BA Political Science 370000BA

The following information has official approval of the **Political Science Department**, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.* The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your Academic Advisor.

Italicized courses fulfill General Education requirements. Unless a course is specified, refer to the General Education guide at http://www.uakron.edu/advising/docs/General_Education_Guide.pdf.

1st Year	Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
3700:100	*Government and Politics in the U.S.*	4	Required CORE Political Science course
	English Composition I Requirement (Note f)	3	Appropriate placement by advisor
7700:101	Beginning Foreign Language I **OR** American Sign Language I (Note b)	4 **or** 3	
	Math Requirement (Note c)	4	Appropriate placement by advisor
	Physical Education/Wellness Requirement	1	
Total		**15-16**	

1st Year	Spring Semester		
3700150	World Politics and Government	3	Required CORE Political Science course
	English Composition II Requirement (Note f)	3	3300:111 or equivalent
7700:102	Beginning Foreign Language II **OR** American Sign Language II	4 **or** 3	Beginning Foreign Language I **or** 7700:101
	Speech/Oral Communication Requirement	3	
3700:201	Introduction to Political Research	3	Required CORE Political Science course
Total		**15-16**	

2nd Year	Fall Semester		
	Social Science Requirement (Note a)	3	
7700:201	Intermediate Foreign Language I **OR** American Sign Language III	3	Beginning Foreign Language II **or** 7700:102
3700:303	Introduction to Political Thought	3	Required CORE Political Science course
3400:210 **or** 3400:221	*Humanities in the Western Tradition* **OR** *Humanities in the World Since 1300*	4	32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent 32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent
	Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement	2	
3700:3xx	Political Science Elective (Note d)	3	
Total		**18**	

2nd Year	Spring Semester		
7700:202 7700:222	Intermediate Foreign Language II **OR** American Sign Language IV **AND** Survey of Deaf Culture in America	3 **or** 3 2	Beginning Foreign Language II **or** 7700:201 Sign Language students *only*
	Humanities Requirement	3	3400:210
	Natural Science Requirement	4	
3700:300	Comparative Politics	4	Required CORE Political Science course
Total		**14-16**	

3rd Year	Fall Semester		
	Humanities Requirement	3	
	Natural Science Requirement	4	
3700:3xx	Political Science Elective (Note d)	3	
	Free Elective (Note g)	6	
	Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement	2	
Total		**18**	

3rd Year	Spring Semester		
3700:3xx	Political Science Elective (Note d)	3	
	Free Elective (Note g)	7	
	Upper Level Elective (Note g)	6	
Total		**16**	

4th Year	Fall Semester		
3700:4xx	Political Science Elective	6	
	Upper Level Elective (Note g)	6	
	Free Elective (Note g)	4	
Total		**16**	

4th Year	Spring Semester		
3700:4xx	Political Science Elective	3	
3700:395	Political Science Internship (Note e)	4	
	Upper Level Elective (Note g)	6	
	Free Elective (Note g)	3	
Total		**16**	

	Total Credits for Degree	**128**	**DEGREE DISTRIBUTION:** Minimum upper division – excluding Gen. Ed. and workshops: **47** Department credits: **35** Minimum GPA Major and cumulative GPA: **2.2**

ALERT: 1) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have completed your General Education English, Math, and Communications (Speech) requirements; 2) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have declared a major and transferred to (been accepted by) a degree granting college at The University of Akron.

