

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Admission \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

**BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS  
FOR FRESHMEN ENTERING STARTING FALL 2018**

General Education Goal	Minimum GEPs Required	Minimum Disciplines Required <sup>1</sup>	Course, Department Prefix and Number <sup>2</sup>	Fulfilled
<b>Communication</b> Communicate effectively in writing, oral presentation, and visual argument.	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Information Literacy</b> Find, evaluate, and ethically use information using appropriate technology.	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Analytical &amp; Quantitative Skills</b> Apply critical analysis, quantitative reasoning, and problem solving skills.	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Cultures &amp; Diversity</b> 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.	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Natural Sciences</b> Demonstrate knowledge of natural sciences principles, concepts, and methods.	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Social Sciences</b> Demonstrate knowledge of social sciences principles, concepts, and methods.	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Arts &amp; Humanities</b> Apply knowledge from the arts and humanities to analyze, evaluate, or participate in the artistic and literary traditions of our diverse world.	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Second Language</b> Demonstrate basic communication skills in a second language.	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	Note: Students may also earn the required GEPs as a result of their score on an appropriate foreign language placement test.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Healthy Living</b> Participate in physical activity and evaluate the consequences of health decisions.	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Citizenship</b> Exhibit responsible citizenship.	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Total GEPs Earned</b>				
<b>Minimum 40 distributed correctly between disciplines and goals:</b>				
<b>No more than one Political Science course may be used to fulfill any one of the ten general education goals.</b>				

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

## Requirements for Political Science Major (39 credits)

### A. Core Courses (12 credits). Complete all 4 courses with a C or better grade. No prerequisites.

Course	Semester	Grade	Course	Semester	Grade
108 Contemporary Political Ideologies			120 U.S. Government		
260 Intro to Comparative Politics			280 Intro to International Relations		

### B. Methods (3 credits). Complete POLISCI 300 with a C or better grade.

Prerequisites:

- Complete university math course with MATH designation (MATH 141 strongly recommended).
- Take concurrently with POLISCI 300 or complete with grade of C or better core courses POLISCI 120, POLISCI 260, POLISCI 280; or by permission of the Chair.

Course	Semester	Grade
300 Political Science Research		

### C. Advanced (15 credits). Complete 1 course from each of the 5 subfields.

Prerequisites:

- Must complete core course in same subfield (e.g. POLISCI 108 for course in political theory).
- POLISCI 300 must be either completed before or taken concurrently with any advanced course.
- In lieu of these prerequisites, a student may gain permission from the instructor.

Subfield	Prereq	Course Options	Course	Semester	Grade
1. Political Theory	108	377, 405, 409, 492 <sup>3</sup>			
2. American Gov & Politics	120	326, 429, 440, 452, 456, 492 <sup>3</sup>			
3. Comparative Politics	260	310, 322, 340, 345, 366, 368, 371, 376, 492 <sup>3</sup>			
4. International Relations	280	350, 458, 462, 466, 487, 492 <sup>3</sup>			
5. Public Administration/ Legal Studies	120	307, 336, 437, 438, 446, 447, 448, 492 <sup>3</sup>			

### D. Concentration (6 credits). Complete 2 courses in one of the 5 concentration areas.

Prerequisites:

- Must complete core course in related subfields (e.g. POLISCI 120 for Legal Studies).
- In lieu of these prerequisites, a student may gain permission from the instructor.

Concentration	Prereq	Course Options	Course #1	Semester	Grade	Course #2	Semester	Grade
1. American Gov & Politics	120	326, 429, 440, 452, 456, 492 <sup>3</sup>						
2. International Studies	260, 280	310, 322, 340, 345, 350, 366, 368, 371, 376, 458, 462, 466, 487, 492 <sup>3</sup>						
3. Public Administration	120	307, 336, 437, 438, 456, 492 <sup>3</sup>						
4. Legal Studies	120	446, 447, 448, 487, 492 <sup>3</sup>						
5. Open <sup>4</sup>								

### E. Capstone (3 credits). Complete 1 course listed below. Students may complete both options.

Prerequisites:

- Completion of all core courses, POLISCI 300, and a minimum of 5 out of 7 courses in the advanced/concentration tracks. The latter requirement may be waived by permission of the chair.
- Internship: minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA or at the discretion of the chair; gain permission from academic advisor and campus Director of Academic Internships; complete at least 60 credit hours, or by permission of the department chair.

Course	Semester	Grade
Thesis: 480 Capstone		
Internship: 497 Internship <sup>5</sup>		

<sup>3</sup> POLISCI 492 (Seminar) may count in one or more areas of the curriculum depending on the topic. Check with the Department for specific information.

<sup>4</sup> Students have the option of designing their own concentration. To do so, they must first gain the approval of their academic advisor and use their idea as a guide for determining which core course should serve as a prerequisite.

<sup>5</sup> Some internships such as The Washington Center (TWC) and The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) have separate course designations.

## Requirements for Political Science Minor (18 credits)

### A. Core Courses (12 credits). Complete all 4 courses with a C or better grade. No prerequisites.

Course	Semester	Grade	Course	Semester	Grade
108 Contemporary Political Ideologies			120 U.S. Government		
260 Intro to Comparative Politics			280 Intro to International Relations		

### B. Electives (6 credits). Complete any 2 courses from the list below.

Prerequisites:

- Must complete core courses or by permission of the instructor.

Course Options	Course	Semester	Grade
101, 102, 121, 181, 207, 210, 300, 303, 310, 322, 326, 336, 345, 350, 366, 368, 371, 373, 375, 376, 377, 405, 409, 415, 429, 437, 438, 440, 445, 446, 447, 448, 452, 453, 456, 457, 458, 462, 466, 480, 487, 490, 492, 497			

## POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE GUIDE

Courses Eligible for Minor Credit But Not Major Credit	
101 Elements of Political Science 181 Contemporary Issues World Politics	121 Contemporary Problems U.S. Government

Upper Level Electives in Political Science by Concentration	
<p><u>Political Theory</u> POLISCI 377 (Feminist Political Theory) POLISCI 405 (Development of Political Thought) POLISCI 409 (American Political Thought) POLISCI 492 (Seminar)</p> <p><u>International Studies (Comparative/International Relations)</u> POLISCI 310 (Government and Politics of China) POLISCI 322 (Political Violence) POLISCI 340 (Politics of Immigration) POLISCI 345 (Democratization and Regime Change) POLISCI 350 (Globalization) POLISCI 366 (European Politics) POLISCI 368 (Asian Politics) POLISCI 371 (African Politics) POLISCI 376 (Middle East Politics) POLISCI 458 (US Foreign Policy) POLISCI 462 (Info Technology and World Politics) POLISCI 466 (International Relations in East Asia) POLISCI 487 (International Law and Organizations) POLISCI 492 (Seminar)</p>	<p><u>American Gov and Politics</u> POLISCI 326 (Parties, Groups, Public Opinion) POLISCI 429 (Racism/Sexism in American Politics) POLISCI 440 (President and Congress) POLISCI 452 (State and Local Government) POLISCI 456 (Public Policy) POLISCI 492 (Seminar)</p> <p><u>Public Administration</u> POLISCI 307 (Ethics in Politics and Public Policy) POLISCI 336 (Public Administration Theory) POLISCI 437 (Public Administration Application) POLISCI 438 (Public Personnel Administration) POLISCI 492 (Seminar)</p> <p><u>Legal Studies</u> POLISCI 446 (Constitutional Law I) POLISCI 447 (Constitutional Law II) POLISCI 448 (Judicial Process) POLISCI 487 (International Law and Organizations) POLISCI 492 (Seminar)</p>

## 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.
- If applicable, completed forms to declare minors and second majors.

### Advisor Meeting Verification Signatures:

All Political Science majors are highly encouraged to meet with their advisor at least once per semester to make sure they 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 1<sup>st</sup> for December Commencement and by February 1<sup>st</sup> for Spring Commencement.**

Sem.	Year	Meeting Date	Student Signature	Advisor Signature