

## 3700:03/04/12 POLITICAL SCIENCE

(American, International/Comparative and Law, Courts, and Politics Tracks)

### Bachelor of Arts

**NOTE TO STUDENT:** A student is expected to be familiar with the degree requirements. The following information has official approval of the Department of Political Science but is intended only as a guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of admission to the degree-granting college.

#### FIRST YEAR

##### Fall Semester

	Semester Credit Hours	Prerequisites
3300:111 English Composition I	4	Appropriate Placement by Adviser
3700:100 Gov. & Politics (Lect. & Disc.) (Note a.) <b>-OR-</b>	4	American Track/Law, Courts & Politics Track
3700:150 World Politics & Governments (Note a.)	3	International/Comparative Track
Language Requirement (Note b.)	3-4	Appropriate Placement by Adviser
3450/3470 Math Requirement (Note c.)	<u>3-4</u>	Appropriate Placement by Adviser
	14-16	

##### Spring Semester

3300:112 English Composition II	3	3300:111
Social Science Requirement (Note a.)	3-4	
3700:201 Introduction to Political Research	3	
Language Requirement (Note b.)	3-4	
7600:105 Introduction to Public Speaking <b>-OR-</b>		
7600:106 Effective Oral Communication	<u>3</u>	
	15-17	

#### SECOND YEAR

##### Fall Semester

Natural Science Requirement	3-4	
3700:300 Comparative Politics (Note d.)	4	
3700:310 International Politics & Institutions (Note d.)	3	
Language Requirement (Note b.)	3	
Physical Education/Wellness	1-3	
3400:210 Humanities in Western Tradition I	<u>4</u>	32 credits. + 3300:111 & 112
	15-18	

##### Spring Semester

Natural Science Requirement	3-4	
3700:303 Introduction to Political Thought	3	3700:100
Language Requirement (Note b.)	3	
Elective from appropriate track	2-3	
Humanities Elective (Note e.)	<u>3-4</u>	3400:210
	14-18	

#### NOTES:

- a. A minimum of six credits of social science is required. Government & Politics, 3700:100, will count for part of the requirement. World Politics & Governments, 3700:150, will count if the student started college in fall, 1994, or thereafter. Please see the appropriate General Guide for options.
- b. Completion of the second year of a foreign language or sign language is required. See your adviser for placement.
- c. A variety of mathematics/statistics courses can be taken to meet this requirement. Consult with your adviser before registering for math.
- d. Comparative Politics (3700:300) is **required** for American Track, optional for International Comparative, and not required for Law, Courts and Politics Track. International Politics & Institutions (3700:310) is **required** for American Track, Law, Courts and Politics Track and optional for International/Comparative Track; however, Int/Comp track students **MUST** take one or the other, 300 or 310.
- e. If the student elects to enroll in 3700:303 during this semester as recommended, the department suggests that students NOT take any humanities elective from the Philosophy set during this same semester.

**POLICY ALERT: 1) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have completed your General Education English, Math, and Communications (Speech) requirements; 2) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have declared a major and transferred to (been accepted by) a degree granting college at The University of Akron.**

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### **IN GENERAL:**

Political Science may, in the broadest sense, be termed the study of the government. The study of government, of course, involves not only a knowledge of formal institutions, but also an understanding of the demands which people as individuals and group members make upon government, the supports which they provide for it, the decisions which governmental bodies make, and the environment in which they operate. The major fields of Political Science are American Government and Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics, Law, and Political Theory.

### **JOB POSSIBILITIES:**

The field of Political Science is of particular benefit to anyone desiring to enter one of the following professions:

- (1) Law – A knowledge of the government which makes, interprets, and implements the law is considered a fine preparation for those who wish to enter law school.
- (2) Administrative positions in local, state or national government.
- (3) Teaching of Political Science, Social Science, or Social Studies at the secondary or college level.
- (4) News analysis or reporting for mass media.
- (5) Positions in foreign service and overseas programs of the national government and other non-profit organizations.
- (6) Research or administrative positions in civic organizations or private foundations concerned with public affairs, firms engaged in governmental consultation, political parties, and business and professional bodies.
- \* (7) Positions in elective public office or campaign management.
- (8) Positions in commerce and industry involving governmental affairs or government liaison work.

### **TRANSFER TO COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE:**

A student should apply for transfer to Arts & Sciences/Political Science upon completion of 30 credits with a 2.2 GPA overall (including transfer coursework) and in all 3700 courses. In addition, the student must include the completion of both English Composition courses and 3 credits of mathematics or statistics which meets the General Education requirement. This transfer process is completed through an appointment with an academic adviser, the Academic Advisement Center, Simmons hall 205, (330) 972-7430, or Summit College, Polsky 301, (330) 972-7220, depending upon the college in which you reside.

### **CAREER ADVISING:**

A student is encouraged to check with his/her major department and with the Center for Career Management, Simmons Hall 301, (330) 972-7747, regarding employment opportunities in the field.

### **COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:**

Degree requirements in the College of Arts & Sciences include the completion of the first and second year of a foreign language at the college level (in most majors), and 47 semester credits of 300/400 level courses, not including workshops or courses taken to meet the Humanities in the Western Tradition or Area Studies and Cultural Diversity (World Civ) requirements

### **INTERNSHIP**

Internships, which give valuable career-related experience to students, are available from the Department of Political Science. To learn more about an internship or start the process of finding the internship that is right for you, call the Internship Coordinator Gail Garbrandt at 330-972-5182 or stop in to make an appointment in Olin Hall 224A.

### **\*CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED POLITICS: (Bliss Institute)**

This certificate is **highly recommended** for a student interested in working on a campaign or in the election process. Contact Dr. Steve Brooks at (330) 972-7944 or [sbrooks@uakron.edu](mailto:sbrooks@uakron.edu).

**LAW, COURTS AND POLITICS TRACK:** There is an interdisciplinary element to this degree. An approved list of courses can be obtained from the Political Science Department, Olin 201.