

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE/CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**NOTE:** These requirements apply **only** to the 4 year Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science/Criminal Justice.

1. Complete course work in criminal justice technology by choosing one of the following options:

<b>Track</b>	<b>Degree Code</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
<b>Track 1</b>	<b>370001 BST</b>	Complete all requirements for an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice Technology from Summit College or a comparably approved institution.
<b>Track 2</b>	<b>370010 BST</b>	Complete a minor in Criminal Justice Technology from Summit College or comparably approved institution.
<b>Track 3</b>	<b>370011 BST</b>	Complete 12 credits of Criminal Justice Technology course work at Summit College or comparably approved institution with a minimum 3.0 gpa.

Students applying for the Associate Degree in Criminal Justice Technology (Track 1) as well as the B.S. degree in Political Science/Criminal Justice have additional requirements set forth by Summit College and **must** see an advisor in Summit College for advising. **All students should be certain to use the appropriate Degree Code or they will complicate the Graduation process.**

2. The student must complete at least 30 semester credit hours in Political Science, including the following courses:

### FOUNDATIONS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE:

- 3700:100 Government and Politics in the U.S.
- 3700:201 Introduction to Political Research
- 3700:361 Politics of the Criminal Justice System

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE CORE COURSES: (Choose Four)

- 3700:335 Law and Society
- 3700:363 Crime, Punishment, Politics: A Comparative Perspective
- 3700:450 Administering Prisons, Probation, and Parole
- 3700:480 Policy Problems: Criminal Justice
- 3700:481 Challenges of Police Work
- 3700:482 Criminal Justice Topic: Current Issues
- 3700:483 Constitutional Problems of Criminal Justice

### INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENT:

- 3700:395 Internship: Government & Politics (Students are required to take a minimum 2 credit internship. No more than 4 credits of internship may be applied toward the 30 credits required in Political Science)

### ADVANCED POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES: (Choose Two)

- 3700:341 The American Congress
- 3700:350 The American Presidency
- 3700:360 The Judicial Process
- 3700:370 Public Administration: Concepts & Practices
- 3700:402 Politics and the Media
- 3700:462 Supreme Court and Civil Liberties
- 3700:474 Political Opinion, Behavior and Electoral Politics
- 3700:475 American Interest Groups
- 3700:476 American Political Parties

Student must maintain a 2.2 average overall, and a 2.2 average in Political Science.

3. The student must complete all General Education requirements. (3450:135 Math for Liberal Arts, 3450:145 College Algebra, a higher math or 3470:260 Basic Statistics is required). If a University College or Summit College student pursuing the Associate Degree completes 2020:151, 152, & 153 Elements of Mathematics I, II, III (2.0 crs. ea) prior to transferring to Arts & Sciences, then the students will have met the General Studies mathematics requirement (3.0 credits) and the Arts & Sciences mathematics requirement as well. This applies **ONLY** to those students who choose to do the entire Associate's Degree.
4. Students entering Fall 1994 are required to take eight credits of Natural Science. At least two courses, one of which must be a lab. (Prior to Fall 1994 students were required to take 6 credits. Although a lab chemistry course is preferred, it is not required.) The 2840:100 Basic Chemistry course indicated in the two-year Criminal Justice degree can be counted toward the 8 credits of Natural Science required by General Studies if the student was coded as a Summit College student and was pursuing a bona fide two-year Associate Degree or an established "Step-Up" program of study in which Basic Chemistry is required at the time the course was taken and completed. At least one chemistry course (3150:100, Chemistry and Society, any other 3150 Chemistry course, or the 2840:100 Basic Chemistry course, with the above restrictions) must be included in the Natural Science credits for students receiving the Associate Degree.
5. The student must complete at least 47 credit hours of 300 or 400 level courses **EXCLUDING** General Education courses and workshops.
6. Each student must complete at least 6 hours of course work that will introduce him to a foreign culture. Such courses shall be selected by the student with the approval of his advisor in the Department of Political Science. (See page BS/CJ-3 for a list of approved courses.) Those who wish to work in communities with large Spanish-speaking populations should consider taking one or more years of instruction in the Spanish language; those students interested in foreign affairs, intelligence, and international security should consider taking Arabic.

