PROGRAM NAME: Political Science, BA
PROGRAM COLLEGE: Business, Influence, and Information Analysis
CATALOG TERM: 2019

Program description: The major concentration in political science consists of a minimum of 18 semester hours of upper-division work in at least three subfields of the major unless a more tailored program better suited to the student's interests and professional goals is approved by the department chair. The subfields from which choices may be selected are normative theory (NT), American politics (AP), comparative politics (CP), international relations (IR), or constitutional law (CL). Also required are 12 semester hours of related upper-division courses chosen under the direction of the major advisor. Lower-division prerequisites for this major concentration are either PS 1000, PS 1100, or PS 1150. A grade of C or better is required in each course of the major. (A grade of C- will not satisfy the requirement.)

NOTE: Individual Programs of Study will vary in consultation with your Advisor and course/section availability each term. The below schedule serves as an **example** four-year degree plan.

YEAR 1
Fall Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Experience Notes
Core: Written Communication	3		• Join an RU Academy
Core: Mathematics	3		• Participate in the Finucane Service Project
Core: Philosophical Mode Lv I	3		
PS1000: Introduction to American Federal and State Government	3	C	• Attend the New Student Retreat
ELECTIVE/MINOR/SECOND MAJOR	2-4		
TOTAL HOURS	14-16		

Spring Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Notes
Core: Oral Communication	3		• Work on Degree Planning with Advisor
Core: Artistic Mode	3		
Core: Theological Mode Lv I	3		• Find Volunteer Opportunities on campus or in the community
PS3350: Inter-American Politics	3	C	
ELECTIVE/MINOR/SECOND MAJOR	2-4		
TOTAL HOURS	14-16		

YEAR 2
Fall Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Notes
Core: Historical Mode Lv I	3		• Apply for a Service-Immersion Trip
Core: Philosophical Mode Lv II	3		• Declare Major
Core: Scientific Causal Mode Lv I	3		
PS31930: Elections and Voter Behavior	3	C	
ELECTIVE/MINOR/SECOND MAJOR	2-4		
TOTAL HOURS	14-16		

Spring Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Notes
Core: Literary Mode Lv I	3		• Consider minor or second major degree plans
PS3150: The Congress	3	C	
PS3300: Western European Politics	3	C	• Discuss career options with advisor
ELECTIVE/MINOR/SECOND MAJOR	3		
ELECTIVE/MINOR/SECOND MAJOR	2-4		
TOTAL HOURS	14-16		

YEAR 3
Fall Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Notes
Core: Historical Mode or Literary Mode Lv II	3		• Prepare for any graduate school placement exams (GRE, LSAT)
Core: Scientific-Causal or Relational Mode Lv II	3		
PS3100: The American Presidency	3	C	
PS3750: Civil Rights	3	C	
ELECTIVE/MINOR/SECOND MAJOR	2-4		
TOTAL HOURS	14-16		

Spring Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Notes
Core: Philosophical Mode Lv II	3		• Discuss Internship or Co-Op options
PS3510 Politics in Fiction and Film	3	C	
PS3550 International Relations	3	C	
ELECTIVE/MINOR/SECOND MAJOR	3		
ELECTIVE/MINOR/SECOND MAJOR	2-4		
TOTAL HOURS	14-16		

YEAR 4
Fall Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Notes
Core: Theological Mode Lv II	3		• Degree Evaluation
PS3190: Elections and Voter Behavior	3	C	• Attend Career Fairs
PS3520: US Foreign Policy	3	C	• Prepare Resume
ELECTIVE/MINOR/SECOND MAJOR	3		• Graduate School Applications
ELECTIVE/MINOR/SECOND MAJOR	2-4		
TOTAL HOURS	14-16		

Spring Semester

Course Name	Credits	Minimum Grade Required	Notes
Core: Philosophical Mode Theological Mode Lv II	3		• Job Search
PS3720: The Supreme Court	3	C	• Graduate/Law School Decisions
PS/PY4600: Modern Political Philosophy	3	C	
ELECTIVE/MINOR/SECOND MAJOR	3		
ELECTIVE/MINOR/SECOND MAJOR	2-4		
TOTAL HOURS	14-16		

Credit Hours
• Core: 45-54
• Major: 33-39
• Electives: 35-50
• TOTAL Credit Hours: 128