Major Map: Political Science BA
Catalog Year: 2012-2013
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The following is a sample course of study. It is the Student's responsibility to ensure that all program requirements are met. This guide is not a substitute for academic advisement.

Your path to graduation may vary based on factors such as college credit you earned while in high school, transfer work from other institutions of higher learning and placement in Mathematics. You are responsible for checking prerequisites to any courses.

Course Subject and Title	Hrs.	Can be Upper Division	Transfer Course	Minimum Grade if Required	Date Completed	Final Grade	Pre-requisites met	Additional Critical Tracking Notes
Fall Semester Year 1: 14 hours								
First Year Writing—GER A.1.	3	☐	☐				☐	
Foreign Language 110, Elementary I—GER C.1.	5	☐	☐				☐	
Pol Sci 210, Intro to American Politics (GER F.1a.) <or> elective hours outside major	3	☐	☐	C-			☐	
A&S 100—GER D.	3	☐	☐				☐	
Spring Semester Year 1: 14 hours								
Pol Sci 220, Intro to Comp Politics (GER C.2.) <or> elective hours outside major	3	☐	☐	C-			☐	
Foreign Language 120, Elementary II—GER C.1.	5	☐	☐				☐	
First-level Math—GER B.1. <or> other GER	3	☐	☐				☐	
Phys & Biol Sci lecture—GER F.2. <or> other GER	3	☐	☐				☐	
Summer Semester Year 1								
May use summer semester to lighten fall and spring course loads.								
Fall Semester Year 2: 15 hours								
Sophomore-level Writing course—GER A.2.	3	☐	☐				☐	If Pol Sci 210 and 220 are taken during first year, a 300-level course may be taken only after consulting with major advisor.
Foreign Language 211, Second Year I—GER C.1.	3	☐	☐				☐	
Pol Sci 210, Intro to American Politics (GER F.1a.) <or> Pol Sci distribution elective (if 210 complete)	3	☐	☐	C-			☐	
Second-level Math—GER B.2. <or> other GER	3	☐	☐				☐	
Oral Argumentation—GER A.5 <or> other GER	3	☐	☐				☐	
Spring Semester Year 2: 14 hours								
Pol Sci 220, Intro to Comp Politics (GER C.2.) <or> Pol Sci distribution elective (if 220 complete)	3	☐	☐	C-			☐	Take and pass WEPT—GER A.3.
Phys & Biol Science lecture and lab component—GER F.2. <or> other GER	5	☐	☐				☐	
Humanities—GER F.3b. <or> other GER	3	☒	☐				☐	
Literature—GER E.1. <or> other GER	3	☒	☐				☐	
Summer Semester Year 2: 0-3 hours								
Pol Sci 3xx, Political science elective	3	☒	☐	C-			☐	
Fall Semester Year 3: 15 hours								
Pol Sci 3xx/4xx, Pol Sci distribution elective (need 4) <or> Pol science elective (GER F.1b)	3	☒	☐	C-			☐	Pol Sci 491, Internship, may be taken as distribution elective only after consultation with advisor.
Philosophy—GER E.2. <or> other GER	3	☐	☐				☐	
Cluster—GER F.4. <or> other GER	3	☒	☐				☐	
Elective hours	6	☒	☐				☐	
Spring Semester Year 3: 15 hours								
Pol Sci 3xx/4xx, Pol Sci distribution elective (need 4) <or> Pol science elective (GER F.1b)	3	☒	☐	C-			☐	Take the EPP exam. Student may choose to study abroad.
Pol Sci 3xx/4xx, Pol Sci distribution elective (need 4) <or> elective hours	3	☒	☐	C-			☐	
Fine Arts—GER F.3a. <or> other GER	3	☐	☐	C-			☐	
Elective hours	6	☒	☐				☐	
Summer Semester Year 3								
May use summer semester to lighten fall and spring course loads.								
Fall Semester Year 4: 15-18 hours								
Pol Sci 3xx/4xx, Pol Sci distribution elective (need 4) <or> Political science elective	3	☒	☐	C-			☐	Apply for graduation. Student may choose to study abroad.
Pol Sci 3xx/4xx, Pol Sci distribution elective (need 4) <or> elective hours	3	☒	☐	C-			☐	
Pol Sci 490/492WI, Senior Seminar (Capstone)—GER A.4. <or> elective hours	3	☒	☐	C-			☐	
Elective hours	6-9	☒	☐				☐	
Spring Semester Year 4: 15 hours								
Pol Sci 3xx/4xx, Pol Sci distribution elective (need 4) <or> Political science elective	3	☒	☐	C-			☐	Take Political Science Major Field exam. Need alternate WI course if take Pol Sci 490 instead of
Pol Sci 3xx/4xx, Pol Sci distribution elective (need 4) <or> Political science elective	3	☒	☐	C-			☐	
Pol Sci 490/492WI, Senior Seminar (Capstone)—GER A.4. <or> elective hours	3	☒	☐	C-			☐	

Elective hours	6	☒	☐			☐	492WI.

Non-course requirements	Met
Written English Proficiency Test (WEPT)	☐
ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP) exam	☐
Major Field Assessment exam	☐

The School reserves the right to make changes in courses, degree requirements and course schedules without notice.

Students are expected to maintain a quality of achievement significantly above minimum UMKC standards for degree work. Individual student progress will be monitored throughout the program. Satisfactory progress is required of all students for retention in the program. Students are expected to maintain academic standards, perform satisfactorily in courses, refrain from academic dishonesty, comply with the established University and teacher education timetables and requirements, and refrain from unethical or unprofessional behavior or behaviors that obstruct the training process or threaten the welfare of the student or others. Other circumstances involving student behavior will be addressed by the faculty on an individual basis.

Graduation Requirements Summary:

Total Hours (120 minimum)	Total Upper-level (300/400) Hours (36 minimum)	Final Consecutive Hours at UMKC (30 hours minimum)	Major GPA (2.0 minimum)	University of Missouri GPA (2.0 minimum)

All students completing a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science in the College of Arts and Sciences must successfully complete the following requirements in order to graduate:

Please see this website for a detailed listing of approved courses to fulfill the following General Education Requirements (GER):
http://www.umkc.edu/catalog/College_of_Arts_and_Sciences_General_Education_Requirements.html#192793

A. Communication (12 credit hours)
1. First Year Writing course
2. Sophomore-level Writing Intensive course
3. Passage of the UMKC Written English Proficiency Test (WEPT), the pre-requisite for any Junior/Senior-level (300/400) Writing Intensive course
4. Junior/Senior-level (300/400) Writing Intensive (WI) course
5. Oral argumentation course

B. Mathematical, Symbolic and Logical Reasoning (6 credit hours minimum)
1. First-level Mathematics course or demonstrated competency equivalent to four units (years) of high school math, beginning with Algebra I or higher
2. Second-level Mathematics course requiring extensive use of mathematical, symbolic or logical reasoning

C. Foreign Language and Culture (16 credit hours)
1. Three semesters of the same foreign language, required for all B.A. degrees (but not for B.S. degrees, as of Spring 2002)
2. Cultural Perspectives of an interdependent global environment

D. Computer and Information Technology (3 credit hours)
   Competence equivalent to a programming course or software application course that includes substantial computer experience

E. Literature and Philosophy (6 credit hours)
1. Literature course
2. Philosophy course

F. Distribution Requirements for General Education
1. Social and Behavioral Sciences (three courses, 9 hours), chosen from at least two different departments:
   a. Constitution Requirement—One course covering the United States Constitution and the Missouri State Constitution
   b. Distribution Electives—Two courses from the social and behavioral sciences
2. Physical & Biological Sciences (two courses, 8 hours minimum, including one lab component)
3. Humanities and Fine Arts (two courses, 6 hours):
   a. Fine Arts course
   b. Humanities course
4. Interdisciplinary Cluster Course (one course, 3 hours). Every student is required to complete a junior/senior interdisciplinary cluster course.

A maximum of 3 hours of one-credit activity courses in physical education may be applied toward the 120 total minimum

All students completing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science must meet the following conditions:
- At least 24 hours of political science coursework (including 490 or 492WI) must be at the 300- to 400- level, and at least 12 hours must be earned at UMKC. Students transferring from other institutions should check as soon as possible to determine which of their credits will transfer as 300- to 400-level political science courses.
- Only courses in which a grade of C- or better is earned will count towards the major. Additionally, a political science degree will be granted only to those who have achieved at least a 2.0 GPA in their approved departmental program.
- The major in political science serves both to foster a liberal arts education and to meet a range of pre-professional educational objectives. Courses 210 and 220 should be taken as early in the student's program as possible. Because there are optional ways for students to meet the remainder of the requirements for the major, students should, through consultation with a department faculty adviser, develop an approved program of study that best suits their educational goals.
- Political science majors are required to take at least one 300-400 level course in the first four of five subfields. Three additional (elective) courses may be taken in any subfield. Courses taken in the last subfield (Study Abroad Programs and Internships) normally will only count as elective credit, but may be counted as a required subfield course with the permission of the department adviser. Meet with the department's undergraduate adviser for more information.
- Pol Sci 497 and 498 will only satisfy a subfield requirement if specifically approved by the undergraduate adviser.