

# 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 |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Core IMPACTS Area : Institutional Priorities <sup>1</sup></b>   |                                       | <b>4-5</b>   |
| 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                   |              |
| <b>Core IMPACTS Area : Mathematics &amp; Quantitative Skills <sup>1</sup></b>  |                                       | <b>3-7</b>   |
| 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            |
| <b>Core IMPACTS Area : Political Science and U.S. History</b>  |                                       | <b>6</b>     |
| HIST 2111  | U. S. History to 1865                 | 3            |
| or HIST 2112   | U. S. History since 1865              |              |
| POLS 1101  | American Government                   | 3            |
| <b>Core IMPACTS Area : Arts, Humanities, and Ethics</b>  |                                       | <b>6</b>     |
| Select one Fine Arts course  |                                       | 3            |

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|---|---|-------------|
| 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 <sup>2</sup>                                     |             |
| 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 <sup>2</sup>                                     |             |
| <b>Core IMPACTS Area : Communicating in Writing</b>                             |   | <b>6</b>    |
| ENGL 1101   | English Composition I   | 3           |
| ENGL 1102   | English Composition II  | 3           |
| <b>Core IMPACTS Area : Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences <sup>1,3</sup></b> |   | <b>7-11</b> |
| 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           |

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| 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   |           |
| <b>Core IMPACTS Area : Social Sciences</b> |                                    | <b>6</b>  |
| 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 |           |
| <b>Core IMPACTS Total Hours</b>            |                                    | <b>42</b> |
| <b>Health and Wellness</b>                 |                                    | <b>3</b>  |
| 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)   |           |

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

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

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

## Major Requirements

| Code   | Title  | Credit Hours |
|--|--|--------------|
| <b>Core Requirements</b>                           |  |              |
| Complete the core requirements for this program    |  | 45           |
| Core Total   |  | 45           |
| <b>Field of Study Requirements</b>                 |  |              |
| 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            |

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| 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: |                                      | 3 |

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| POLS 3116 | Theories of Racism               |  |
| POLS 3133 | Introduction to Political Theory |  |
| POLS 3134 | Feminist Political Thought       |  |
| POLS 3137 | American Political Thought       |  |
| POLS 3138 | Contemporary Political Thought   |  |

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

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| Select one of the following international relations/comparative courses: |                                     | 3 |
| 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             |   |

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| Required for the Major Total |  | 18 |
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### Major Electives

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| 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

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|---------------------------|------------|
| General Electives Total   | 21         |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> | <b>123</b> |

## Program Map

| Course                                | Title   | Credit Hours |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>First Year</b>                     |   |              |
| <b>Fall</b>                           |   |              |
| ENGL 1101                             | English Composition I (minimum grade of C)                                      | 3            |
| MATH 1001                             | Quantitative Skills and Reasoning (or higher)                                   | 3            |
| Arts, Humanities, and Ethics          | Fine Arts   | 3            |
| Institutional Priorities              | Institutional Options <sup>1</sup>  | 2            |
| POLS 1101                             | American Government (minimum grade of C)  | 3            |
| Institutional Priorities              | COMM 1110 Public Speaking or foreign language 1001, 1002, 2001, 2002            | 3            |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>                   |   | <b>17</b>    |
| <b>Spring</b>                         |   |              |
| Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences | 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            |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>                   |   | <b>16</b>    |
| <b>Second Year</b>                    |   |              |
| <b>Fall</b>                           |   |              |
| Arts, Humanities, and Ethics          | Humanities <sup>2</sup>   | 3            |
| Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences | 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            |
| Health and Wellness                   | PEDS Physical Education   | 1            |
| Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences | Math/Science/Tech elective (preferred class is STAT 1401 Elementary Statistics) | 3            |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>                   |   | <b>16</b>    |
| <b>Spring</b>                         |   |              |
| Social Sciences                       | Behavior Science  | 3            |
| POLS 3106                             | Social Science Research (minimum grade of C)                                    | 3            |
| POLS 3133                             | Introduction to Political Theory (minimum grade of C)                           | 3            |

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| KINS 1106 or PHED 1205 | Lifetime Wellness or Concepts of Fitness | 2         |
| Social Sciences        | World Cultures Course                    | 3         |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>    |  | <b>14</b> |

| <b>Third Year</b>           |  |           |
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| <b>Fall</b>                 |  |           |
| Program Requirements        | International Relations Course (C or better) | 3         |
| Program Requirements        | Theory Course (minimum grade of C)           | 3         |
| Program Requirements        | American Studies Course (C or better)        | 3         |
| Field of Study Requirements | Elective                                     | 3         |
| General Electives           | General Elective Non-POLS 1000-4000 level    | 3         |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>         |  | <b>15</b> |

| <b>Spring</b>               |   |           |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------|
| Program Electives           | POLS Elective (C or better) <sup>2</sup>  | 3         |
| Field of Study Requirements | Elective                                  | 3         |
| Program Electives           | POLS Elective (C or better) <sup>2</sup>  | 3         |
| Program Electives           | POLS Elective (C or better) <sup>2</sup>  | 3         |
| General Electives           | General Elective Non-POLS 1000-4000 level | 3         |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>         |   | <b>15</b> |

| <b>Fourth Year</b>  |   |           |
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| <b>Fall</b>         |   |           |
| Program Electives   | POLS Elective (C or better) <sup>2</sup>  | 3         |
| Program Electives   | POLS Elective (C or better) <sup>2</sup>  | 3         |
| Program Electives   | POLS Elective (C or better) <sup>2</sup>  | 3         |
| Program Electives   | POLS Elective (C or better) <sup>2</sup>  | 3         |
| Program Electives   | POLS Elective (C or better) <sup>2</sup>  | 3         |
| General Electives   | General Elective Non-POLS 1000-4000 level | 3         |
| <b>Credit Hours</b> |   | <b>15</b> |

| <b>Spring</b>             |  |            |
|---------------------------|--|------------|
| General Electives         | Non-POLS 1000-4000 level                 | 3          |
| General Electives         | Non-POLS 1000-4000 level                 | 3          |
| General Electives         | Non-POLS 1000-4000 level                 | 3          |
| General Electives         | Non-POLS 1000-4000 level                 | 3          |
| POLS 4195                 | Political Science Capstone (C or better) | 3          |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>       |  | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> |  | <b>123</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Institutional Priorities 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.

<sup>2</sup> Any POLS class listed but not applied already in Program Requirements.

## **Admission Requirements**

There are no program specific admission requirements.

## **Additional Program Requirements**

There are no program specific academic regulations.