



Pittsburg State University
College of Arts and Sciences Program Guide

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

As of Fall 2017

Core (12 hours)

- POLS 101: U.S. Politics3
- POLS 103: Comparative Political Institutions3
- POLS 320: Introduction to Political Science3
- POLS 686: Senior Seminar in Political Science3

American Government (3 hours)

- POLS 516: Political Parties and Elections3
- or POLS 517: U.S. Congress3
- or POLS 604: The American Presidency3
- or POLS 609: Administrative Law3
- or POLS 616: Interest Groups and Social Movements3

International (3 hours)

- POLS 530: International Relations3
- or POLS 630: International Political Economy3

Political Philosophy (3 hours)

- POLS 450: Political Philosophy3
- or POLS 578: Democratic Theory and Public Opinion3

Regional Politics (3 hours)

- POLS 524: European Politics3
- or POLS 525: Middle Eastern Politics3
- or POLS 526: Latin American Politics3
- or POLS 527: African Politics3

Political Science electives (12 hours)

- POLS 301: State and Local Government and Politics3
- POLS 412: Law in Film and Literature3
- POLS 450: Political Philosophy3
- POLS 492: Directed Readings in Political Science1-3
- POLS 512: Environmental Politics3
- POLS 516: Political Parties and Elections3
- POLS 517: U.S. Congress3
- POLS 524: European Politics3
- POLS 525: Middle Eastern Politics3
- POLS 526: Latin American Politics3
- POLS 527: African Politics3
- POLS 530: International Relations3
- SOC 534: Political Sociology3
- JUST 538: Philosophy of Law3
- POLS 562: Law and Politics3
- POLS 571: Political Studies-Selected Topics (____)1-3
- POLS 578: Democratic Theory and Public Opinion3
- POLS 587: U.S. Foreign Policy3
- POLS 604: The American Presidency3
- POLS 609: Administrative Law3
- POLS 616: Interest Groups and Social Movements3
- POLS 630: International Political Economy3
- POLS 660: Political Science Internship (____)1-3

- POLS 661: Constitutional Law I3
- POLS 662: Constitutional Law II3
- POLS 680: War: The Politics of Violence3

Statistics Requirement (3-4 hours)

- MATH 143: Elementary Statistics3
- or SOSCI 388: Social Research Analysis4

Political Science/Pre-Law Requirements

Political Science (Pre-Law emphasis) majors meet all the requirements for the general Political Science degree.

Pre-Law students take the following:

- POLS 661: Constitutional Law I3
- POLS 662: Constitutional Law II3
- One of the following courses:
 - POLS 412: Law in Film and Literature3
 - JUST 538: Philosophy of Law3
 - POLS 562: Law and Politics3
 - POLS 609: Administrative Law3

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

(46-52 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 (<i>Select one</i>)		
BIOL	111/112	General Biology and Laboratory 5
BIOL	113	Environmental Life Science 4
BIOL	211	Principles of Biology I..... 4
Physical Sciences (<i>Select one</i>)		
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
WGS	200	Introduction to Women's Studies 3
Political Studies (Select one)		3 hours
POLS	101	U.S. Politics 3
POLS	103	Comparative Political Institutions..... 3
Producing and Consuming		5-6 hours
<i>(Select one from two of the following three categories)</i>		
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
MGT	101	Introduction to Business 3
MGT	105	Introduction to Entrepreneurship..... 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
ART	351	Printmaking, Papermaking, Bookarts and the Letterpress..... 3
ART	430	Automotive: Art and Design 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

Cultural Studies (Select one)		3 hours
ANTH	101	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology..... 3
MLL	114	Chinese Language and Culture I 3
MLL	124	French Language and Culture I 3
MLL	154	Spanish Language and Culture I 3
MLL	184	Russian Language and Culture I 3
MLL	194	Korean Language and Culture I..... 3
GEOG	106	World Regional Geography 3
GEOG	300	Elements of Geography..... 3
GEOG	304	Human Geography..... 3
WGS	399	Global Women's Issues..... 3

Health and Well Being		4-6 hours
Psychological		
PSYCH	155	General Psychology 3
Physical (<i>Select one</i>)		
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
<i>(Select one from two of the following three categories)</i>		
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	120	Literature and Film 3
ENGL	315	Mythology 3
ENGL	320	Literature and Film 3
Philosophy		
PHIL	103	Introduction to Philosophy. 3
PHIL	105	Ethics..... 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 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.