



BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE CIVIC & NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP OPTION

AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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2023-2024

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: 40 HRS

REQUIRED COURSES: 16 HRS

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

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: 6 HRS (CHOOSE 2)

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
PLS 4793 Civic Nonprofit Leadership	2		
PLS 4873 HR Mgt Govt Nonprofit	2		
PLS 4893 Budget Govt Nonprofit	2		

CIVIC/NONPROFIT ELECTIVES: 12 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
Elective 1 _____	3		
Elective 2 _____	3		
Elective 3 _____	3		
Elective 4 _____	3		

GIS: 3 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
GEO 3810 Intro GIS	3		

APPLIED LEARNING: 3 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
PLS 2503 Legal Research (only 1 HR counts)	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			

CIVIC & NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP ELECTIVES

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

*Cannot count for both a required course and an elective.

PLS 4555/Honors Research, PLS 4644/Honors Thesis, and the 5000-level seminar count for Field Requirements and Electives, with admission into Departmental Honors, and with the academic advisor and department chair's approval.

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 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/>
	See www.eiu.edu/~assess/ for requirements

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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	15	Total	15

YEAR 2			
FALL		SPRING	
PLS 2033	3	Civic Nonprofit Elective 1	3
PLS 2703	3	CMN 1310G	3
MAT 1160G/2250G/2290G	3	Human./Fine Arts Gen. Ed.	3
WL__ 1101G	4	WL__ 1102G	4
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	16	Total	15

YEAR 3			
FALL		SPRING	
Civic Nonprofit Elective 2	3	Civic Nonprofit Elective 3	3
GEO 3810	3	PLS Applied Learning Req.	3
Life Science Gen. Ed.	3	Upper Division Electives	6
Upper Division Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3		
Total	15	Total	15

YEAR 4			
FALL		SPRING	
PLS 4600	3	PA Requirement 2	3
PA Requirement 1	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: