DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE GUIDANCE SHEET

For Transfer Students and first-year students who entered the University Fall 2013 (or later); Social Studies Teacher Certification PSC Majors - see separate Guidance Sheet. For all three programs (Government and Politics, International Relations, and Applied Public Policy), you need to complete a total of 120 credits for graduation. Depending on how you choose and complete your coursework, you may have time to add a Minor, and/or take up to 15 credits of PSC-related Internship(s).

PART ONE: GENERAL EDUCATION: ALL POLITICAL SCIENCE TRACKS

I. Academic Foundations (18 credits)

WRT 120 and WRT 200-220 (6 c.)
Math 103 or higher (3 c.)
SPK 208 or 230 (3 c.)
Diversity “J” course (3c.)
Interdisciplinary “I” course (3c.)

II. Distributive Requirements (21 credits)

A. Sciences (6 credits)
Two Basic Courses - Select courses from two of following areas:

- Computer Science (NO CSW)
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Geology & Astronomy

B. Humanities (6 credits)

Two Basic Courses - Select courses from two of the following areas:

- History (rec.)
- Philosophy
- Literature

C. Behavioral/Social Sciences (6 credits)

Two Basic Courses - Select courses from two of the following areas
(PSC does not count)

- Anthropology
- Sociology
- Geography (rec.)
- Psychology
- Economics

D. The Arts (3 c.)


III. Free General Education “Electives” (9 credits)


IV. Writing Emphasis (3 “W” courses)**

** Transfer students with more than 70 credit hours need to complete one writing emphasis course; those who enter with 40-70 credits need to complete two; those with less than 40 need to complete three. One Writing Emphasis has to be at the 300 or 400 level.

V. Applies Only to B.A. in Political Science General and B.A. Applied/Public Policy

Must complete or exempt an approved language through the 102 level; then has a choice of either continuing through the 202 level or completing three relevant culture cluster courses. The 3 Culture Cluster courses must pertain to foreign language studied. Only one of them can be a PSC course; no more than two can have the same prefix.

VI. Applies only to B.A. International Relations: Must complete or exempt Foreign Language Through the 202 level

PART TWO: PSC DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

I. Common Core; All B.A. Tracks in Political Science (21 credits)

Other than the Capstone Seminar, the core courses should be taken during the first and second year.

- PSC 100 (U.S.)
- PSC 200 (Methods) (W)
- PSC 230 (Theory) (W)
- PSC 213 (Intl. Relations) (W)
- PSC 240 (Comparative)
- PSC 202 (Public Admin.)
- PSC 401 (Capstone Seminar)
II. B.A. Political Science: Government and Politics (18 credits):
A. Two courses (6 credits) in the Institutional Area: PSC 350, PSC 352, PSC 355, PSC 359

B. Two courses (6 credits) in the Behavioral Area: PSC 301, PSC 322, PSC 323, PSC 325, PSC 329

C. Two additional PSC Courses (6 credits) at the 300 level, including any not taken above. 3 credits of Internship (PSC 412) can be used in this area as well.

D. Cognates: (12 credits)
   1.) Geo 101 or Geo 103
   2.) SOC 200
   3.) History 150, 151 or 152
   4.) An economics course under advisement

Minors related to this track include: Geography, History, Criminal Justice, Business, Marketing, Communications, Journalism, etc.

III. B.A. International Relations (18 credits):
A. PSC 317 (Contemporary Intl. Relations) or PSC 320 (US Foreign Relations) (3 credits)
PSC 213 and PSC 240 should be completed prior to taking PSC 317 or 320.

B. Two courses from the International Group (6 credits)
   (Courses in the 310-319 group or PSC 330 or second course from above)

C. Two courses from the Comparative Group (6 credits)
   Courses in the 340-349 group

D. Any one additional course from A, B or C; Study Abroad course with PSC prefix; or PSC internationally-focused internship (3 credits)

E. Cognates: (15 credits)
   1) Geography 101 (World) or 103 (Human)
   2) History 101 or 102
   3) Economics course under advisement
   4) 2 additional “international-themed” courses (6 credits non-PSC)

Courses with an “international focus” - with approval by advisor; can overlap with related courses for Culture Clusters, or related Minor, for example in Language & Cultures, Peace & Conflict Studies, Ethnic Studies, Latin American Studies, Women’s and Gender Studies, Business, Marketing, Finance, Geography, History.

IV. B.A. Applied Public Policy (18 Credits):
A. Requirements: (12 credits)
PSC 322 Public Opinion, Media and Politics
PSC 356 U.S. Public Policy
PSC 357 Advanced Political Analysis
PSC 358 Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation / PSC 502 for MA level with approval from advisor

B. Two additional political science courses chosen from the following: (6 credits)
PSC 301__PSC304__PSC 350__PSC 351__PSC 352__PSC 353__PSC 354__PSC 355__PSC 359__PSC 371__PSC 375

Cognates distributed as follows: (9 credit hours)
1. A sociology course selected under advisement
2. An economics course selected under advisement
3. A geography course selected under advisement

Final Note: Students must complete a total of 120 credits to graduate.