

BA, Political Science

Curriculum Guide, 2021-2022

Name: _____

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General Education (40 hours)		
Language (9 hrs. C or better)	Semester	Grade
ENG 1001G		
ENG 1002G		
CMN 1310G		
Humanities/F.A. (9 hrs.)	Semester	Grade
Humanities		
Fine Arts		
Humanities or Fine Arts		
Science (7 hrs.)	Semester	Grade
BIO Lab? <input type="checkbox"/>		
Physical Sci. Lab? <input type="checkbox"/>		
Social/Beh. Sci. (9 hrs.)	Semester	Grade
PLS 1153G		
PLS 2253G		
Non-PLS		
Math (3 hrs.)	Semester	Grade
MAT		
Senior Seminar (3 hrs.)	Semester	Grade
EIU 4_____G		
STA 4000G (1)+Study Abroad		

Political Science Major (39 hours)		
Required Courses (18 hrs.)	Semester	Grade
PLS 1153G/Am. Gov't. (or 1193G)		
PLS 2033/Research Methods		
PLS 4600/Capstone (75 hrs. and PLS 2033)		
And 3 of the following:		
PLS 1003/Intro. Politics		
PLS 2103/Intro. Political Theory		
PLS 2703/Intro. to Public Policy		
PLS 2253G/Intro. International Relations (or 2293G)		
Field Requirements and Electives (18 hrs., see back page for courses)	Semester	Grade
Comparative/Internat. Rel.		
American/Policy/PA		
Law/Political Theory		
Elective 1		
Elective 2		
Elective 3		
Applied Learning (3 hrs.)	Semester	Grade
PLS 2503/Legal Research (only 1 hr. counts towards requirement)		
PLS 2513/Moot Court (1hr.)	<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	
EWP <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural Diversity <input type="checkbox"/>
2.00 major gpa <input type="checkbox"/>	2.00 cum. gpa <input type="checkbox"/>
120 hours <input type="checkbox"/>	40 hrs. upper div. <input type="checkbox"/>
Applied for graduation <input type="checkbox"/>	
Foreign Language	
Exempt if 2 years in HS w/ C avg. <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Semester
	Grade
WL__ 1001 (4)	
WL__ 1002 (4)	

Notes, Substitutions, Minors, Waivers:

Political Science Field Requirements/Electives

Comparative/Inter. Relations	American/Public Policy/PA	Law/Political Theory
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 Gvts PLS 3333 Pol Latin Amer/Caribbean PLS 3343 Gov. & Politics/Middle East PLS 3353 Pol. Sub-Saharan Africa PLS 3363 Gov. & Politics Asia-Pacific PLS 3863A Special Topics in PLS PLS 4823 Comparative Public Policy	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 The American Presidency PLS 3773 Religion & Politics in US PLS 3863B Special Topics in PLS PLS 3903 Women & Politics PLS 4763 Environ Politics/Policy PLS 4793 Civic Nonprofit Leadership PLS 4873 Hum. Res. Public/Nonprofit PLS 4893 Budgeting Public/Nonprofit	PLS 3513 Politics & the Legal Process PLS 3523 Criminal Law PLS 3543 Civil Liberties in America PLS 3553 Federal Indian Law Policy PLS 3863C Special Topics in PLS 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

* 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.

Sample 4 Year Study Plan

Year 1, Fall (16 hrs.)	Year 1, Spring (14 hrs.)
PLS 1153G/Intro. AmGov PLS 1003/Intro. Politics or PLS 2703/Intro. Policy ENG 1001G CMN 1310G WL__ 1001	PLS 2253G/Int. Internat. Rel. or PLS 2103/Int. Theory MAT 1160G, 1170G or 2250G ENG 1002G WL__ 1002 PLS 2513/Moot Court or PLS 2611/MIG*
Year 2, Fall (16 hrs.)	Year 2, Spring (15 hrs.)
PLS 2033/Research Methods Elective/Double Major/Minor BIO or PHY SCI General Education w/ Lab Humanities General Education Social/Behavioral Science Gen. Ed. (non PLS)	PLS 2253G or PLS 2103 Fine Arts General Education BIO or PHY SCI General Education Elective/Double Major/Minor Elective/Double Major/Minor
Year 3, Fall (15 hrs.)	Year 3, Spring (15 hrs.)
PLS Field Requirement/Elective PLS Field Requirement/Elective Humanities or Fine Arts General Education Elective/Minor/Double Major Elective/Minor/Double Major	PLS Field Requirement/Elective PLS Applied Learning Requirement* Elective/Minor/Double Major Elective/Minor/Double Major Elective/Minor/Double Major
Year 4, Fall (15 hrs.)	Year 4, Spring (15 hrs.)
PLS 4600/Capstone PLS Field Requirement/Elective Elective/Minor/Double Major Elective/Minor/Double Major Elective/Minor/Double Major	PLS Field Requirement/Elective PLS Field Requirement/Elective Senior Seminar: EIU 4__G Elective/Minor/Double Major Elective/Minor/Double Major

Students with dual/transfer credits and/or high school foreign language competency have more room to take electives or pursue a double major or minor.

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