

**Student ID:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Adviser Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Catalog: College Catalog 2016-2017**  
**Program: Political Science (B.A.)**  
**Minimum Credits Required:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Political Science (B.A.)

### Student Learning Outcomes for Political Science:

*Students will be able to:*

- Explain the major theories, concepts, and methods of political analysis – empirical, normative, and policy-oriented.
- Apply theories, concepts, and methods used in the study of politics to political ideas, institutions, and practices.
- Exercise critical judgment, analyze, and synthesize relevant information and construct reasoned argument.
- Communicate effectively and fluently in speech and in writing.
- Conduct independent, original research, demonstrating the ability to gather, organize, and present evidence, data, and information from a variety of primary and secondary sources.
- Be involved in matters of public concern locally, nationally, and globally.

### The Political Science major requires the following courses:

Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
PS 111 - SSC American National Government			
PS 150 - NCH Introduction to Comparative Politics			
PS 205 - WCH Western Political Heritage			
PS 230 - Research Methods			
PS 245 - NCH International Relations			
PS 498 - Senior Seminar in Political Science <i>*Prerequisite(s):</i> Senior status, or permission of the instructor.			
An additional 20 credits of political science courses or other approved electives Participation in a for-credit experiential-learning or off-campus study program approved by the Department and the Office of Registration and Records. Examples of such programs include: the Department's Capital Semester Internship Program (PS 479), the Queen's University International Study Centre at Herstmonceux Castle; the American University Washington Semester Program; BCA Study Abroad programs; the Summer Study Abroad Oxford, England, Programme; and May term international experiences sponsored by individual faculty and Departments. Approved political science courses in these off-campus programs will count toward the major.			

### Note:

For information about the American University Washington Semester Program, students should contact Dr. Fletcher McClellan. For internship opportunities in Harrisburg through the Department's Capital Semester Internship Program (PS 471), students should contact Dr. April Kelly-Woessner.

### Suggested first year courses:

#### Fall semester:

Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
PS 111 - SSC American National Government			

#### Spring semester:

Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
PS 150 - NCH Introduction to Comparative Politics			

### Notes:

The Political Science major has no modern or ancient language requirement beyond the Power of Language - Other requirement in the core program. However, students are encouraged to develop competency in a modern language, particularly if they are interested in study abroad.

MA 251 is suggested to satisfy the Mathematics core requirement.

If a student has received AP credit for PS 111 and is interested in taking sophomore-level courses in political science, she/he should consult with the department chair first. PS 223, PS 224, or PS 245 are good choices.

**Notes:**