# Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science (BA)

## Year 1 - Freshman (30 Credits)

### Fall Semester (15 Credits)
- **ENGL 110C** (Grade of C or better required)
- **Mathematics** (STAT 130 recommended; MATH 102M or higher acceptable)
- **Language & Culture I**
- **Oral Communication**
- **POLS 101S**

### Spring Semester (15 Credits)
- **ENGL 111* Human Creativity**
- **Transfer Guide**
- **Human Creativity**
- **Transfer Guide* Language & Culture II**
- **Transfer Guide* Interpreting the Past**

## Year 2 - Sophomore (32 Credits)

### Fall Semester (16 Credits)
- **ENGL 211C** (Grade of C or better required)
- **Language & Culture III**
- **The Nature of Science I**
- **Philosophy and Ethics**
- **ECON 202S or GEOG 100S**

### Spring Semester (16 Credits)
- **ENG 112 or 210* Literature**
- **Transfer Guide* Language & Culture IV**
- **Transfer Guide The Nature of Science II**
- **Transfer Guide Impact of Technology**
- **ECO 202 or GEO 210* POLS 102S**

## Year 3 - Junior (30 Credits)

### Fall Semester (15 Credits)
- **POLS 308** (Grade of C- or better required)
- **300-/400-level elective**** Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:**

### Spring Semester (15 Credits)
- **POL 300-/400-level "W" course Satisfies Information Literacy and Research**
- **POLS 300-/400-level elective**** Upper Division General Education may be satisfied by several options. Consult your catalog and advisor for your best option.**

## Year 4 - Senior (28 Credits)

### Fall Semester (15 Credits)
- **POLS 400-level elective**** Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:**

### Spring Semester (13 Credits)
- **POLS 400-level elective**** Elective Coursework:**

### Elective Coursework:
- 3-credit elective course
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## Notes:
- All students must complete and submit to the department a capstone paper in the junior or senior year.
- Upper Division General Education may be satisfied by several options. Consult your catalog and advisor for your best option.
- See course listings in catalog and consult with your advisor for correct elective choices.
- At least three POLS 300-400 elective courses must be in each of two emphasis areas: American politics/public law and International relations/comparative politics. POLS 497 (Independent Research) may be used for one POLS 400-level elective course.

Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major, including prerequisite courses, 120 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours in upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or 221C or 231C, and a writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.

This four-year plan is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.