





POLITICAL SCIENCE, B.A.




 - General Education Course

 - Milestone course: a key success marker for your major. See your advisor to discuss the importance of this course in your plan of study.

The Core Curriculum is designed to foster critical thinking skills and introduce students to basic domains of thinking that transcend disciplines. The Core applies to all majors. Information on specific classes in the Core can be found at <https://www.marshall.edu/gened/>.

Course Requirements




| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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| Core Curriculum | | |
| <i>Core 1: Critical Thinking</i> | | |
| FYS 100 | First Yr Sem Critical Thinking | 3 |
| PSC 105  | Fundamentals of Politics (CT) | 3 |
| PSC 104  | Am Natl Govt & Politics (CT) | 3 |
| <i>Core 2</i> | | |
| ENG 101  | Beginning Composition | 3 |
| ENG 201  | Advanced Composition | 3 |
| CMM 103  | Fund Speech-Communication | 3 |
| STA 150  | Foundations of Statistics | 3 |
| STA 150L  | Foundations of Statistics Lab | 1 |
| Core II Physical and Natural Science | | 4 |
| Core II Humanities | | 3 |
| PSC 104  | Am Natl Govt & Politics (CT) | 3 |
| Core II Fine Arts | | 3 |
| <i>Additional University Requirements</i> | | |
| Writing Intensive | | 3 |
| Writing Intensive | | 3 |
| Multicultural or International | | 3 |
| PSC 499  | Capstone Experience | 3 |
| College-Specific | | |
| Foreign Language 101 | | 3 |
| Foreign Language 102 | | 3 |
| Foreign Language 203 | | |
| Foreign Language 204 | | 3 |
| COLA Literature | | 3 |
| COLA Literature | | 3 |
| COLA Humanities | | 3 |
| PSC 105  | Fundamentals of Politics (CT) (COLA Social Science) | 3 |
| COLA Social Science (Not PSC) | | 3 |
| COLA Social Science (Not PSC) | | 3 |
| COLA Physical and Natural Science | | 4 |
| PSC COLA International | | 3 |
| COLA Multicultural | | |
| Major-Specific | | |

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| PSC 105  | Fundamentals of Politics (CT) | 3 |
| PSC 104  | Am Natl Govt & Politics (CT) | 3 |
| PSC 312 | Research in Political Science | 3 |
| PSC 499  | Capstone Experience | 3 |

Select at least three courses in any one of the five Political Science subfields and at least one course in at least three of the remaining four fields: 18

Courses that appear in more than one field may not be counted twice.


American National, State, and Local Politics

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| PSC 202  | State and Local Government | |
| PSC 307 | Public Opinion and Propaganda | |
| PSC 376  | Black Politics | |
| PSC 381 | Am Legislative Process | |
| PSC 383 | The American Presidency | |
| PSC 423  | American Foreign Policy | |
| PSC 427 | Shapers and Definers | |
| PSC 436 | The American Judiciary | |
| PSC 440 | Power in American Society | |
| PSC 442 | Politics of Poverty | |
| PSC 446 | Politics in History | |
| PSC 460 | Civil Rights & Liberties | |
| PSC 484 | Constitutional Law | |


International and Comparative Politics


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|---|-------------------------------|--|
| PSC 207  | Comparative Politics (CT) | |
| PSC 209  | Fund Internatl Relations (CT) | |
| PSC 405  | UN & Global Organizations | |
| PSC 406  | International Relations | |
| PSC 407 | | |
| PSC 408 | | |
| PSC 409  | Western Democratic Politics | |
| PSC 410  | Post Soviet Politics | |
| PSC 411  | Latin American Politics | |
| PSC 412 | International Political Econ | |
| PSC 415  | International Law | |
| PSC 416  | Politics of Development | |
| PSC 420  | Cur World/Regional Issues | |
| PSC 422 | | |
| PSC 423  | American Foreign Policy | |
| PSC 424  | Diplomacy | |
| PSC 428 | | |
| PSC 429  | Politics of Confl & Rev | |
| PSC 431 | Pol of Global Terrorism | |
| PSC 442 | Politics of Poverty | |
| PSC 444 | Dictatorship & Democracy | |

