

POLITICAL SCIENCE (BS)

Program Overview

A political science degree is a pathway to law school, graduate school, or employment with government agencies or private sector organizations. The Political Science curriculum is designed to improve soft skills and enhance research and problem solving skills. Emphasis is placed on analytical/critical thinking as well as effective written and oral communication. The Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science at Columbus State University can be completed through on-campus or 100% online courses within the program of study.

Career Opportunities

- Teaching
- Government Service
- Legal Career
- Public Policy
- Public Relations

Program of Study

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core IMPACTS Area : Institutional Priorities ¹		4-5
Choose one of the following communication options		3
COMM 1110	Public Speaking	
Foreign Language Course Options		
AMSL, ARAB, CHIN, FREN, GERM, GREK, ITAL, JAPN, KREN, LATIN, PORT, SPAN - 1001, 1002, 2001, 2002; SWAH - 1001, 1002.		
Take one of the following courses		1-2
ITDS 1779	Scholarship Across the Disciplines	
LEAD 1705	Introduction to Servant Leadership	
PERS 1506	Perspectives 1-hour	
PERS 1507	Perspectives 2-hour	
Core IMPACTS Area : Mathematics & Quantitative Skills ¹		3-7
DATA 1501	Introduction to Data Science	3
MATH 1001	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning	3
MATH 1101	Introduction to Mathematical Modeling	3
MATH 1111	College Algebra	3
MATH 1113	Pre-Calculus	4
MATH 1125	Applied Calculus	3
MATH 1131	Calculus with Analytic Geometry I	4
MATH 1132	Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	4
MATH 1165	Computer-Assisted Problem Solving	3
MATH 1401	Introduction to Statistics	3
MATH 1501	Calculus I	4
MATH 2125	Introduction to Discrete Mathematics	3
STAT 1401	Elementary Statistics	3
Core IMPACTS Area : Political Science and U.S. History		6
HIST 2111	U. S. History to 1865	3
or HIST 2112	U. S. History since 1865	
POLS 1101	American Government	3
Core IMPACTS Area : Arts, Humanities, and Ethics		6
Select one Fine Arts course		3

ARTH 1100	Art Appreciation	
ARTH 2125	Introduction to the History of Art I– Prehistoric through Gothic	
ARTH 2126	Introduction to the History of Art II– Renaissance through Modern	
MUSC 1100	Music Appreciation	
THEA 1100	Theatre Appreciation	
ITDS 1145	Comparative Arts ²	
Select one Humanities course		3
ENGL 2111	World Literature I	
ENGL 2112	World Literature II	
ITDS 1155	The Western Intellectual Tradition	
ITDS 1774	Introduction to Digital Humanities	
PHIL 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	
ITDS 1145	Comparative Arts ²	
Core IMPACTS Area : Communicating in Writing		6
ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3
ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3
Core IMPACTS Area : Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences ^{1,3}		7-11
ANTH 1145	Human Origins	3
ASTR 1105	Descriptive Astronomy: The Solar System	3
ASTR 1106	Descriptive Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies	3
ASTR 1305	Descriptive Astronomy Lab	1
ATSC 1112	Understanding the Weather	3
ATSC 1112L	Understanding the Weather Lab	1
BIOL 1125	Contemporary Issues in Biology Non-Lab	3
BIOL 1215K	Introductory Biology	4
BIOL 1225K	Contemporary Issues in Biology with Lab	4
CHEM 1151 & 1151L	Survey of Chemistry I and Survey of Chemistry I Lab	4
CHEM 1152 & 1152L	Survey of Chemistry II and Survey of Chemistry II Lab	4
CHEM 1211 & 1211L	Principles of Chemistry I and Principles of Chemistry I Lab	4
CHEM 1212 & 1212L	Principles of Chemistry II and Principles of Chemistry II Lab	4
CPSC 1105	Introduction to Computing Principles and Technology	3
CPSC 1301K	Computer Science I	4
ENVS 1105	Environmental Studies	3
ENVS 1105L	Environmental Studies Laboratory	1
ENVS 1205K	Sustainability and the Environment	4
GEOG 2215	Introduction to the Geographic Information Systems	3
GEOL 1110	Natural Disasters: Our Hazardous Environment	3
GEOL 1121	Introductory Geoscience I: Physical Geology	3
GEOL 1121L	Introductory Geoscience I: Physical Geology Lab	1
GEOL 1122	Introductory Geo-sciences II: Historical Geology	3
GEOL 1322	Introductory Geo-sciences II: Historical Geology Lab	1
GEOL 2225	The Fossil Record	4
PHYS 1111 & PHYS 1311	Introductory Physics I and Introductory Physics I Lab	4

