

B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
2009-10
College of Humanities and Sciences General Education Requirements
Foundational Courses

1. Writing : Complete each course.	Credits	Grade
UNIV 111 Focused Inquiry I		
UNIV 112 Focused Inquiry II (C grade or better required)		
ENGL 200 or academic research writing course (C grade or better required; must complete 24 credits before enrolling)		

6. Literature and Civilization: Choose one course.	Credits	Grade
ENGL 215 Readings in Literature HIST 201 The Art of Historical Detection HUMS 250 Reading Film PHIL 201 Critical Thinking About Moral Problems WRLD 203 Cultural Texts and Contexts WRLD 230 Introduction to World Cinema		
Course Taken	3	

2. Mathematics & Statistics: Choose one course.

MATH 131 Introduction to Contemporary Math or STAT 208 Statistical Thinking		
Course Taken		

7. General Education Electives: Choose any 2 additional courses from boxes 3, 4, 5, or 6 (must be from two different boxes).

Course Taken		
Course Taken		

Supporting Courses
3. Human, Social, and Political Behavior: Choose one course.

ANTH/INTL 103 Introduction to Anthropology ECON 101/INTL 102 Introduction to Political Economy HUMS 300 Great Questions of the Social Sciences POLI 103 U.S. Government PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (4 credits) SOCY 101 General Sociology		
Course Taken		

Experiential Courses
8. General Education Modules: Complete each.

Experiencing the Fine Arts: successfully complete one course from the School of the Arts (1-3 credits)		
HUMS 202 Choices in a Consumer Society	1	

4. Science and Technology: Choose one course.

BIOL 101 Biological Concepts (3 or 4 credits) BIOL/ENVS 103 Environmental Science (4 credits) CHEM 110 Chemistry and Society FRSC 202 Crime and Science INSC 201 Energy! (prerequisite: MATH 131, STAT 208 or higher level MATH or STAT course) PHYS 103 Elementary Astronomy		
Course Taken		

9. Foreign Language: Placement determined by placement test.

101 level		
102 level		
201 Level		
202 Level		

5. Diverse and Global Communities: Choose one course.

INTL 101 Human Societies and Globalization MASC/INTL 151 Global Communication POLI/INTL 105 International Relations RELS 108 Human Spirituality WMNS 201 Introduction to Women's Studies		
Course Taken	3	

10. Senior Capstone: taken in major as a senior (after at least 85 credits)

POLI 490 Senior Seminar (fulfilled in major)		
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 Has VCCS Associate Degree _____

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POLITICAL SCIENCE Major Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts major in political science requires 33 credits in political science courses including 15 credits of core courses, 12 credits in the concentration area, and 6 additional political science credits chosen from the full list of POLI courses available. Students may count a maximum of 6 credits of internship and 3 credits of independent study toward the major. With prior approval of the departmental curriculum committee, a student may take three credits toward the political science major from courses in other departments. (For all majors, especially double majors: Be sure to check that language is completed through the 202 level.)

Civil and Human Rights Concentration: choose 12 hours from

- POLI 302 Politics of the Civil Rights Movement
- POLI 314 U.S. Constitutional Law
- POLI 316 Women and the Law
- POLI 318 Politics of Race, Class and Gender
- POLI 319 Women and American Politics
- POLI 343 Black Political Thought
- POLI 345 African-American Politics
- POLI 366 Women and Global Politics

International Relations Concentration: choose 12 hours from

- POLI 358 Concepts of Comparative Government
- POLI 361 Issues in World Politics
- POLI 362 International Organizations and Institutions
- POLI 363 U.S. Foreign Policy
- POLI 364 Vietnam
- POLI 365 International Political Economy
- POLI 366 Women and Global Politics
- POLI 367 Terrorism
- POLI 452 Seminar in Politics of Developing Areas
- POLI 468 Seminar on Comparative Foreign Policy

Public Policy and Administration Concentration: choose 12 hours from

- POLI 310 Public Policy
- POLI 311 Politics of the Environment
- POLI 321 City Politics
- POLI 322 State and Local Government and Politics
- POLI 323 Virginia Government and Politics
- POLI 329 Intergovernmental Relations
- POLI 331 Public Administration
- POLI 420 Seminar in Urban Politics
- POLI 432 Bureaucratic Politics

Politics and Government Concentration: choose any 18 credit hours of 300 or 400-level courses. This concentration is offered for students who are interested in a broad theoretical and practical education in the field of political science. Students in this concentration are required to complete the political science core and then choose 18 credits on POLI courses from among all upper-level political science courses available.

Accelerated Political Science/Masters in Public Administration Program: Program restricted to students who have completed 90 credits of course work and have an overall GPA of 3.0 with a GPA of 3.3 in POLI courses. If accepted, up to 12 credits of undergraduate hours may be applied to the 36-hour Master Degree. Students interested in this option should contact Dr. Carl Ameringer, Younger House, Room 205 or call 804-827-4566.

Political Science Core	Credits	Grade
POLI 103 U.S. Government		
POLI 105 International Relations		
POLI 107 Political Theory		
POLI 109 Comparative Politics		
POLI 490 Senior Seminar		

Political Science Concentration Area	Credits	Grade

Political Science Electives	Credits	Grade

Electives: Select additional courses to satisfy the 120 credits needed to graduate.	Credits	Grade
STAT 210 Basic Practice of Statistics (recommended elective)		

Additional degree requirements

- Cumulative 2.00 GPA
- 2.00 GPA in the major
- 45 credits in upper level courses or the equivalent
- 120 total earned hours
- At least 30 of the last 45 credits taken at VCU