Constitutional Democracy

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| PSC 417 | | |
| PSC 418 | American Political Thought II | |
| PSC 421 | American Political Thought I | |
| PSC 427 | Shapers and Definers | |
| PSC 429  | Politics of Confl & Rev | |

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| PSC 436 | The American Judiciary | |
| PSC 444 | Dictatorship & Democracy | |
| PSC 446 | Politics in History | |
| PSC 460 | Civil Rights & Liberties | |
| PSC 484 | Constitutional Law | |
| <i>Political Theory</i> | | |
| PSC 418 | American Political Thought II | |
| PSC 419 | Women and Political Thought | |
| PSC 421 | American Political Thought I | |
| PSC 425 | Classical Political Thought | |
| PSC 426 | Modern Political Thought | |
| PSC 428 | | |
| PSC 429 | Politics of Confl & Rev | |
| PSC 430 | Political Ideologies | |
| PSC 446 | Politics in History | |
| <i>Public Administration, Public Policy and Urban Politics</i> | | |
| PSC 233 | | |
| PSC 311 | Issues in Public Policy | |
| PSC 333 | Intro to Public Administration | |
| PSC 433 | Public Adm & Policy Dev | |
| PSC 450 | Administrative Law | |
| PSC 452 | Public Personnel Admin | |
| PSC 453 | Government Budgetary Admin | |
| PSC 454 | Politics of the Workplace | |
| PSC 461 | Urban Prob & Pub Policy | |
| Political Science electives | | 6 |
| Free Elective | | 3 |
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Semester Plan





The Political Science curriculum has two objectives: first, to provide a basic understanding of the functioning of government in preparation for democratic citizenship and second, to give a specialized foundation to those planning to enter law school, government service (foreign service, public administration), teaching, research, politics, or business.

First Year

| First Semester | Credit Hours | |
|---|--------------------------------|---|
| CMM 103  | Fund Speech-Communication | 3 |
| ENG 101  | Beginning Composition | 3 |
| FYS 100 | First Yr Sem Critical Thinking | 3 |
| PSC 104  | Am Natl Govt & Politics (CT) | 3 |
| Core II Fine Arts | | 3 |

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| UNI 100 | Freshman First Class | 1 |
| Credit Hours | | 16 |

Second Semester

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|--|-------------------------------|-----------|
| ENG 201  | Advanced Composition | 3 |
| Core II Physical and Natural Science | | 4 |
| STA 150  | Foundations of Statistics | 3 |
| STA 150L  | Foundations of Statistics Lab | 1 |
| PSC 105  | Fundamentals of Politics (CT) | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 14 |

Second Year

First Semester

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Foreign Language 101 | | 3 |
| PSC 312 | Research in Political Science | 3 |
| COLA Social Science (Not PSC) | | 3 |
| Core II Humanities (WI) | | 3 |
| COLA Physical and Natural Science | | 4 |
| Credit Hours | | 16 |

Second Semester

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| Multicultural or International | | 3 |
| Foreign Language 102 | | 3 |
| PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3) | | 3 |
| Free Elective | | 3 |
| Free Elective | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |

Third Year

First Semester


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|------------------------------|--|-----------|
| PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3) | | 3 |
| COLA Multicultural | | 3 |
| COLA International | | 3 |
| Foreign Language 203 | | 3 |
| Free Elective | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |

Second Semester

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| Foreign Language 204 | | 3 |
| PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3) | | 3 |
| PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3) | | 3 |
| COLA Social Science (not PSC) | | 3 |
| Free Elective | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |

Fourth Year

First Semester

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| PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3) | | 3 |
| PSC Elective | | 3 |
| PSC 499  | Capstone Experience (WI) | 3 |
| COLA Literature | | 3 |
| Free Elective | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |

Second Semester

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|------------------------------|--|---|
| PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3) | | 3 |
| PSC Elective | | 3 |
| COLA Literature | | 3 |
| COLA Humanities | | 3 |

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| Free Elective | 2 |
| Credit Hours | 14 |
| Total Credit Hours | 120 |