

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

2025-2026 Degree Requirements

Name: _____

ID Number: _____

TOTAL CREDITS FOR DEGREE: 120

UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM: 42 credits

Required Fundamental Courses:

COMM 101	Oral Comm. & Pres.	3 credits	
** ENGL 101	College Composition	3 credits	
UNIV 101	City-University Life	3 credits	
Senior Capstone	POLS 412	3 credits	(Seminar in History)

Choose Thematic Core courses in the following:

Explore the World - Choice 1	3 credits
Explore the World - Choice 2	3 credits
Investigate Science	3 credits
Investigate Mathematics	3 credits
Interpret Creative Works	3 credits
Understand People - Choice 1	3 credits
Understand People - Choice 2	3 credits
Succeed in Business	3 credits
Appreciate & Apply the Arts	3 credits
Discover Technology	3 credits

****Min. proficiency (C or better) req. in LCS**

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 48 cr.

SOC 150 **OR** SOC 111 (3)
INES 175 **OR** GCS 215 (3)
HIST 202 **OR** HIST 204 **OR** POLS 205 (3)
POLS 102 American National Government (3)
POLS 250 Intro to Politics (3)
POLS 276 Political Theory (3)
POLS 372 International Relations (3)

Choose a concentration*:

Government and Law **OR** World Politics

MAJOR ELECTIVES:

Select 5 of the following:

POLS 207 Public Policy Issues (3)
POLS 280 Power, Politics, Society (3)
POLS 335 American Foreign Policy (3)
POLS 350 Nationalism (3)
POLS 358 Palestine/Israel: Pol., Hist., Geo. (3)
POLS 376 Theories of Justice (3)
POLS 380 Global Gov.: IOs and Politics (3)

GENERAL ELECTIVES: 30 cr.

See next page for recommended courses in each concentration.**

*See next page for concentration details

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1. Government and Law - Choose 4

POLS 202 State and Local Gov't (3)
POLS 209 Law&Society (3)
PADM 210 Public Admin (3)
POLS 215 Intro to Legal Studies (3)
POLS 402 Constitutional Law (3)
POLS 408 International Law (3)
POLS 295/395/495 Special Topics (3)*
POLS 355/356 Intern Gov't & Legal Serv (3)*
SOCW 309 Afr-Am. Exp **OR** SOCW 350 Sex & Id. Pol.
OR CENG 160 Women St. **OR** CENG 170 LGBTQ rights (3)

* Choose one in concentration area.

**Recommended General Electives:

POLS, PADM 211, PADM 303, SJS, HIST.

2. World Politics - Choose 4

INES 240 South-African Anti-Apartheid Mov. (3)
POLS 290 Human Rights (3)
SOC 356 Global Social Change (3)
INES 325 Global Political Economy (3)
POLS 408 International Law (3)
INTL 407 World Conflicts (3)
POLS 295/395/495 Special Topics (3)*
POLS 355/356 Intern Gov't & Legal Serv (3)*

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**Recommended General Electives:

MLNG, POLS 205, HIST 337, HIST 418, INTL.

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this program, a student will be able to:

1. Explain the relationship between political institutions and/or systems and legal, social, economic, geographic, and cultural dynamics.
2. Apply discipline-based knowledge of political institutions and/or systems in order to compare them both structurally and in terms of their efficacy in specific contexts.
3. Dissect the relations among international political actors, including the roles and functions of international organizations and other forms of global governance.
4. Evaluate political theories (normative and/or empirical) with different perspectives on power, justice, equality, and government.
5. Develop high-quality, original work (written and/or oral) using the methods and arguments specific to the discipline.