PHYS 1112	Introductory Physics II	4
& PHYS 1312	and Introductory Physics II Lab	
PHYS 1125	Physics of Color and Sound	3
PHYS 1325	Physics of Color and Sound Lab	1
PHYS 2211	Principles of Physics I	4
& PHYS 2311	and Principles of Physics I Lab	
PHYS 2212	Principles of Physics II	4
& PHYS 2312	and Principles of Physics II Lab	
Core IMPACTS Area : Social Sciences		6
Select one Behavioral Science course		
ECON 2105	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 2106	Principles of Microeconomics	
PHIL 2030	Moral Philosophy	
PSYC 1101	Introduction to General Psychology	
SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	
Select one World Cultures course		
ANTH 1107	Discovering Archaeology	3
ANTH 1105	Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 2105	Ancient World Civilizations	
ANTH 2136	Language and Culture	
ENGL 2136	Language and Culture	
GEOG 1101	World Regional Geography	
HIST 1111	World History to 1500	
HIST 1112	World History since 1500	
ITDS 1156	Understanding Non-Western Cultures	
Core IMPACTS Total Hours		42
Health and Wellness		3
KINS 1106	Lifetime Wellness	2
	or PHED 1205 Concepts of Fitness	
Select one of the following		
	Any PEDS course	1
MUSC 1206	Body Mapping (Music Majors Only)	

¹ The hours applied in the Institutional Priorities; Mathematics & Quantitative Skills; and Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences areas must add to 18 credit hours.

² ITDS 1145 Comparative Arts, though listed under both Fine Arts and Humanities, may be taken only once.

³ At least 4 of the credit hours in this area must be in a lab science course.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Requirements		
Complete the core requirements for this program		45
Core Total		45
Field of Study Requirements		
Minimum grade of C is required in each POLS course		
POLS 2101	Introduction to Political Science	3
POLS 2201	State and Local Government	3
POLS 2401	Global Issues	3
POLS 2160	Introduction to Public Policy and Administration	3

Select two of the following:		6
ANTH 1105	Cultural Anthropology	
ECON 2105	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 2106	Principles of Microeconomics	
GEOG 1101	World Regional Geography	
HIST 1111	World History to 1500	
HIST 1112	World History since 1500	
HIST 2111	U. S. History to 1865	
HIST 2112	U. S. History since 1865	
PSYC 1101	Introduction to General Psychology	
SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	
Foreign Language 1001/1002/2001/2002 (for 3-6 credits)		
PHIL 2020	Critical Thinking	
PHIL 2030	Moral Philosophy	
Field of Study Requirements Total		18

Required for the Major

Minimum grade of C is required		
POLS 4195	Political Science Capstone	3
POLS 3106	Social Science Research	3
	or CRJU 3108 Social Science Research	
POLS 3156	Politics and Ethics	3
Select one of the following theory courses:		
POLS 3116	Theories of Racism	3

POLS 3133	Introduction to Political Theory	
POLS 3134	Feminist Political Thought	
POLS 3137	American Political Thought	
POLS 3138	Contemporary Political Thought	

