



BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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2022-2023

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: 40 HRS

LANGUAGE: 9 HRS

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

HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS: 9 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
Humanities _____	3		
Fine Arts _____	3		
Humanities or Fine Arts _____	3		

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE: 9 HRS

Must be from two different disciplines.

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

SCIENCE AWARENESS: 7 HRS

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

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

MATHEMATICS: 3 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
MAT _____	3		

SENIOR SEMINAR: 3 HRS

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

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
PLS 4600 Capstone	3		

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 0-8 HRS

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

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
WL _____ G	4		
WL _____ G	4		

POLITICAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 39 HRS

REQUIRED COURSES: 18 HRS

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

FIELD REQUIREMENTS AND ELECTIVES: 18 HRS

See below for course listing.

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

APPLIED LEARNING: 3 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
PLS 2503 Legal Research <i>(only 1 HR counts)</i>	1		
PLS 2513 Moot Court (1 hr) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
PLS 2611 Model IL Gov't (1 hr) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
PLS 3970 Study Abroad			
PLS 4275 Internship			
PLS 4503 Independent Study			
PLS 4444 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"/> Senior Seminar (after 75 SH)
<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"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/>
See www.eiu.edu/~assess/ 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 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 1153G OR PLS 1193G	3	PLS 2253G OR PLS 2293G	3
ENG 1001G, 3 cr.	3	MAT 1160G, 1170G OR	3
PHY SCI Gen Ed	3	2250G*	
Humanities Gen Ed	3	ENG 1002G	3
Elective	3	Fine Arts Gen Ed	3
		Elective	3
Total		Total	
	15		15

YEAR 2			
FALL		SPRING	
PLS 2033 OR PLS Field Requirement	3	PLS 2033 OR PLS Field Requirement	3
PLS 1003 OR PLS 2703	3	PLS 2103	3
BIO Gen Ed w/ Lab	4	Social/BehScience Gen Ed	3
CMN 1310G	3	Hum/Fine Arts Gen Ed	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total		Total	
	16		15

YEAR 3			
FALL		SPRING	
PLS Field Requirement: American/Policy/PA	3	PLS Field Requirement: Law/Theory	3
PLS Field Elective	3	PLS Applied Learning Requirement**	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total		Total	
	15		15

YEAR 4			
FALL		SPRING	
PLS 4600 Senior Seminar	3	PLS Field Elective	3
PLS Field Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total		Total	
	15		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: