

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

Political Science is the study of power, conflict, and war, and of the human endeavor to maintain peace, order, and cooperation, and of the principles and ethics that guide that effort. It is the study of governments, in the United States and in other countries, and of the making and carrying out of laws and policies, by Presidents and governors, legislatures, courts, and the administrative agencies and civil service they oversee, and of the media and journalists who observe them and inform us of their actions. It is the study of cities and counties, and of their efforts to maintain and develop communities, politically, socially, and economically. It is the study of public agencies and services, and the special ways they must be organized and managed. It is the study of human values and beliefs, how they are formed and expressed in the public arena, in voting and elections, in political parties, and in the activities of organized interests, both self-seeking and public-spirited. The ancient Greek philosopher, Aristotle, said that politics is "the master science" because it influences how all other knowledge is used in society.

The objective of the political science program is to develop graduates who understand political institutions and behavior, and who in the process become able writers, speakers, thinkers, and informed students of human conflict, organization, and governance. With such knowledge and skills, graduates are well prepared for a variety of careers. Professions to which such abilities are obviously relevant include public service in government and non-profit service agencies, law, education, journalism, and military command. But political science graduates have succeeded as well in careers in a variety of different areas of business, including banking, investment management, extractive and manufacturing industries, insurance, and sales. And political science is a natural minor to accompany other majors in which such knowledge and skills are important, including social work, public health and health administration, parks and recreation, business management, and all the other social sciences.

Program Requirements

CIP Code: 45.1001

Summary Checklist for General Education

Code	Title	Hours
Element 1		
A:	Written Communication (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-1/)	3
B:	Written Communication (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-1/)	3
C:	Oral Communication (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-1/)	3
Element 2		
	Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-2/)	3
Element 3		
A:	Arts (http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-3/)	3

B: Humanities (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-3/>) 3

Element 4

Natural Sciences (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-4/>) 6

Element 5

A: Historical Science (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-5/>) 3

B: Social Behavioral Science (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-5/>) 3

Element 6

Diversity of Perspectives Experiences (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/undergraduate/general-academic-information/general-education-requirements/element-6/>) 6

Total Hours 36

Students are expected to complete Elements 1 and 2 within their first 60 hours of college credit.

Major

Code	Title	Hours
University Graduation Requirements		
	General Education	36
	<i>Student Success Seminar</i>	
	Orientation Course (waived for transfers with 30+ hrs.)	1
	Writing Intensive Course (Hrs. incorporated into Major/Supporting/Gen Ed/Free Electives category)	
	Upper division courses (42 hrs. distributed throughout Major/Supporting/Gen Ed/Free Electives categories)	
	ACCT – Political Science majors will take the following or an alternate program-approved undergraduate research project if necessary. (Credit hours may be incorporated into Major or Supporting requirements)	
POL 400W	Capstone Course in Political Science	
Major Requirements		
<i>Core Courses</i>		
POL 101	Introduction to American Government	3
POL 212	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POL 220	Introduction to World Politics	3
POL 250	Introduction to Political Philosophy	3
POL 280	Research and Writing in Political Science ¹	3
POL 370	Introduction to Public Administration	3
or POL 374	Introduction to Public Policy	
POL 400W	Capstone Course in Political Science	3
	Choose from 15 hours of POL courses, all of which must be numbered 300 or above, with a minimum of three hours each in three of the following four areas:	15
American Politics:		
POL 331	Urban Politics	
POL 332	Kentucky Government and Politics	
POL 333	American State and Local Government	
POL 340	Political Parties and Interest Groups	
POL 341	The U.S. Congress	

POL 342	The American Presidency	
POL 343	Campaigns and Elections	
POL 345	Minority Group Politics	
POL 347	Politics and Religion in the U.S.	
POL 360	Judicial Process	
POL 370	Introduction to Public Administration	
POL 373	Politics of Development in Appalachia	
POL 374	Introduction to Public Policy	
POL 376	Public Human Resources	
POL 377	Public Budgeting	
POL 440	Public Opinion & Voting Behavior	
POL 460	Law and Society	
POL 463	Constitutional Politics	
POL 464	Law and Politics of Civil Liberties	
POL 533	Seminar In State and Local Politics	
POL 565	Administrative Law	
Comparative Politics:		
POL 310	Latin American Governments	
POL 312	Politics in China	
POL 314	Politics of South Asia	
POL 315	European Politics	
POL 316	Politics in Russia	
POL 318	Politics of the Middle East	
POL 319		
POL 346	Religion and Politics in the World	
POL 412	Politics of Mexico	
International Relations:		
POL 321	American Foreign Policy	
POL 325	Global Security	
POL 327	Internat Law & Organization	
POL 415	Terrorism and Political Violence	
POL 451	Principles and Politics of Human Rights	
POL 521		
Political Philosophy:		
POL 356	African American Political Thought	
POL 357	American Political Thought	
POL 551	Classical Political Theory	
POL 552W	Modern Political Theory	
POL 553W	Contemp Political Theory: W	
<i>Free Electives</i>		
Choose from 47 hours of free electives		47
Total Hours		120

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No more than six hours of POL courses numbered 300 or above may be taken prior to completing POL 280 Research and Writing in Political Science.