

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

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.

| YEAR ONE | FALL SEMESTER | | | | SPRING SEMESTER | | | |
|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-------|--------------------|---|-----------|-------|
| | CODE | COURSE NAME | HRS | GRADE | CODE | COURSE NAME | HRS | GRADE |
| | 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 | |

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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.

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INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Student Government Association
- Campus Activity Board
- JMELI
- Commuter Student Advisory Board
- Club Sports
- Religious Organizations
- Political Organizations
- Residence Hall Association
- Cultural Organizations
- National Society of Leadership and Success
- Greek Life

RELATED MAJORS

- Sociology
- History
- Public Relations
- Humanities
- International Affairs
- Journalism
- Management
- Communications
- Social Work

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Have a minimum of 120 credit hours (some colleges or majors require more);
- Have an overall and Marshall Grade Point Average of 2.00 or higher;
- Have an overall Grade Point Average of 2.00 or higher in the major area of study;
- Have earned a grade of C or better in English 201 or 201 H;
- Have met all major(s) and college requirements;
- Have met the requirements of the Core Curriculum;
- Have met the residence requirements of Marshall University, including 12 hours of 300/400 level coursework in the student's college (see section entitled "Residence Requirements" in the undergraduate catalogue);
- Be enrolled at Marshall at least one semester of the senior year;
- Have transferred no more than 72 credit hours from an accredited West Virginia two-year institution of higher education.

Colleges and specific programs may have unique requirements that are more stringent than those noted above. Students are responsible for staying informed about and ensuring that they meet the requirements for graduation.

This academic map is to be used as a guide in planning your coursework toward a degree. Due to the complexities of degree programs, it is unfortunate but inevitable that an error may occur in the creation of this document. The official source of degree requirements at Marshall University is DegreeWorks available in your myMU portal. Always consult regularly with your advisor.

YEAR ONE



Have questions? Need to talk? You already have a Friend-At-Marshall ready to help you succeed. Find your FAM Peer Mentor here: www.marshall.edu/fam



Stay on the Herd Path and come to class! Class attendance is more important to your success than your high school GPA, your class standing, or your ACT/SAT scores.



In order to graduate on time, you need to take an average of 15 credits per semester. Are you on track? Take 15 to Finish!



Sign up for Handshake! Handshake is the #1 place to launch a career with no connections, experience, or luck required. The platform connects up-and-coming talent with 650,000+ employers.



Take a career self-assessment to help determine what majors fit your talents and interests.



Join or create a club or organization on campus about a particular issue you care about. Marshall has more than 200 student organizations.



Take a pulse check. Know what you need to do every year to keep your grants, scholarships, or federal financial aid.

YEAR TWO



Are you completing enough credits to graduate on time? Dropping or failing a class can put you behind. Use summer terms to quickly get back on track.



Run for Student Government and represent your fellow students while making a longterm difference on Marshall's Campus.



Submit a writing to compete in the annual Dan O'Hanlon Essay Competition.



National Student Exchange: Study away for one semester and gain a different perspective. Choose from institutions across the US, US territories, or Canada.



Study abroad in Argentina next summer with a Marshall political science faculty member.



Meet with a career education specialist to conduct a "gap analysis." Figure out the skills you'll need for the career you want while you still have time to build them.



Attend civic meetings, such as the school board, neighborhood associations, city council, or important state legislative sessions.

YEAR THREE



Are you on track to graduate? Meet with your advisor for your Junior Eval to make sure you know what requirements you have left.



Join Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, to be recognized for your hard work and enjoy post-graduation benefits.



Consider applying for a week-long or semester-long internship with the West Virginia State Legislature!



Networking is key! Attend a Career Expo to seek employment opportunities and network with employers in your field.



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Explore peer leadership opportunities through the FAM Program, or apply to be a UNI Peer Mentor.

YEAR FOUR



This is it! Are you on track to graduate? Meet with your advisor for your Senior Eval to see what requirements you have left.



No need to wait until graduate school. Discuss undergraduate research opportunities with faculty in your major right now.



Join Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, to be recognized for your hard work and enjoy post-graduation benefits.



Prepare to present at the COLA Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference in April.



Want to continue your education and increase your opportunities for career advancement? Talk to our Graduate Director about whether graduate school fits your career goals.



Consider applying for a week-long or semester-long internship with the West Virginia State Legislature!



Be at the top of your professional game! Prepare a final resume and practice your interview skills with a career coach in Career Education.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS MAJOR

- Critical Thinking Skills
- Problem Solving Skills
- Oral and Written Communication Skills
- Teamwork and Collaboration Skills
- Research and Analytical Skills
- Leadership
- Cultural Understanding

ASSOCIATED CAREERS

- Policy Analyst
- Social Media Manager
- Political Consultant
- Public Relations Specialist
- Attorney
- Diplomat or Foreign Service Officer
- Organizational Researcher
- Union Organizer
- Government Official
- Educator
- Intelligence Analyst
- Business Executive



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