

POLITICAL SCIENCE

REQUIREMENTS

CORE CURRICULUM

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 marshall.edu/gened.

CORE 1: CRITICAL THINKING

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
FYS-100	First-Year Seminar	3	_____
PSC 105	Critical Thinking Course	3	_____
PSC 104	Critical Thinking Course	3	_____

CORE 2:

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
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 Natural/Physical Science	4	_____
_____	Core II Humanities	3	_____
PSC 104	American Government (CT)	3	_____
_____	Core II Fine Arts	3	_____

Additional University Requirements

_____	Writing Intensive	3	_____
_____	Writing Intensive	3	_____
_____	Multicultural/International	3	_____
PSC 499	Capstone	3	_____

COLLEGE-SPECIFIC

All liberal arts majors are required to complete the following College of Liberal Arts Requirements. These classes may not be counted towards Core II requirements.

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
_____	Foreign Language 101	3	_____	PSC 105	COLA Social Science	3	_____
_____	Foreign Language 102	3	_____	_____	COLA Social Science (not PSC)	3	_____
_____	Foreign Language 203	3	_____	_____	COLA Social Science (not PSC)	3	_____
_____	Foreign Language 204	3	_____	_____	COLA Natural/Physical Science	4	_____
_____	COLA Literature	3	_____	PSC ____	COLA International	3	_____
_____	COLA Literature	3	_____	_____	COLA Multicultural	3	_____
_____	COLA Humanities	3	_____				

MAJOR-SPECIFIC

Students who wish to major in Political Science must take the following courses:

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
PSC 104	American Government (CT)	3	_____	_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	3	_____
PSC 105	Fundamentals of Politics (CT)	3	_____	_____	PSC Elective	3	_____
PSC 312	Scope & Method Political Science	3	_____	_____	PSC Elective	3	_____
PSC 499	Capstone Experience (WI) (See Major Information below)	3	_____	_____	Free Elective	3	_____
_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	3	_____	_____	Free Elective	3	_____
_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	3	_____	_____	Free Elective	3	_____
_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	3	_____	_____	Free Elective	3	_____
_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	3	_____	_____	Free Elective	2	_____
_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	3	_____				

MAJOR INFORMATION

- The total number of free electives will depend on the amount of double and triple counting of requirements.
- See course attributes each semester for courses that meet multiple requirements.
- Questions about requirements should be directed to the College of Liberal Arts (304-696-2350). Core II and COLA requirements may not be double counted.
- Forty-eight credit hours (sixteen 3-hour courses) must be at the 300/400 level.
- Students must earn a C or better in ENG 201 and all foreign language courses.
- Minimum of 120 hours to graduate.
- The Department of Political science allows "Alternative Capstone experiences" with pre-approvals.

* Major Electives — 18 Hours(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)

American National, State, & Local Politics: 202, 307, 310, 376, 381, 383, 423, 427, 436, 440, 442, 446, 460, 484

International & Comparative Politics: 207, 209, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 415, 416, 420, 422, 423, 424, 428, 429, 431, 442, 444

Constitutional Democracy: 417, 418, 421, 427, 429, 436, 444, 446, 460, 484

Political Theory: 418, 419, 421, 425, 426, 428, 429, 430, 446

Public Administration, Public Policy & Urban Politics: 233, 311, 333, 433, 450, 452, 453, 454, 461

Area of Emphasis

Major Requirement

College Requirement

General Education Requirement

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

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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.

	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
YEAR ONE	CMM 103	Fund Speech-Communication	● 3	_____	ENG 201	Advanced Composition	● 3	_____
	ENG 101	Beginning Composition	● 3	_____	_____	Core II Physical/Natural Science	● 4	_____
	FYS 100	First Year Sem Crit Thinking	● 3	_____	STA 150	Foundations of Statistics	● 3	_____
	PSC 104	American Government (CT)	●◆ 3	_____	STA 150L	Foundations of Statistics Lab	● 1	_____
	_____	Core II Fine Arts	● 3	_____	PSC 105	COLA Soc Science: Fund of Politics (CT)	◆ 3	_____
	UNI 100	Freshman First Class	1	_____				
	TOTAL HOURS		16		TOTAL HOURS		14	
	Summer Term (optional):							
YEAR TWO	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
	PSC 312	Scope & Method Political Science	◆ 3	_____	_____	Multicultural/International	● 3	_____
	_____	Foreign Language 101	■ 3	_____	_____	Foreign Language 102	■ 3	_____
	_____	COLA Social Science (not PSC)	■ 3	_____	_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	◆ 3	_____
	_____	Core II Humanities (WI)	● 3	_____	_____	Free Elective	3	_____
_____	COLA Physical/Natural Science	■ 4	_____	_____	Free Elective	3	_____	
	TOTAL HOURS		16		TOTAL HOURS		15	
	Summer Term (optional):							
YEAR THREE	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
	_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	◆ 3	_____	_____	Foreign Language 204	■ 3	_____
	_____	COLA Multicultural	■ 3	_____	_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	◆ 3	_____
	_____	COLA International	■ 3	_____	_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	◆ 3	_____
	_____	Foreign Language 203	■ 3	_____	_____	COLA Social Science (not PSC)	■ 3	_____
_____	Free Elective	3	_____	_____	Free Elective	3	_____	
	TOTAL HOURS		15		TOTAL HOURS		15	
	Summer Term (optional):							
YEAR FOUR	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
	_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	◆ 3	_____	_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	◆ 3	_____
	_____	PSC Elective	◆ 3	_____	_____	PSC Elective	◆ 3	_____
	PSC 499	Capstone Experience (WI)	◆ 3	_____	_____	COLA Literature	■ 3	_____
	_____	COLA Literature	■ 3	_____	_____	COLA Humanities	■ 3	_____
_____	Free Elective	3	_____	_____	Free Elective	2	_____	
	TOTAL HOURS		15		TOTAL HOURS		14	
	Summer Term (optional):							

● General Education Requirement ■ College Requirement ◆ Major Requirement ● Area of Emphasis

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