Select one of the following American studies courses:		
POLS 3161	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	3
POLS 3149	Ethics, Identity, and Power	
POLS 3105	American Institutions: Presidency, Congress, and Judiciary	
POLS 3148	Religion and Politics	
POLS 3256	Politics in Film	

Select one of the following international relations/comparative courses:		
POLS 3141	Comparative Politics	
POLS 3125	The Crisis of Modern Civilization	
POLS 4155	International Relations	
POLS 4166	International Law and Organizations	
POLS 4175	Public Policy and Administration	
POLS 4176	American Foreign Policy	

Required for the Major Total 18

Major Electives

Minimum grade of C is required		
Select 21 hours of POLS courses at the 3000 level or higher not applied in Updating Program of Study comments and footnotes for the USG Core IMPACTS adjustment to Area A-I		
Major Electives Total		21

General Electives

Select 21 credits

General Electives Total	21
Total Credit Hours	123

Program Map

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
ENGL 1101	English Composition I (minimum grade of C)	3
MATH 1001	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning (or higher)	3
Area C	Fine Arts	3
Area B2	Institutional Options ¹	2
POLS 1101	American Government (minimum grade of C)	3
Area B1	COMM 1110 Public Speaking or foreign language 1001, 1002, 2001, 2002	3
Credit Hours		17
Spring		
AREA D	Lab Science (see the list)	4
ENGL 1102	English Composition II (minimum grade of C)	3
POLS 2101	Introduction to Political Science (minimum grade of C)	3
POLS 2201	State and Local Government (minimum grade of C)	3
POLS 2401	Global Issues (minimum grade of C)	3
Credit Hours		16
Second Year		
Fall		
AREA C	Humanities ²	3
AREA D	Non-Lab Science	3
HIST 2111 or HIST 2112	U. S. History to 1865 or U. S. History since 1865	3
PHIL 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	3
AREA W	PEDS Physical Education	1
AREA D	Math/Science/Tech elective (preferred class is STAT 1401 Elementary Statistics)	3
Credit Hours		16
Spring		
AREA E	Behavior Science	3
POLS 3106	Social Science Research (minimum grade of C)	3
POLS 3133	Introduction to Political Theory (minimum grade of C)	3
KINS 1106 or PHED 1205	Lifetime Wellness or Concepts of Fitness	2
Area E	World Cultures Course	3
Credit Hours		14
Third Year		
Fall		
Area G	International Relations Course (C or better)	3
Area G	Theory Course (minimum grade of C)	3

Area G	American Studies Course (C or better)	3
Area F	Area F Elective	3
Area I	Area I Elective Non-POLS 1000-4000 level	3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
AREA H	POLS Elective (C or better) ²	3
AREA F	Area F Elective	3
AREA H	POLS Elective (C or better) ²	3
AREA H	POLS Elective (C or better) ²	3
Area I	Area I Elective Non-POLS 1000-4000 level	3
Credit Hours		15
Fourth Year		
Fall		
AREA H	POLS Elective (C or better) ²	3
AREA H	POLS Elective (C or better) ²	3
AREA H	POLS Elective (C or better) ²	3
AREA H	POLS Elective (C or better) ²	3
Area I	Area I Elective Non-POLS 1000-4000 level	3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
Area I	Area I Elective Non-POLS 1000-4000 level	3
Area I	Area I Elective Non-POLS 1000-4000 level	3
Area I	Area I Elective Non-POLS 1000-4000 level	3
Area I	Area I Elective Non-POLS 1000-4000 level	3
POLS 4195	Political Science Capstone (C or better)	3
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		123

¹ Area B2 (Institutional Options) includes ITDS 1779 Scholarship Across the Disciplines (2 cr), LEAD 1705 Introduction to Servant Leadership (2 cr), PERS 1506 Perspectives 1-hour (may be repeated with different topic), and PERS 1507 Perspective 2-hour.

² Any POLS class listed but not applied already in Area G.

Admission Requirements

There are no program specific admission requirements.

Additional Program Requirements

There are no program specific academic regulations.