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 cr.)
Math 103 or higher_____ (3 cr.)
SPK 223 _____ or 230 _____ (4 cr.)
Diversity "3" course _____ (3 cr.)
Interdisciplinary "1" course _____ [3 cr.]

II. Distributive Requirements (21 credits)

A. Sciences (6 credits)
Two Basic Courses – Select courses from 2 of the following areas:
Computer Science _____ (NO CSW)
Physics _____ Chemistry _____
Geology & Astronomy _____
Biology _____

B. Humanities (6 credits)
Two Basic Courses
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History (rec.) _____
Philosophy _____
Literature _____

C. Behavioral / Social Sciences (6 credits)
Two basic Courses – Select courses from 2 of the following areas (PSC does not count)
Anthropology _____ Psychology _____
Sociology _____ Economics _____
Geography (rec.) _____

D. The Arts (3 cr.) _____

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 needs 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 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) _____
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, 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 PSC 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 “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 (16 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 ____ PSC 304 ____ 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 taken under advisement. ______

****FINAL NOTE: STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE A TOTAL OF 120 CREDITS TO GRADUATE****