methodologies of the discipline.
10. Understand theories explaining international actors: Students will be able to understand the various theories useful in explaiing the behavior of nation-states and other international actors.

SUGGESTED SEMESTER SCHEDULE FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR B.A.

The following is a list of required Political Science Major, B.A. courses arranged by year. This schedule is intended to help students plan their courses in an orderly fashion; however, these are only suggestions and this schedule is flexible.

Freshman

- POL1200
- POL1300
- Liberal Education requirements

Sophomore

- POL1100
- POL1400
- Liberal Education requirements
- Electives in Political Science

Junior

- POL3240
- POL3400
- Liberal Education Requirements
- Electives in Political Science
- Courses needed for minor

Senior

- POL4100
- POL4500
- Electives in Political Science
- Courses needed for minor