

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Overview

A major in political science comprises 33 political science semester hours with the requirement that the student complete:

- a minimum of two courses in American Government
- a minimum of two courses from Comparative Government and International Relations
- one Political Thought course
- a capstone course

This degree may be earned in eight semesters if students enroll in 16 hours per semester.

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
FIRST YEAR REQUIREMENT -STUDENT SUCCESS		
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1-2
or YSU 1500S	Youngstown State University Success Seminar	
or HONR 1500	Intro to Honors	
General Education Requirements		
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3-4
or ENGL 1549	Writing 1 with Support	
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
Mathematics Requirement		3
Arts and Humanities (6 s.h.)		6
Natural Sciences (2 courses, 1 with lab) (6-7 s.h.)		7
Social Science (6 s.h.)		
3 s.h. are fulfilled with POL 1560 (required for the major)		
Social Science elective		3
General Education Electives (9 s.h.)		9
Foreign Language Requirement		
FNLG 1501	Conversational Foreign Language 1	3
FNLG 1502	Conversational Foreign Language 2	3
Major Requirements		
POL 1560	American Government	3
American Government		
Select one of the following:		3
POL 3700	American Presidency	
POL 3701	American Legislative Process	
POL 3702	Law and Society	
POL 3704	American Political Parties and Elections	
POL 3707	Moot Court 1	
POL 3706	African-American Politics	
POL 3717	Health Care Policy	
POL 3718	American Public Policy and Policy Analysis	
POL 3720	Public Management	
POL 3722	State and Local Government	
POL 3708	American Constitutional Law 1: Government Power, Structure, and Limits	
POL 3709	American Constitutional Law 2: Civil Rights and Liberties	
POL 3724	Public Budgeting	
POL 3725	Individualized Study	
POL 3757	Aging and Social Policy	
POL 4810	Urban Internship Seminar	

POL 5800	Select Problems, American Government	
Political Thought		
Select one of the following:		3
POL 3785	Political Thought 1	
POL 3786	Political Thought 2	
POL 3787	Political Thought 3	
POL 5880	Select Problems, Political Thought	
Contemporary and International		6
select two of the following		
POL 2640	Contemporary World Governments (Social Science/Social and Personal Awareness)	
POL 2660	International Relations (Social Science/Social and Personal Awareness)	
POL 3741	Russia and China: From Revolution to Reform	
POL 3744	European Politics	
POL 3760	International Political Economy	
POL 3761	United States Foreign Policy	
POL 3763	International Law	
POL 3764	International Organizations	
POL 3765	Israeli Politics	
POL 3767	Asian Politics	
POL 5860	Select Problems of Global Affairs	
Capstone Course		
POL 4801	Senior Research Seminar	3
Additional Required Hours		
Select a minimum of 15 s.h. (total 33 s.h. in Political Science).		15
Electives		28
Minor Requirements		18
Total Semester Hours		120-122
Year 1		
Fall		S.H.
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1-2
or YSU 1500S	or Youngstown State University Success Seminar	
or HONR 1500	or Intro to Honors	
POL 1560	American Government	3
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3-4
or ENGL 1549	or Writing 1 with Support	
MATH 2623	Quantitative Reasoning	3
FNLG 1501	Conversational Foreign Language 1	3
Semester Hours		13-15
Spring		
POL 2640	Contemporary World Governments	3
POL 2660	International Relations	3
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
FNLG 1502	Conversational Foreign Language 2	3
GER Elective		3
Semester Hours		15
Year 2		
Fall		
POL 37XX	Domestic Politics	3
POL 37XX	Dom. or Intl.	3
Minor	15XX/26XX	3
Natural Science	15XX/26XX	3
Social Science	15XX/26XX	3
Semester Hours		15

Spring		
POL 37XX Dom. or Intl		3
POL 37XX Dom. or Intl		3
Minor 15XX/26XX		3
Natural Science + Lab 15XX/2600		4
GER Elective		3
Semester Hours		16
Year 3		
Fall		
POL 3785	Political Thought 1	3
or POL 3786	or Political Thought 2	
or POL 3787	or Political Thought 3	
POL 37XX Dom. or Intl		3
Minor 37XX		3
Minor 37XX		3
Arts and Humanities 15XX/26XX		3
Semester Hours		15
Spring		
POL 37XX Dom or Intl		3
POL 37XX Dom on Intl		3
Elective 37XX		3
Elective 37XX		3
Arts and Humanities 15XX/26XX		3
Semester Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
POL 37XX		3
Minor 37XX		3
Elective		4
Elective		4
Elective		3
Semester Hours		17
Spring		
POL 4801	Senior Research Seminar	3
Elective 37XX		3
Elective		3
Elective		5
Semester Hours		14
Total Semester Hours		120-122

- Students will use and apply the Style Manual of the American Political Science Association (APSA) in conjunction with their research and writing skills associated with the creation of credible political science projects.

Learning Outcomes

The department's learning outcomes for political science majors are as follows:

- Students will be able to summarize fundamental components of knowledge that have developed in relation to areas of political theory, American government, comparative politics, and international relations.
- Students will recognize and explain the fundamental ideas and constitutional principles that have shaped the American Republic, as well as the institutions and behaviors that provide the setting and substance of American politics.
- Students will recognize and explain the basic ideas, problems and processes of comparative politics and international relations relative to issues of Western and non-Western political development, different forms of national government, and foreign policy behaviors relative to a global economy.