



Pittsburg State University  
**College of Arts and Sciences Program Guide**

Degree: Bachelor of Arts  
 Major: Political Science  
 Emphasis/Option:  
 Minor (if required):

As of Fall 2014

**Core (12 hours)**

POLS 101: U.S. Politics .....3  
 POLS 320: Introduction to Political Science .....3  
 POLS 324: Introduction to Comparative Politics .....3  
 POLS 686: Senior Seminar in Political Science .....3

**International (3 hours)**

POLS 530: International Relations .....3  
 or POLS 630: International Political Economy .....3

**Political Philosophy (3 hours)**

POLS 450: Political Philosophy .....3  
 or POLS 578: Democratic Theory and Public Opinion .....3

**Political Science electives (15 hours)**

POLS 301: State and Local Government and Politics .....3  
 POLS 412: Law in Film and Literature .....3  
 POLS 450: Political Philosophy .....3  
 POLS 492: Directed Readings in Political Science .....1-3  
 POLS 512: Environmental Politics .....3  
 POLS 516: Political Parties and Elections .....3  
 POLS 517: U.S. Congress .....3  
 POLS 524: European Politics .....3  
 POLS 525: Politics and War in the Middle East .....3  
 POLS 526: Latin American Politics .....3  
 POLS 530: International Relations .....3  
 SOC 534: Political Sociology .....3  
 JUST 538: Philosophy of Law .....3  
 POLS 562: Law and Politics .....3  
 POLS 571: Political Studies-Selected Topics (\_\_\_\_) .....1-3  
 POLS 578: Democratic Theory and Public Opinion .....3  
 POLS 587: U.S. Foreign Policy .....3  
 POLS 604: The American Presidency .....3  
 POLS 609: Administrative Law .....3  
 POLS 616: Interest Groups and Social Movements .....3  
 POLS 630: International Political Economy .....3  
 POLS 640: African Politics .....3  
 POLS 660: Political Science Internship (\_\_\_\_) .....1-3  
 POLS 661: Constitutional Law I .....3  
 POLS 662: Constitutional Law II .....3  
 POLS 680: War: The Politics of Violence .....3

**Statistics Requirement (3-4 hours)**

MATH 143: Elementary Statistics .....3  
 or SOSCI 388: Social Research Analysis .....4

**Cognate Requirement (3 hours)**

ECON 201: Introduction to Macroeconomics .....3

# GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

(46-54 hrs.)

## Basic Skills 12-13 hours

COMM 207	Speech Communication.....	3
ENGL 101	English Composition.....	3
ENGL 190	Honors English Composition.....	3
OR ENGL 299	Introduction to Research Writing.....	3

## Mathematics *(Select one)*

MATH 110	College Algebra with Review .....	5
MATH 113	College Algebra.....	3
MATH 126	Pre-Calculus.....	4
MATH 133	Quantitative Reasoning .....	3
MATH 143	Elementary Statistics .....	3

## Sciences 8-9 hours

### Natural Sciences *(Select one)*

BIOL 111/112	General Biology and Laboratory.....	5
BIOL 113	Environmental Life Science .....	4
BIOL 211	Principles of Biology I .....	4

### Physical Sciences *(Select one)*

CHEM 105/106	Introductory Chemistry and Laboratory .....	4
CHEM 107/108	Chemistry for Life Sciences and Laboratory.....	4
PHYS 160/165	Physical Geology and Laboratory .....	4
PHYS 166/167	Meteorology and Laboratory .....	4
PHYS 171/172	Physical Science and Laboratory .....	4
PHYS 175/176	Descriptive Astronomy and Laboratory .....	4
PHYS 375/176	Solar System Astronomy and Laboratory .....	4

## Social Studies 3 hours

SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology .....	3
WOMEN 200	Introduction to Women's Studies .....	3

## Political Studies 3 hours

POLS 101	U.S. Politics.....	3
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## Producing and Consuming 5-6 hours

*(Select one from two of the following three categories)*

### Economy

ECON 191	Issues in Today's Economy .....	3
FCS 230	Consumer Ed. and Personal Finance .....	3

### Technology

EET 247	Computer Programming for Electronic Sys. ....	3
GT 190	Introduction to Technological Systems.....	2
GT 350	Technology and Civilization.....	3
EDTH 330	Technology for the Classroom .....	3
TE 551	Integrated Technology for Educators.....	3
TM 350	Societal Influence of Technology .....	3

