



# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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2024-2025

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: 40 HRS

### LANGUAGE: 9 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>ENG 1001G</b> Composition & Language	3		
<b>ENG 1002G</b> Composition & Language II	3		
<b>CMN 1310G</b> Intro. to Speech Comm.	3		

### HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS: 9 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>Humanities</b> _____	3		
<b>Fine Arts</b> _____	3		
<b>Humanities or Fine Arts</b> _____	3		

### SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE: 9 HRS

Must be from two different disciplines.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>PLS 1153G/1193G</b>	3		
<b>PLS 2253G/2293G</b>	3		
<b>Non PLS</b> _____	3		

### SCIENCE AWARENESS: 7 HRS

One biological and one physical science course, one of which must involve a lab.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>BIO</b> _____ Lab? <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Phy. Sci.</b> _____ Lab? <input type="checkbox"/>			

### MATHEMATICS: 3 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>MAT</b> _____	3		

### SENIOR SEMINAR: 3 HRS

After completion of 75 credits. Choose from PLS 4600, EIU 4XXXG, or STA 4000G

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>PLS 4600</b> Capstone	3		

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 0-8 HRS

Exempt if 2 yrs in high school with "C" average.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>WL</b> _____ <b>G</b>	4		
<b>WL</b> _____ <b>G</b>	4		

## POLITICAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 40 HRS

### REQUIRED COURSES: 19 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>PLS 1153G</b> American Gov't <b>OR PLS 1139G</b> American Gov't Honors	3		
<b>PLS 1500</b> Political Science Forum	1		
<b>PLS 2033</b> Research Methods	3		
<b>PLS 4600</b> Capstone <i>(prerequisite: 75 hrs., PLS 1500, and PLS 2033)</i>	3		
+ CHOOSE 3 OF THE FOLLOWING			
<b>PLS 1003</b> Intro. to Politics	3		
<b>PLS 2000</b> Intro. to Public Affairs	3		
<b>PLS 2103</b> Intro. to Political Theory	3		
<b>PLS 2703</b> Intro. to Public Policy	3		
<b>PLS 2253G</b> Intern. Intern. Relations <b>OR PLS 2239G</b> Intern. Intern. Rel. Honors	3		

### FIELD REQUIREMENTS AND ELECTIVES: 18 HRS

See below for course listing.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>Comp./IR</b> _____	3		
<b>Amer./Pol./PA</b> _____	3		
<b>Law/Theory</b> _____	3		
<b>Field Elective 1</b> _____	3		
<b>Field Elective 2</b> _____	3		
<b>Field Elective 3</b> _____	3		

### APPLIED LEARNING: 3 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
<b>PLS 2503</b> Legal Research <i>(only 1 HR counts)</i>	1		
<b>PLS 2513</b> Moot Court (1 hr) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>PLS 2611</b> Model IL Gov't (1 hr) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>PLS 3970</b> Study Abroad			
<b>PLS 4275</b> Internship			
<b>PLS 4503</b> Independent Study			
<b>PLS 4444</b> Honors Independent Study			

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Hours
<input type="checkbox"/> 40 SH of upper division courses (3000+)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00 Cumulative GPA
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00 Major GPA
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Diversity
<input type="checkbox"/> Application for Graduation (First semester junior year)
<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Writing Portfolio 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/>
See <a href="http://www.eiu.edu/~assess/">www.eiu.edu/~assess/</a> for requirements

## POLITICAL SCIENCE FIELD REQUIREMENTS/ELECTIVES

### COMPARATIVE/INTER. RELATIONS

- PLS 3203** American Foreign Policy
- PLS 3223** International Organizations
- PLS 3233** International Terrorism
- PLS 3253** Hum Rights Internat Law
- PLS 3263** Pol of War & Conflict
- PLS 3303** European Politics
- PLS 3333** Latin Amer/Caribbean
- PLS 3343** Middle East
- PLS 3353** Sub-Saharan Africa
- PLS 3363** Asia-Pacific
- PLS 3393** Developing Nations
- PLS 3861** Spec Top IR Comp
- PLS 4823** Comparative Public Policy

### AMERICAN/PUBLIC POLICY/PA

- PLS 3603** State & Local Government
- PLS 3653** American Indian Politics
- PLS 3703** African American Politics
- PLS 3713** Political Parties & Elections
- PLS 3723** Political Behavior
- PLS 3733** Interest Groups & Lobbying
- PLS 3743** Congress
- PLS 3753** American Presidency
- PLS 3773** Religion & Politics in US
- PLS 3862** Spec Top US/Policy/PubAd
- PLS 3903** Women & Politics
- PLS 4763** Environ Politics/Policy
- PLS 4783** Health Politics/Policy
- PLS 4793** Civic Nonprofit Leadership
- PLS 4873** Hum. Res. Public/Nonprofit
- PLS 4893** Budgeting Public/Nonprofit

### LAW/POLITICAL THEORY

- PLS 3513** Politics & the Legal Process
- PLS 3523** Criminal Law
- PLS 3543** Civil Liberties in America
- PLS 3553** Federal Indian Law Policy
- PLS 3864** Special Topics Law & Theory
- PLS 4774** Amer. Constitutional Law
- PLS 4853** Supreme Court
- PLS 4903** Classic Political Theory
- PLS 4913** Contemp. Political Theory
- PLS 4923** African-Amer. Pol. Thought
- PLS 4943** American Pol. Thought

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## SUGGESTED 4-YEAR SEQUENCE

YEAR 1			
FALL		SPRING	
PLS 1500	1	PLS 2253G/2293G	3
PLS 1153G/1193G	3	ENG 1002G/1092G	3
ENG 1001G/1091G	3	Fine Arts Gen. Ed.	3
Humanities Gen. Ed.	3	Social/Behav. Sci. Gen. Ed.	3
Physical Science Gen. Ed.	4	Elective	3
Total	14	Total	15

  

YEAR 2			
FALL		SPRING	
PLS 2033	3	PLS 1003/2103	3
PLS 2703/2000	3	CMN 1310G	3
MAT 1160G/2250G/2290G	3	PLS Field Requirement:	3
WL__ 1101G	4	American/Policy/PA	4
Elective	3	WL__ 1102G	4
		Elective	3
Total	16	Total	16

YEAR 3			
FALL		SPRING	
PLS Field Requirement:: Law/Theory	3	PLS Field Requirement: Comparative/IR	3
PLS 3000-4000 elective	3	PLS 3000-4000 elective	3
Life Science Gen. Ed.	3	Hum./Fine Arts Gen. Ed.	3
Upper Division Elective	3	Upper Division Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15

  

YEAR 4			
FALL		SPRING	
PLS 4600	3	PLS 3000-4000 elective	3
PLS Applied Learning Req.	3	Upper Division Electives	9
Upper Division Electives	6	Electives	3
Elective	3		
Total	15	Total	15

Students with dual/transfer/AP credits have more room to take electives or pursue a double major or minor. Students who need a foreign language graduation requirement have fewer elective options. We recommend completing this requirement in your 1st year.

\*Any Math general education course will count in the major, but these classes are recommended.

\*\*There are many paths to completing the applied learning requirement - talk to your academic advisor.

## NOTES, QUESTIONS, MINOR REQUIREMENTS: