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Political Science (POL) Degree Requirements Checklist AY 2021-22

Political Science majors must complete a total of **42** semester hours in required and elective courses with a 2.0 GPA. For program description and list of POL courses offered go to:

<http://www.classes.catalystatuc.org/search/>. To get your Degree Audit visit

<https://onestop.uc.edu/registration/add-drop.html>. For details about the major requirements, please see the POL degree requirements checklist at

<http://homepages.uc.edu/~ivanovid/pdfs/POLchecklist.pdf>. Also check undergraduate handbook at: <http://homepages.uc.edu/~ivanovid/pdfs/handbook.pdf>

I. Gen Ed Courses Needed for POL major but not included in the major:

Quantitative Reasoning (QR) (6 hours): 1 STAT course (3 credits from STAT 1031, 1034 or 1035) **and** POL 3001C (3 credits). Exceptions can be granted with UG Director's permission.

II. Required POL Courses

A: Introductory POL Courses (12 hours): POL 1010 (American Government), 1040 (Political Theory), 1060 (Comparative Politics), 1080 (International Relations).

C. Political Inquiry Course (3 hours): POL 1001 (unless POL 3000 was completed prior to Fall 2016)

III. Areas of Emphasis- 27 semester hours, including at least one course from each of the four sub-fields below, as well as a capstone. Please note that the capstone requirement can be fulfilled in 3 different ways: (1) the student can take any 5100-level POL class (note that effective Fall 2016 undergraduate students cannot sign up for 6000-level POL courses anymore); (2) the student can complete the senior thesis sequence (POL 5000 and 5001); (3) the student can take a 7000-level POL graduate seminar. The fulfillment of capstone requirement described in Section III below counts toward the total of **27** semester hours, as do any electives from Sections IV and V.

American Politics: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2026, 2031, 2035, 2036, 2055, 3012, 3013, 3015, 3016, 3021, 3022, 3034, 3042, 4010*, 4028, 4063, 5035C, 5111, 5115, 5123, 5136 (5100-level classes could also serve as capstones)

Political Theory: 2040, 2045, 3041, 3043, 3045, 3046, 4040*, 5132

Comparative Politics: 2063, 2064, 2065, 2069, 2071, 2072, 2074, 2076, 2077, 2078, 3009, 3031, 3037, 3060, 3061, 3062, 3063, 3069, 3076, 4060*, 5161, 5164, 5165, 5168, 5176, 5177 (5100-level classes could also serve as capstones)

International Relations: 2037, 2038, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2096, 2097, 3032, 3033, 3037, 3080, 3081, 3082, 3083, 3084, 3085, 3086, 3087, 3089, 3090, 3091, 3093, 4041, 4080*, 5131, 5180, 5181, 5183, 5184, 5185, 5186, 5189, 5190, 5193, 5197 (5000-level classes could also serve as capstones)

Optional POL Electives: POL and Interdisciplinary Freshmen Seminars: POL 1013, 1021, 1081, 1089. POL Individual Work (4004, 4010, 4040, 4060, 4080); POL 4004, POL 4081, POL 4090 (Internship Practicum), POL 4091 (UG Assistantship). No more than 3 credit hours each of Individual Work or Internship Practicum, nor a total of more than 9 hours in all "optional POL electives" course work listed in this section, will normally be applied toward major coursework

* Subject to department's approval; please check in with Undergraduate Director or Achievement Coordinator for further details.

IV. Capstone Requirement

Any 5035C, 5100-level POL class; Senior Thesis 5000+5001* or 7000-level graduate seminar may also satisfy (see advisor). Fulfillment of capstone counts toward **27** hours under Section II above. A 5100-level POL class counts only once toward the 27-credit Areas of Emphasis requirement; the class can also satisfy a requirement in the respective sub-field (e.g., American Politics, Comparative Politics, or International Relations) and the capstone requirement at the same time. Students can complete multiple 5100-level classes; only one will serve as a capstone.

V. Washington Center Internship (up to 6 credits): see program director when planning for Washington Center; up to 6 credits can be applied toward major requirements.

BA/MA program in Political Science allows students who have elective hours in their senior year to begin taking graduate classes. Students able to complete two to three graduate courses in their senior year should be able to complete their MA degree in one additional year. <https://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/spia/grad.html>

Political Science minor 21 semester credits required: 9 credits, three introductory courses under I (A) above, and 12 credits, four electives from II above.

Security studies certificate 21 semester credits focus on International or Homeland Security: <http://homepages.uc.edu/~ivanovid/pdfs/sstd.pdf>

Cybersecurity Certificate: 18-21 credits required with focus on IT, CJ and POL: <https://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/spia/undergrad/minor-cert/cybersecurity.html>

Legal Studies Certificate: 18-24 credits of POL and Interdisciplinary coursework. POL 1090 (Law, Politics and Society) is required: <http://homepages.uc.edu/~ivanovid/pdfs/lsc.pdf>

International human rights certificate: 21 credits from primary electives in four areas: <https://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/spia/undergrad/minor-cert/international-human-rights/smstr-program-detail-298.html>. For list of courses offered go to: <http://www.classes.catalystatuc.org/search/> Check DPA at <http://onestop.uc.edu/classes/GetMyDegreeAudit.html>. Go to 15CERT2IHR