Political Science Program

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM:

The program in Political Science is designed to give students an understanding of the governmental institutions, the political behavior of individuals and groups, the public programs of modern societies, the interrelationships of various levels of government, and international affairs. Qualified students often seek internship opportunities with national, state, and local government agencies. Eligible students are also encouraged to intern in Washington, D.C. with the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars.

The Political Science curriculum is designed to provide an understanding of the political process in its many manifestations, including the structure of government institutions, the political behavior of individuals and groups, the study of public problems characteristic of modern societies, and a consideration of the interrelationships of institutions at different levels of government.

The principal objectives of the Political Science Program are:

• to lay the basis for an understanding of governmental and administrative processes for individuals planning public service careers in national, state, or local government

• to foster an understanding of the substance and methods of the study of government and politics as preparation for graduate work in political science or public administration

• to provide thorough training for students considering law school.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Students completing the B.A. in political science degree may enter a variety of careers including public service, journalism, and education. Graduates may also continue their studies at the graduate level or enter law school.

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One thing that sets not only the Political Science program but also the University as a whole apart is that at Fairmont State you are not just a statistic. At Fairmont, the professors want you to succeed. They teach from their career experiences and prepare us for our own journey. As a Fairmont native, I knew that Fairmont State offered a great Political Science program and I wanted to cultivate my passion for that field into a career. As a student, the Political Science program has opened many doors including the option to pursue a double major. My second semester I expanded to a dual Political Science/National Security and Intelligence double major and added a History minor. I have had many great professors within the Social Sciences Department and I am forever indebted to them for helping me along the way.  

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**BACHELOR OF ARTS POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**MODEL SCHEDULE**

**FRESHMAN FIRST SEMESTER**
- **ENGL 1101** WRITTEN ENGLISH I (Outcome 3) (Institutional Requirement) .... 3
- **POLI 1100** AMERICAN GOVERNMENT (Outcome 11) (Satisfied in Major) .... 3
- **MATH** MATH 1407 OR ABOVE (See catalog) (Outcome 2) ................. 3
- **ARTS** ART, MUSI, THEA, INTR 1120 (Outcome 12)* .................. 3
- **FREE ELECTIVE** ........................................................................... 3
- **TOTAL** ...................................................................................... 15

**FRESHMAN SECOND SEMESTER**
- **ENGL 1102** WRITTEN ENGLISH II (Outcome 5, 1) (Institutional Requirement) .... 3
- **POLI 2200** INTRO POLITICAL SCIENCE (Outcome 16, 14) .......... 3
- **NATURAL SCIENCE** (Any course listed in Outcome 15) ............. 4
- **PHED 1100** FITNESS & WELLNESS (Outcome 10)* .................... 2
- **FREE ELECTIVE** ........................................................................... 3
- **TOTAL** ...................................................................................... 15

**SOPHOMORE FIRST SEMESTER**
- **BISM 1200** INTRO TO COMPUTING (Outcome 6)* ......................... 3
  - OR-
- **CRIM 2250** CYBERCRIME (Outcome 6)* ...................................... 3
- **POLI 2210** INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS .................................... 3
- **POLI 2220** COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT .................................. 3
- **HIST** HIST 1107 OR 1108 (Outcome 8)* ................................... 3
- **FREE ELECTIVE** ........................................................................... 3
- **TOTAL** ...................................................................................... 15

**SOPHOMORE SECOND SEMESTER**
- **POLI 3300/4400** (UPPER LEVEL POLI ELECTIVE) ....................... 3
- **HIST** HIST 2211 OR 2212 OR 2213 OR PHIL 2250 (Outcome 13)* .... 3
- **CRIM** CRIM 2295 ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Outcome 9, 4) (Satisfied in major) .... 3
- **MINOR COURSE** ........................................................................ 3
- **FREE ELECTIVE** ........................................................................... 3
- **TOTAL** ...................................................................................... 15

**JUNIOR FIRST SEMESTER**
- **POLI 3300/4400** (UPPER LEVEL POLI ELECTIVE) ....................... 3
- **POLI 4400** RESEARCH IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES ...................... 3
- **BSBA** 2200 ECONOMICS ............................................................ 3
- **MINOR COURSE** ........................................................................ 3
- **FREE ELECTIVE** ........................................................................... 3
- **TOTAL** ...................................................................................... 15

**JUNIOR SECOND SEMESTER**
- **POLI 3300/4400** (UPPER LEVEL POLI ELECTIVE) ....................... 3
- **COMM 2200** OR 2201 OR 2202 (Outcome 7)* ......................... 3
- **MINOR COURSE** ........................................................................ 3
- **FREE ELECTIVE** ........................................................................... 3
- **FREE ELECTIVE** ........................................................................... 3
- **TOTAL** ...................................................................................... 15

**SENIOR FIRST SEMESTER**
- **POLI 4490** CAPSTONE SEMINAR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE ............ 3
- **POLI 3300/4400** (UPPER LEVEL POLI ELECTIVE) ....................... 3
- **MINOR COURSE** ........................................................................ 3
- **FREE ELECTIVE** ........................................................................... 3
- **FREE ELECTIVE** ........................................................................... 3
- **TOTAL** ...................................................................................... 15

**SENIOR SECOND SEMESTER**
- **POLI 3300/4400** (UPPER LEVEL POLI ELECTIVE) ....................... 3
- **MINOR COURSE** ........................................................................ 3
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- **FREE ELECTIVE** ........................................................................... 3
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- **TOTAL** ...................................................................................... 15

**NOTE:** Any course(s) marked with asterisk(*) above are recommended to complement the program curriculum; however, students may select any other courses from the approved General Studies list.

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