

# B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE - GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS CONCENTRATION

*College of the Sciences and Mathematics*

## Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
<b>GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS</b> ( <a href="http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )		
<b>Academic Foundations</b>		
First Year Experience requirement		4
English Composition requirement		6-7
Mathematics requirement		3-4
Interdisciplinary requirement		3
Diverse Communities requirement		3
Ethics requirement		3
<b>Distributed Disciplinary Foundations</b>		
Science requirement		6-8
Behavioral & Social Science requirement		6
Humanities requirement		6
Arts requirement		3
<b>ADDITIONAL BACCALAUREATE REQUIREMENTS</b> ( <a href="http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )		
<b>University Requirements</b>		
Writing Emphasis requirement		9
Speaking Emphasis requirement		9
<b>Degree Requirements</b>		
Language/Culture requirement		0-15
Demonstrating language proficiency through the intermediate level (202) or demonstrating language proficiency through the elementary II (102) level of a language and further acquiring a cultural foundation.		
Capstone requirement		1-15
<b>MAJOR REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<b>Core Courses</b>		
With the exception of the Capstone Seminar, the core courses (15 credits) should be taken during the first and second year.		
PSC 100	United States Government and Politics	3
PSC 200	Political Analysis	3
PSC 213	International Relations	3
PSC 230	Introduction to Political Thought	3
PSC 240	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
<b>Additional 200-level Elective</b>		
Select one course: <sup>1</sup>		3
PSC 201	Politics of Diversity in the U.S.	
PSC 202	Elements of Public Administration	
PSC 250	The Politics of the Judicial Process	
PSC 255	State and Local Government	
<b>Institutions of American Government</b>		
Select two courses:		6
PSC 324	U.S. Political Parties	
PSC 338	U.S. Political Thought	

PSC 350	Constitutional Law I: Government Institutions: Power and Constraints	
PSC 352	Constitutional Law II: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	
PSC 355	Congressional Politics	
PSC 359	Presidential Politics	
<b>Political Behavior</b>		
Select two courses:		6
PSC 301	Gender and Politics	
PSC 322	Public Opinion, Media and Politics	
PSC 323	Racial/Ethnic Politics	
PSC 325	Campaigns and Elections	
PSC 329	Courts, Law and Policy	
PSC 339	Contemporary Political Thought	
PSC 353	Latinx Politics	
<b>Public Policy</b>		
Select two courses: <sup>1</sup>		6
PSC 304	Urban Politics	
PSC 320	U.S. Foreign Policy	
PSC 335	Pennsylvania Government & Politics	
PSC 351	Energy and the Political Process	
PSC 354	Sustainability Politics and Policy	
PSC 356	US Social Policy	
<b>Additional Upper-level Elective</b>		
Select an internship or additional 300-level course from above. <sup>1</sup>		3-15
PSC 412	Internship In Political Science	
<b>Capstone Requirement</b> <sup>2</sup>		
PSC 401	Senior Project in Political Science	3
or PSC 402	Advanced Political Analysis	
<b>Total Minimum Credits Required</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students interested in the MPA Accelerated Program should see the suggested course substitutions below.

<sup>2</sup> These courses fulfill the Capstone requirement.

## Accelerated B.A. in Political Science - Government and Politics Concentration to the Master of Public Administration Program

Any Political Science major with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher who has completed at least 90 credits may substitute up to 12 credits of graduate coursework in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program to satisfy course requirements for the B.A. in Political Science - Government and Politics Concentration. Those credits will also apply toward the MPA program. Students must apply to the MPA program after successful completion of 90 undergraduate credits with a 3.0 minimum GPA. If accepted, the student will receive conditional acceptance to the MPA program contingent on successful completion of their undergraduate degree.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Additional 200-level Elective</b>		
PPA 500	Foundations of Public Service	3
<b>Public Policy</b>		
PPA 504	Public Human Resource Management	3
<b>Additional Upper-Level Elective</b>		
PPA 501	Analysis and Decision Making I	3
<b>Free Elective</b>		
PPA 502	Analysis and Decision Making II	3

## Sample Course Plan

To track their individual degree progress, students are advised to access their Degree Progress Report (DPR) via myWCU regularly. For more information, visit [wcupa.edu/DegreeProgressReport](http://wcupa.edu/DegreeProgressReport) (<http://wcupa.edu/degreeprogressreport/>).

The following is a sample suggested course sequence for this program; course offerings and availability are not guaranteed. Students should consult their academic advisor with any questions.

### Accelerated B.A. in Political Science - Government and Politics Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
PSC 100	United States Government and Politics	3
WRT 120	Effective Writing I	3
FYE XXX	First-Year Experience	4
Language 101		3
Humanities Gen Ed		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
MAT 121	Introduction to Statistics I	3
WRT 2XX	200-Level WRT Course	3
Language 102		3
Behavioral & Social Science Gen Ed		3
Speaking Emphasis Gen Ed		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
PSC 230	Introduction to Political Thought	3
PSC 240	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
Language 201 (or culture cluster)		3
Arts Gen Ed		3
Science Gen Ed		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
PSC 200	Political Analysis	3
PSC 213	International Relations	3
Language 202 (or culture cluster)		3
Interdisciplinary Gen Ed		3
Behavioral & Social Science Gen Ed		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Three</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
PSC 3XX	Political Behavior Course	3
PSC 3XX	Institutional Course in Group B	3
Science Gen Ed		3
Humanities Gen Ed		3
Elective or Culture Cluster		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
PSC 3XX	Institutional Course in Group B	3
PSC 3XX	Behavior Course in Group C	3
PSC XXX	Government and Politics Policy Course in Group D	3
Ethics Gen Ed		3

Diverse Communities Gen Ed		3
Credits		15
Year Four		
Fall		
PSC 401	Senior Project in Political Science	3
PPA 500	Foundations of Public Service	3
PPA 501	Analysis and Decision Making I	3
Speaking Emphasis Gen Ed		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Spring		
PSC XXX	Government and Politics Policy Course in Group D	3
PPA 502	Analysis and Decision Making II	3
PPA 504	Public Human Resource Management	3
Speaking Emphasis Gen Ed		3
Elective or 300-Level Writing Emphasis Course if not already completed		3
Credits		15
Summer Session I		
PPA 601	Public Policy and Administration Internship	3
PPA XXX	Public Policy Elective	3
Credits		6
Summer Session II		
PPA XXX	Public Policy Elective	3
Credits		3
Year Five		
Fall		
PPA 503	Public Budgeting & Finance	3
PPA 506	Foundations in Nonprofit Administration	3
PPA XXX	Public Policy Elective	3
Credits		9
Spring		
PPA 505	Public Sector Organization Theory	3
PPA 600	Capstone Seminar in Public Administration	3
PPA XXX	Public Policy Elective	3
Credits		9
Total Credits		148