

POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA & BS)

MAJOR ADVISING FORM

NAME _____ UNIVERSITY ID NUMBER _____ DATE _____

Degree _____ Advisor _____

GENERAL EDUCATION (LOWER DIVISION)

- ___ ENGL 110C (C or higher required)
___ ENGL 211C, 221C, or 231C (C or higher required)
___ Oral Communications, (COMM 101R, 103R, or 112R)
___ Mathematics, BS requires C- or better in STAT 130. (STAT 130 is also recommended for BA students though 102M,103M or 162M would also be acceptable.)
___ Language and Culture, BS students' competence must be at 102 level or meet the University's high school requirement. BA students must have competence through the 202 level and competence is not met by high school courses or having completed an Associate Degree.
___ Information Literacy and Research (CS 120G, IT 150G, or POLS 308)
___ Human Creativity, (ARTH 121A, ARTS 122A, MUSC 264A, DANC 185A, THEA 241A, or COMM/THEA 270A)
___ Interpreting the Past, HIST 100H (World), 101H (Asia), 102H (Europe), 103H (Latin America), 104H (U.S.), or 105H (Africa)
___ Literature, (ENGL 112L, ENGL 114L, or FLET 100L)
___ Philosophy and Ethics, (PHIL 110P, 120P, 230E, 250E, 303E, 344E, 345E,355E, or 442E)
___ Nature of Science, (8 credit hours of Natural Science with labs)
___ Courses do not need to be a sequence.
___ Impact of Technology, (T course)
___ Human Behavior, (ECON 201S* and either ECON 202S* or GEOG 100S*)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

FOUNDATIONS COURSES

- ___ POLS 100S
___ POLS 101S
___ POLS 102S
___ POLS 308 (C- or higher required)
___ POLS 418 (BS only)

ELECTIVE COURSES

A minimum of 24 credits (BA) or 21 credits (BS) of additional 300/400-level elective courses from the following emphasis areas. In meeting these elective requirements, students are required to complete at least three courses (9 credits) at the 400 level and one Writing Intensive "W" course (C or higher required). See courses listed under "Areas of Subfields" for elective choices.

- 1. American Politics/Public Law (9 credit minimum)
2. International Relations/Comparative Politics (9 credit minimum)
3. Additional 300/400-level courses in any area/subfield (3credits BS, 6 credits BA)

NOTE: NO MORE THAN THREE (3) CREDIT HOURS WILL BE COUNTED TOWARDS THE MAJOR FROM POLS 367 and 368, and no more than three (3) credits can be taken from POLS 497.

GENERAL EDUCATION (UPPER DIVISON)-CHOOSE ONE

- Minor _____
Second Major _____
Second Degree _____
Option D: _____

*These courses are departmental requirements and are not fulfilled by having an Associate Degree.

Additional Information for Political Science Majors

Be sure to complete and sign a Major Declaration Form at the Political Science Office. You must have completed 26 credits and ENGL 110C and ENGL 211C prior to declaring.

You will be assigned a faculty advisor upon submission of the Major Declaration Form. You must meet with your advisor at least once every semester prior to course registration.

Transfer students must complete at least 12 credits of upper level Political Science courses here at ODU.

INFORMATION LITERACY AND RESEARCH

Political Science majors can meet the information literacy and research general education requirement by taking POLS 308. In this way POLS 308 can do “double duty”. *POLS 308 should be taken in the advance of upper level electives.*

TECHNOLOGY:

A technology course in the major can double count towards general education and major requirements. For example, POLS 350T or POLS 458T can do “double duty”.

CORE COURSES:

Students should take POLS 100S, POLS 101S, and POLS 102 before enrolling in upper level courses. (STAT 130M and POLS 308 with a grade of C- or better in both courses is a prerequisite for POLS 418).

PUBLIC LAW:

It is recommended that students interested in public law take POLS 301W, 306, or 307 prior to the following 400-level courses: 403, 408, 409, 419, 421.

TOPICS COURSES: (395/396, 495/496):

Depending upon their content, these courses may be used to fulfill the requirements for courses in the various emphasis areas of Political Science. The advisor certifies, in writing, that the course counts for a given area.

PRACTICA OR INTERNSHIPS:

Three credits for an approved practicum may count towards the 36 hours of Political Science. Depending upon their content, a practicum or internship may be used to fulfill the requirements for courses in various emphasis areas of Political Science. The advisor certifies, in writing, that the course counts for a given area.

OTHER ELECTIVES:

United Nations I & II (POLS 320 and 321W), despite being 300-level courses, may be taken by freshman and sophomores.

HONORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA OR BS):

Students must meet the minimum standards of the honors program, including the overall GPA of 3.25. Students wishing honors designation in the major for Political Science fulfill all requirements for the given degree, BA or BS, and in addition, they must do the following (this does not increase the number of hours required for the major):

- a) Attain a GPA in the major of 3.5.
- b) Earn honors in nine (9) hours of courses in the major at the 300/400 level, with no more than six (6) hours taken from the same instructor. Independent study/internship courses are not eligible.

AREAS OF SUBFIELDS:

Here is a list of 300/400-level Political Science courses according to each of the two main emphasis areas of Political Science.

AMERICAN POLITICS AND PUBLIC LAW:

300, 301W, 306, 307, 309, 311, 312, 319, 331, 333, 334, 335, 400, 403, 407, 408, 409, 410, 412, 414, 415, 419, 420W, 434, and 481.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COMPARATIVE POLITICS:

313, 314, 316, 320, 321W, 323, 324, 325W, 326W, 327W, 328, 332W, 336, 337, 338W, 350T, 401, 421, 424, 435, 436, 437, 439, 442, 445, 451, 455, 458T, 461, 462, 466, 470, 480W, and 493.

Additional Graduation Requirements

Meet the university’s Writing Proficiency requirement.

Apply for graduation after completing 102 credits

Complete the on-line Senior Assessment Survey after applying to graduate

Complete the on-line Commencement Participation Form

Submit a Capstone Research Paper to the Political Science office. A description of the Capstone requirement is available from this office.

Maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.0

Maintain a GPA of at least 2.0 in the major.