



**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts  
**College:** Education, Arts and Humanities  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Major Code:** POLI  
**Concentration:** N/A

**Credits Required:** 120

**Minor:** N/A

**Minor Code:** N/A

**Graduation Requirements:**

- Minimum 30 of the last 60 credits earned at PennWest.
- Minimum of 21 major credits must be completed at PennWest or a State System (PASSHE) university.
- Minimum Total of 42 Credits in Advanced Coursework.

**General Education**

**Foundations: (12 Credits)**

**Oral Communication: (3 Credits)**

- POLI/SOCI/COMJ 1210 Civil Discourse

**Quantitative Reasoning: (3 Credits)**

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**Technological Literacy: (3 Credits)**

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**Written Communication: (3 Credits)**

- ENGL 1200 - College Composition

**Discoveries: (27 Credits)**

*At least two (2) disciplines must be represented within each of the three (3) categories.*

**Art/Humanities: (9 Credits)**

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**Natural Sciences & Technology: (9 Credits)**

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**Social Sciences: (9 Credits)**

- SOCI 1000 Introduction to Sociology
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**Discoveries Elective or Wellness & Personal Health: (3 Credits)**

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**Competencies:**

**Applied Methodologies:**

- POLI 4900 Public Policy Seminar

**Ethical Reasoning:**

- POLI 3370, POLI 3400, POLI 3410, or POLI 3530

**Information Literacy:**

- SOCI 2800 or CRJ 4400 Research Methods

**Intercultural Fluency:**

- SOCI 1000 Introduction to Sociology

**Keystone Experience:**

- POLI 4900 Public Policy Seminar

**Quantitative Applications:**

- CRJ 4400 Research Methods

**Writing Intensive - Two (2) courses are required:**

- SOCI 2800 Research Methods or one of the following:
- POLI 3100, POLI 3400, or POLI 3510

**Program Requirements**

**Required Major Courses: (21 Credits)**

- POLI 1000 Introduction to Politics
- POLI 1100 Introduction to American Politics
- POLI 3000 Ideas/Issues American Politics
- POLI 3300 International Relations
  - or POLI 3310 Comparative Politics
- POLI 3990 Special Topics in Politics
- POLI 4900 Public Policy Seminar
- SOCI 2800 Research Methods
  - or CRJ 4400 Research Methods

**Major Electives: (21 Credits)**

Any POLI 3000-level and above.

\* Up to 9 credits from a list of pre-approved cognate classes in related fields.

(Refer to page 2 for list of courses)

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## Suggested Four Year Course Sequence

### Year 1

**Fall Semester**

POLI 1000 Intro to Politics  
or POLI 1100 Intro to American Politics

**Spring Semester**

POLI 1000 Intro to Politics  
or POLI 1100 Intro to American Politics  
POLI 3000 Ideas and Issues in American Politics

### Year 2

**Fall Semester**

POLI 3300 International Relations  
or POLI 3310 Comparative Politics  
POLI 3990 Special Topics

**Spring Semester**

Major Elective  
Major Elective

### Year 3

**Fall Semester**

Major Elective  
Major Elective

**Spring Semester**

Major Elective  
Major Elective

### Year 4

**Fall Semester**

SOCI 2800 Research Methods  
or CRJ 4400 Research Methods  
Major Elective

**Spring Semester**

POLI 4900 Public Policy Seminar

**Approved Cognate Classes**

*Communication & Journalism*

COMJ 3201 - Conflict, Power, & Communication  
COMJ 3407 - Media Ethics  
COMJ 3424 - Digital Journalism

*Criminal Justice*

CRJ 3080 - Organized Crime  
CRJ 3090 - White Collar Crime  
CRJ 3740 - Court Systems  
CRJ 3850 - Crime and the Media  
CRJ 3990 — Special Topics in Criminal Justice  
CRJ 4290 - Terrorism  
CRJ 4310 - Violent Crime

*Economics*

ECON 3395 - International Diplomacy: Analysis & Practicum  
ECON 3600 - International Economics  
ECON 3650 - International Development  
ECON 3620 - Comparative Economic Systems

*Geography*

GEOG 3330 - Economic Geography

*History*

HIST 3000 - Topics in U.S. History  
HIST 3030 - Women in U.S. History  
HIST 3110 - Religious Persecution in US  
HIST 3130 - History of US 20th Century Foreign Policy  
HIST 3400 - Topics in Global History  
HIST 3830 - History of US Social Change  
HIST 3840 - Modern Global Women's History  
HIST 3890 - Race and Ethnicity in America

*Philosophy*

PHIL 3260 - Ethics and Criminal Justice  
PHIL 3420 - Philosophy and Feminism

*Sociology*

SOCI 3010 - Race and Ethnic Relations  
SOCI 3340 - Sociology Conflict Resolution  
SOCI 3350 - Charismatic Leaders  
SOCI 3040 - Disability Studies

