

# BACHELOR OF ARTS POLITICAL SCIENCE

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The obvious career path for Political Science majors is to seek government positions. Students will be prepared for that at the local, state and even national level. But, the opportunities don't stop there. Graduates can become a:

- Lawyer
- Campaign operative
- Legislative analyst or coordinator
- Policy analyst

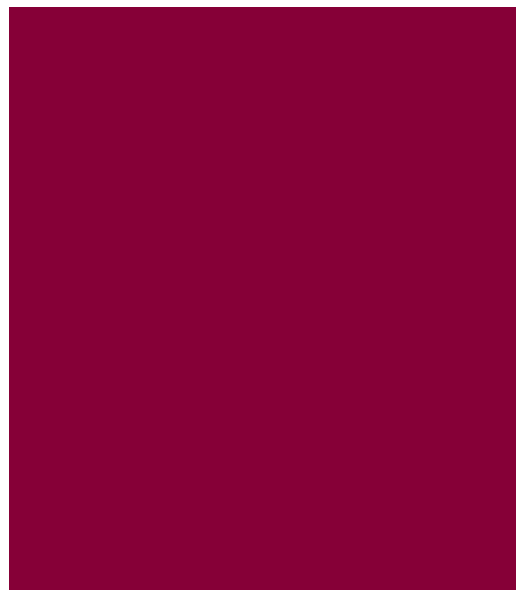


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## CORE Curriculum Requirements

First Year Seminar	1 hour
Written Communication	6 hours
Oral Communication	3 hours
Mathematics	3-4 hours
Humanities with Critical Thinking	3 hours
Fine Arts with Critical Thinking	3 hours
Natural Science with Critical Thinking	3-5 hours
Social Science with Critical Thinking	3 hours
Citizenship	3 hours
Global Aware./Fitness&Wellness/Tech	2-3 hours

## Political Science Curriculum: 24 credit hours

CRIM 2295	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3 hours
BSBA 2200	Economics	3 hours
POLI 1100	American Government	3 hours
POLI 2210	Principles of International Relations	3 hours
POLI 2220	Comparative Government	3 hours
CRIM 4400	Research in the Social Sciences	3 hours
POLI 4490	Capstone Seminar	3 hours

## Political Science Electives: 15 credit hours

Courses include any 3300/4400 level Political Science Course.

## Minor: 18 credit hours

Political Science students are required to choose a minor. Minors range between 18-24 credit hours.

## Free Electives: 33 credit hours

## Political Science Minor: 18 credit hours

Students may choose to complete a minor in Political Science.

## Required Courses: 6 credit hours

POLI 1100	American Government	3 hours
POLI 2200	Introduction to Political Science	3 hours

## Political Science Electives: 12 credit hours

## Sample Schedule

Students must successfully complete 120 hours for the degree. Schedules vary based on course availability, semester student enters program, and any courses already completed.

<b>First Year, 1st Semester</b> CORE 1st Year Seminar ENGL 1101 CORE Mathematics CORE Fitness POLI 1100 CORE Citizenship	<b>First Year, 2nd Semester</b> ENGL 1102 POLI 2200 CORE Oral Comm CORE Fine Arts POLI 2210
<b>Second Year, 1st Semester</b> CRIM 2295 CORE Natural Science POLI 2220 Minor POLI Elective	<b>Second Year, 2nd Semester</b> BSBA 2200 POLI Elective Minor Free Elective CORE Social Science
<b>Third Year, 1st Semester</b> POLI Elective CRIM 4400 POLI Elective Free Elective Minor	<b>Third Year, 2nd Semester</b> POLI Elective POLI 3350 POLI 3370 Minor Free Elective
<b>Fourth Year, 1st Semester</b> POLI 4490 Minor Minor Free Elective Free Elective	<b>Fourth Year, 2nd Semester</b> Minor Minor Free Elective Free Elective Free Elective

Students are encouraged complete a minor, an associates degree, or double major. Minor, associate degree, or double major hours vary based on route taken by student

Students are encouraged to work with their advisor to ensure any electives are in line with the student's career goals.

Note: This model schedule is a suggested course sequence & is meant to be used as a guide. Students should check the Undergraduate Catalog for their entrance year into Fairmont State University (or any subsequent catalog) to learn more about the graduation requirements for their major.



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