### **131 Total Credits Required for 4-Year Degree**

Students should be aware that 131 is the minimum number of credit hours required for this degree. Many students exceed this minimum number.

For more information, contact:  
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**FOREIGN CULTURE REQUIREMENT – At least 6 credits** of course work that will introduce the student to a foreign culture must be completed. Such courses shall be selected by the student with the approval of the adviser in the Department of Political Science. Selected courses may be chosen from the following list or from the Departments of Modern Languages; History; Political Science; Classical Studies, Anthropology, and Archaeology; or Geography with the approval of the adviser.

**Political Science (3700)**

300 Comparative Politics  
 311 Developing States in World Politics  
 320 Britain and the Commonwealth  
 321 European Politics  
 326 Politics of Developing Nations  
 392 Contemporary African Politics  
 392 Selected Topics\*  
 405 Politics in the Middle East  
 445 Al Qaeda

**Anthropology (3230)**

355 Indians of South America  
 357 Magic, Myth, and Religion  
 370 Cultures of the World

**Archaeology (3240)**

313 Archaeology of Greece  
 314 Archaeology of Rome  
 330 Archaeology of the Old World

**Modern Language (3500)**

Any course taken in this Department--please note- if you take 100/200 level courses from this department they will not count toward the 300/400 requirement.

**History (3400)**

301 Mao's China  
 303 Japan  
 324 Europe from WWI to Present  
 325 Women in Modern Europe  
 336 Russia Since 1801  
 339 England Since 1688  
 340 Selected Topics\*  
 341 Islamic Fundamentalism and Revolution  
 342 Crusades Through Arab Eyes  
 381 History of Canada  
 382 The Vietnam War  
 416 Modern India  
 472 Latin America: Origins of Nationality  
 473 Latin America: 20th Century  
 476 Central America and Caribbean

**Geography (3350)**

353 Latin America  
 356 Europe  
 360 Asia  
 363 Africa South of the Saharah

\*Selected Topics courses must be approved by the Department of Political Science.

Many students are required to take additional electives beyond the minimum major requirements and general education courses to reach the necessary number of credits for graduation. To become a more attractive candidate for employment, students should consider adding a minor to their course of study.

#### Popular Electives for Political Science/Criminal Justice Majors:

##### Department of Sociology

3850:104 Social Problems  
 3850:323 Social Change  
 3850:330 Criminology  
 3850:429 Probation and Parole  
 3850:430 Juvenile Delinquency

##### Department of Philosophy

3600:120 Intro to Ethics  
 3600:170 Intro to Logic  
 3600:421 Philosophy of Law

##### Department of Psychology

3750:100 Intro to Psychology  
 3750:340 Social Psychology  
 3750:420 Abnormal Psychology

##### Department of History

3400:358 The American City

##### Department of Social Work

7750:401 Social Work Practice I

#### Recommended Minor Degrees

The following minor degrees are recommended using the elective 300/400 level credits:

##### Minor in Sociology

Requires 3850:100 Introduction to Sociology plus a minimum of 15 additional credits of sociology courses at the 300/400 level.

##### Minor in American Politics

Requires 3700:100 Government and Politics in the U.S. plus 14 additional credits of selected political sciences courses.

##### Minor in Pre-Law

Requires 3700:100 Government and Politics in the U.S.  
 3700:360 The Judicial Process  
 3700:461 The Supreme Court and Constitutional Law  
 plus 8 additional credits of selected political sciences courses.

##### Minor in Psychology

Requires 18 semester credits in philosophy including a) at least three semester credits at the introductory level and b) at least six semester credits at the 300/400 level.