

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE – B.A. in Political Science – Government and Politics

- ❖ You need to complete a total of 120 credits for graduation
- ❖ The ultimate responsibility for satisfying all graduation requirements is the student's (please check Degree Progress Reports on MyWCU AND consult with your adviser each semester)
- ❖ Please refer to **current** undergraduate catalog for courses qualifying as a general education course.
- ❖ Make sure to discuss with your adviser how easy it is to add **Law, Politics, and Society** minor or the **Global Studies** minor

<input type="checkbox"/> First Year Experience	_____	(4 credits)	
<input type="checkbox"/> WRT 120	_____	(3)	-complete within first 30 credits (<i>FYE waived for transfer students with more than 24 credits</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> WRT 200-220	_____	(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> MAT 103 or higher	_____	(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts course	_____	(3)	- cannot simultaneously fulfill culture cluster req.
<input type="checkbox"/> Diversity (J) course	_____	(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Interdisciplinary course (I)	_____	(3)	- I course cannot simultaneously fulfill distributive req.
<input type="checkbox"/> Ethics course (E)	_____	(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Speaking Emphasis I	_____	(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Speaking Emphasis II	_____	(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Speaking Emphasis III	_____	(3)	- one of them must be at 300-level
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing Emphasis I	_____	(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing Emphasis II	_____	(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing Emphasis III	_____	(3)	- one of them must be at 300-level
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Electives	_____	(9)	

Writing and Speaking Emphasis: Transfer students with fewer than 40-college level credits must complete 9 credits of Writing Emphasis and nine credits of speaking emphasis courses (one of them at 300-400 level). Students with 40-70 credits must complete 6 credits of writing emphasis and speaking emphasis courses (one of them at 300-400 level). Students with more than 70 credits must take 3 credits of Writing Emphasis and speaking emphasis at the 300-400 level)

Language and Culture Requirement:

General Concentration		
<input type="checkbox"/> Language 101 - required		Two alternatives:
<input type="checkbox"/> Language 102 - required		(a) complete language up the 202 level or
<input type="checkbox"/> Language 201	<input type="checkbox"/> Culture Cluster 1	(b) up to the 102 level + 3 culture cluster courses matching the language
<input type="checkbox"/> Language 202	<input type="checkbox"/> Culture Cluster 2	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Culture Cluster 3	

Distributive Requirements: recommended courses are highlighted in grey):

Science - 6 credits, select 2 courses from 2 fields:	Humanities - 6 credits, select 2 courses from 2 fields	Social Sciences – 6 credits, select 2 courses from 2 fields:
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science (no CSW)	<input type="checkbox"/> History (150,151, or 152)	<input type="checkbox"/> Economics (ECO111 or 112)
<input type="checkbox"/> Physics	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy (rec.: PHI 100, 101, 150, or 180)	<input type="checkbox"/> Geography (GEO101 or 103)
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Sociology 100
<input type="checkbox"/> Biology	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional gen ed Humanities courses as approved by CAPC (see catalog)	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychology
<input type="checkbox"/> Geology and Astronomy (ESS)		<input type="checkbox"/> Anthropology
<input type="checkbox"/> Geography (only GEO 104)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Science gen ed courses as approved by CAPC (see catalog)		

PART TWO: PSC DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS: Government and Politics (42 credits)

Common Core Courses: (15 credits)

- PSC 100 (American Government)
- PSC 200 (Political Analysis, a Writing Emphasis Course - **W**)
- PSC 213 (International Relations)
- PSC 230 (Introduction to Political Thought, a Writing Emphasis Course - **W**)
- PSC 240 (Comparative Politics)

Additional Requirements: ¹ (27 credits)

- A. One additional 200-level course (3 credits):
 - PSC 201 (Politics of Diversity, a Diversity and Ethics Course – **J, E**)
 - PSC 202 (Elements of Public Administration)
 - PSC 250 (The Politics of the Judicial Process)
 - PSC 255 (State and Local Government)
- B. Two of the following courses (6 credits) focused on Institutions of American Government:
 - PSC 324 (U.S. Political Parties)
 - PSC 338 (U.S. Political Thought)
 - PSC 350 (Constitutional Law I)
 - PSC 352 (Constitutional Law II)
 - PSC 355 (Congressional Politics)
 - PSC 359 (Presidential Politics)
- C. Two of the following courses (6 credits) focused on Political Behavior:
 - PSC 301 (Gender and Politics, a Diversity Course - **J**)
 - PSC 322 (Public Opinion, Media, and Politics)
 - PSC 323 (Racial/Ethnic Politics, a Diversity Course - **J**)
 - PSC 325 (Campaigns and Elections)
 - PSC 329 (Courts, Law, and Policy)
 - PSC 339 (Contemporary Political Thought)
 - PSC 353 (Latinx Politics)
- D. Two of the following courses (6 credits) focused on Public Policy:
 - PSC 304 (Urban Politics, a Interdisciplinary Course - **I**)
 - PSC 320 (US Foreign Policy, a Writing Emphasis Course - **W**)
 - PSC 335 (PA Government and Politics)
 - PSC 351 (Food Politics)
 - PSC 354 (Sustainability Politics and Policy)
 - PSC 356 (US Social Policy, a Speaking Emphasis Course - **SE**)
- E. One additional 300-level course or internship (3 credits):
 - Additional 300 – level course: _____
 - PSC 412 (Internship)
- F. One Capstone course in Political Science (3 credits):²
 - PSC 401
 - PSC 402 (Advanced Political Analysis)

Note: Qualified undergraduate students³ can take two graduate courses in WCU's MPA program (typically, PPA 500, PPA 501, or PPA 502). This is a good option for those students who want to explore the graduate MPA degree at WCU. Please discuss how these courses can replace "C" category requirements with your adviser.

¹ Updated 07/2022

² PSC 399, depending on topic can be counted in 'A, 'B, or 'C category. Adviser's permission is required.

³ A senior (90 credits or more) pursuing a bachelor's degree who has an overall grade point average of 3.00 may, with the permission of the major advisor, course professor, department chair of the course, the Dean of The Graduate School, and the vice provost, enroll in up to six credits of graduate-level course work. The student must be at the senior level with the designated grade point average at the time the course begins.