



**BACHELOR of ARTS in POLITICAL SCIENCE (#686)**

Department of Political Science  
Potter College of Arts & Letters  
Western Kentucky University

The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your advisor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the electives selected.

**Success Markers**

**SAMPLE - 4 year plan**

<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
	<p><b>Visit <a href="#">The Learning Center</a> for free tutoring</b></p> <p><b>Talk to your advisor about career goals and opportunities</b></p>	ENGL 100 Introduction to College Writing (F-W1)	3	World Language, if needed, or General Elective
COMM 145 Fund of Public Speaking & Communication OR COMM 161 Business & Professional Speaking (F-OC)		3	PS Restricted Elective	3
PS 110 – American National Government (E-SB)		3	HIST 101 World History I OR HIST 102 World History II (F-SB)	3
Natural and Physical Sciences (E-NS, LS)		3-4	Natural and Physical Sciences (E-NS)	3
2 <sup>nd</sup> Major, Minor, or General Elective		3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major, Minor, or General Elective	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15-16</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
	<p><b>Join a student organization such as Student Government</b></p>	ENG 200 Introduction to Literature (F-AH)	3	PS Restricted Elective
Arts & Humanities (E-AH)		3	PS Elective	3
PS 250 – International Politics OR PS 260 – Introduction to Comparative Politics		3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major, Minor, or General Elective	3
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Quantitative Reasoning (F-QR)		3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major, Minor, or General Elective	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

**-World Language Proficiency:** All students entering in Fall 2014 or later must demonstrate proficiency in a world language at the Novice High level before completing 60 credit hours. Novice high is the ability to communicate in writing and speaking on familiar topics in simple sentences. To meet this requirement, students may take college language courses or take a proficiency test. For more information go to [www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/](http://www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/).

THIRD YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	<i>Visit <a href="#">Career Services</a></i>  <b>Build your resume with an internship!</b> <b>-Washington Center</b> <b>-Kentucky Legislature</b> <b>-Law Firm</b> <b>-Non-Profits</b>  <b>Consider applying for MPA JUMP Program</b>	ENG 300 Writing in the Disciplines OR COMM 200 Comm Foundations (F-W2)	3	Connections Social and Cultural (K-SC)
PS Restricted Elective		3	Connections, Local to Global (K-LG)	3
PS Elective		3	PS Elective	3
Connections, Systems (K-SY)		3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major, Minor, or General Elective	3
2 <sup>nd</sup> Major, Minor, or General Elective		3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major, Minor, or General Elective	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

FOURTH YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	<i><a href="#">Apply for Graduation</a></i>  <b>Consider pursuing a Masters of Public Administration</b>  <b>MPA JUMP students can take up to 18 hours of graduate credit that will count towards their undergraduate degree.</b>  <i>Celebrate</i>	PS Elective	3	PS 499 – Senior Seminar in Government
2 <sup>nd</sup> Major, Minor, or General Elective		3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major, Minor, or General Elective	3
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<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

**Total Credit Hours:120-121**

\* Denotes prerequisite courses before program admission

**PLEASE NOTE:** Prerequisites, Course Numbers, and Course Titles are subject to change.

Consult your advisor each semester.

**For more Information:**

**Department:** Political Science

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Course Descriptions: <http://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog/>