

Student: _____ Date of Admission: _____ Advisor: _____

BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESHMEN ENTERING FALL 2012 and Beyond

General Education Goal	Minimum GEPs Required	Minimum Disciplines Required ¹	Course, Department Prefix and Number ²	GEPs Earned	Sem Completed	Grade Earned	Fulfilled
Communication Communicate effectively in writing, oral presentation, and visual argument.	7	3	English 101: Foundations of College Writing (completed in first year)	3	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information Literacy Find, evaluate, and ethically use information using appropriate technology.	2	1					<input type="checkbox"/>
Analytical & Quantitative Skills Apply critical analysis, quantitative reasoning, and problem solving skills.	5	2	foundational math class (completed in first year) _____ Note: MATH 109 College Algebra, MATH 112 Trigonometry, MATH 113 Pre-Calculus are not considered a foundation course.	3	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultures & Diversity Apply knowledge from the humanities and other disciplines to analyze: the implications of diversity among human groups, their histories, cultures, and the plurality of human experiences.	5	2					<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural Sciences Demonstrate knowledge of natural sciences principles, concepts, and methods.	5	2					<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Sciences Demonstrate knowledge of social sciences principles, concepts, and methods.	5	2					<input type="checkbox"/>

¹ **Disciplines Represented:** To satisfy those General Education Goals requiring courses from more than one discipline, students must take courses with two or three different departmental prefixes. For example, ART and ARTHSTRY represent two different disciplines, although they are housed in the same department.

² If a course gets general education approval after the student has been admitted and taken the course, then s/he should Petition for Exceptions to Undergraduate Graduation Requirements to substitute old for the newly approved GEP version of the course. This is policy PRP 3604.

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Arts & Humanities Apply knowledge from the arts and humanities to analyze, evaluate, or participate in the artistic and literary traditions of our diverse world.	5	2					<input type="checkbox"/>
Second Language Demonstrate basic communication skills in a second language.	2	1	Note: Students may also earn the required GEPs as a result of their score on an appropriate foreign language placement test. ³				<input type="checkbox"/>
Healthy Living Participate in physical activity and evaluate the consequences of health decisions.	2	1					<input type="checkbox"/>
Citizenship Exhibit responsible citizenship.	2	1					<input type="checkbox"/>
Total GEPs Earned							
Minimum 40 distributed correctly between disciplines and goals:							
No more than one Political Science course may be used to fulfill any one of the ten general education goals.							

Requirements to fulfill Political Science Major

The departmental course requirements for a political science major consist of thirty-four (33) semester hours with at least twelve (12) credit hours in 300 or 400 level courses.

A. Required Courses (15 credits):

Semester Completed	Grade	Political Science	Semester Completed	Grade	Political Science
		120 U.S. Government			360 Nations, States, and Government
		280 Intro to International Relations			405 Development of Political Thought
		300 Political Science Research			

*All students in the Political Science Major must earn a letter grade of "C" or higher in all major courses.

**POLISCI 101 Elements of Political Science cannot be used to fulfill a major elective.

B. Political Science Electives (18 credits – 12 credits must be 300 or 400-level)

Semester Completed	Grade	Political Science	Sem. Compl.	Grade	Political Science

³ https://www.bloomu.edu/opa/placement_language

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Undergraduate Graduation Checklist (see PRP 3604):

- Earned an average of 2.0 or higher in all courses required in Political Science.
- Earned an average of 2.0 or higher overall.
- Completed the requirements for a degree in Political Science.
- Completed the general education requirements.
- Earned a minimum of 120 credits (Developmental Courses with course numbers lower than 100 do not count towards graduation).
- At least 60 semester hours of credit toward graduation must be taken at an accredited four-year degree-granting institution.
- At least 30 of the last 45 semester hours credited toward a bachelor degree must be earned at Bloomsburg University.
- At least 50% of courses in the major discipline must be earned at Bloomsburg University.
- Completed an application for graduation.
- Scheduled an exit survey and interview with Department of Political Science.
- If applicable, completed forms to declare minors and second majors.

Advisor Meeting Verification Signatures:

All Political Science majors are required to meet with their advisor at least once per semester to make sure students are on track to complete all graduation requirements. It is ultimately the responsibility of the student to make sure all requirements for graduation are completed.

Students are responsible for completing the graduation application and submitting it with this form to the department office for graduation by October 1st for December Commencement and by February 1st for Spring Commencement.

Sem.	Year	Meeting Date	Student Signature	Advisor Signature