### Business

ACCTG 201	Financial Accounting .....	3
CIS 130	Computer Information Systems .....	3
MGMKT 101	Introduction to Business .....	3

## Fine Arts and Aesthetic Studies *(Select one)*..... 2-3 hours

ART 155	Printmaking and Paper Arts .....	3
ART 178	Introduction to the Visual Arts .....	3
ART 188	The Designed World.....	3
ART 217	Crafts I.....	3
ART 222	Jewelry Design I.....	3
ART 233	Drawing I .....	3

ART 244	Ceramics I.....	3
ART 266	Sculpture I.....	3
ART 277	Painting I.....	3
ART 288	Introduction to Art History I .....	3
ART 289	Introduction to Art History II .....	3
ART 311	Art Education.....	3
COMM 105	Performance Appreciation .....	3
COMM 205	Performance Studies.....	3
COMM 295	Theatre History.....	3
ENGL 250	Introduction to Creative Writing .....	3
HHP 151	Dance Appreciation .....	3
MUSIC 120	Music Appreciation .....	3
MUSIC 121	Introduction to Music Literature .....	2
MUSIC 321	History of Music.....	3

## Cultural Studies *(Select one)* 3-5 hours

MLL 114	Chinese Language and Culture I .....	5
MLL 124	French Language and Culture I .....	5
MLL 154	Spanish Language and Culture I .....	5
MLL 184	Russian Language and Culture I .....	5
MLL 194	Korean Language and Culture I.....	5
GEOG 106	World Regional Geography .....	3
GEOG 300	Elements of Geography.....	3
GEOG 304	Human Geography .....	3
WOMEN 399	Global Women's Issues.....	3

## Health and Well Being 4-6 hours

### Psychological

PSYCH 155	General Psychology .....	3
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### Physical *(Select one)*

FCS 203	Nutrition and Health.....	3
FCS 301	Nutrition.....	3
HHP 150	Lifetime Fitness Concepts.....	1
NURS 303	Introduction to Public Health.....	3

## Human Heritage 6 hours

*(Select one from two of the following three categories)*

### History

HIST 101	World History to 1500.....	3
HIST 102	World History from 1500.....	3
HIST 201	American History to 1865.....	3
HIST 202	American History from 1865.....	3

### Literature

ENGL 113	General Literature.....	3
ENGL 114	General Literature(Genre) .....	3
ENGL 116	General Literature(Theme).....	3
ENGL 315	Mythology.....	3
ENGL 320	Literature and Film .....	3

### Philosophy

PHIL 103	Introduction to Philosophy.....	3
PHIL 105	Ethics.....	3
PHIL 111	Ethics: Applied Emphasis(____).....	3
PHIL 112	Biomedical Ethics.....	3
PHIL 113	Business Ethics.....	3
PHIL 114	Environmental Ethics.....	3
PHIL 207	Critical Thinking.....	3
PHIL 208	Logic .....	3
PHIL 231	World Religions.....	3

Notes Econ 201 Introduction to Macroeconomics can be used to meet a General Education requirement in the Producing and Consuming category.

All Political Science majors (including those in the pre-law emphasis area) are required to take MATH 143 Elementary Statistics, 3 hours, or SOSCI 388 Social Research Analysis, 4 hours.

MATH 143 can be used as a General Education substitute for MATH 113 College Algebra.

NOTE: The information contained herein is intended to be used for the planning of a student's academic program and does not constitute a contract. While this guide was prepared with the latest information, courses, graduation requirements, and curricula are subject to change.

When a student attains 85 semester hours of credit (including current enrollment) the student must apply for a degree check in the Office of the Registrar (Degree Checking Section), Room 102 Russ Hall.

**MINIMUM GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:** The minimum requirements for graduation include 124 semester hours of which 60 hours must be from a four year university. In addition, 45 semester hours must be upper division and 30 hours in residence at PSU (including 24 of the last 30). Minimum GPA for non-education degree is 2.0 overall [2.0 in major], secondary education degree is 2.5 overall [2.75 in major], and early/late childhood/unified degree is 2.80 overall [3.0 in major]. A minimum GPA of 2.0 in any minor and in residence coursework is required. General Education and all degree requirements are provided in the online catalog. Refer to individual departments for specific requirements.