NOTES:

a. Beginning fall 2011, Government & Politics in the U.S., 3700:100 AND World Politics & Governments, 3700:150, will fulfill only *part* of the General Education requirement for Social Science. Students will also need another Social Science class OUTSIDE the Government and Politics set. Please see the General Education guide or your advisor for Social Science, Natural Science, and Physical Education options. http://www.uakron.edu/advising/docs/General_Education_Guide.pdf.

b. Demonstration of ability to use another language by completion of the second year of a foreign language or sign language is required. See your advisor for placement. Please note that all four semesters must be completed in the SAME language and it's recommended you begin your first language class as soon as possible.

c. The Department of Political Science ***requires*** that the mathematics requirement be fulfilled with at least 3 credits earned from the following courses:

3470:250 Statistics for Everyday Life (4 credits)
3470:260 Basic Statistics (3 credits)
3470:261 Introduction to Statistics I (2 credits) **and**
3470:262 Introduction to Statistics II (2 credits)
3450:135 Excursions in Math (3 credits)

d. Only one instance (3 credits) of 3700:392 (Selected topics in Political Science) may be used as an elective toward the completion of the major.

e. An internship is recommended, but **not** required for the major. Students who want to complete an internship should consult with the Bliss Institute of Applied Politics* while planning their experience. A student may earn 2-9 credits for the internship, although only 4 credits will count toward the completion of the major.

f. For English Composition I, 3300:111 (English Composition I) or 3300:113 (African-American Language and Culture I) are the recommended classes to the meet the General Education English requirement. 2020:121 (English) fulfills the English Composition I requirement. For English Composition II, 3300:112 (English Composition II) or 3300:114 (African-American

Language and Culture II) are the recommended classes to the meet the General Education English requirement. 2020:222 (Technical Report Writing) fulfills the English Composition II requirement.

g. General electives can be any course not already required by your major and Upper Level (300/400) electives can be any course in or outside your major excluding General Education courses and workshops.

Contact person for information – Dr. Nancy Marion, e-mail: nmarion@uakron.edu. Contact Dr. Marion for further information about this program: Olin 201, (330) 972-5551. Also see the Political Science website at www.uakron.edu/polisci.

IN GENERAL:
In the broadest sense, Political Science may be termed the study of the government. The study of government, of course, involves not only knowledge of formal institutions, but also an understanding of the demands that people as individuals and group members make upon government, the supports that they provide for it, the decisions that governmental bodies make, and the environment in which they operate. The major fields of Political Science are American Government and Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics, Law, and Political Theory.

JOB POSSIBILITIES:
The field of Political Science is of particular benefit to anyone desiring to enter one of the following professions:

(1) Law – knowledge of the government which makes, interprets, and implements the law is considered a fine preparation for those who wish to enter law school.
(2) Administrative positions in local, state or national government.
(3) Teaching of Political Science, Social Science, or Social Studies at the secondary or college level.
(4) News analysis or reporting for mass media.
(5) Positions in Foreign Service and overseas programs of the national government and other non-profit organizations.
(6) Research or administrative positions in civic organizations or private foundations concerned with public affairs, firms engaged in governmental consultation, political parties, and business and professional bodies.
* **(7)** Positions in elective public office or campaign management.
(8) Positions in commerce and industry involving governmental affairs or government liaison work.

TRANSFER TO COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES: Students should apply to the college upon the attainment of:

- ✓ a cumulative GPA of 2.2 or better (includes transfer coursework until 30 credits are earned at UA)
- ✓ a major GPA of 2.2 or better (includes transfer coursework until 30 credits are earned at UA)
- ✓ 30 credits completed including both required English composition courses and 3 credits of mathematics or statistics that meets the General Education requirement

Students can arrange inter-college transfers through an appointment with their academic advisor; advisor contact information is listed in "My Akron."

CAREER ADVISING:
A student is encouraged to check with his/her major department and with the Career Center, Student Union 211, (330) 972-7747, regarding employment opportunities in the field.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:
Degree requirements in Arts & Sciences include the demonstration of ability to use another language by completion of the second year of a foreign language or sign language and a minimum of 47 credits of 300/400 level courses (excluding workshops and General Education courses) consisting of either:

- Upper level (300/400) courses both in and outside the student's major
- Any courses outside the major department as specified in and approved by the student's major department chair (permission should be obtained prior to enrollment) except workshops and General Education courses

INTERNSHIP
Internships, which give valuable career-related experience to students, are available from the Department of Political Science. To learn more about an internship or start the process of finding the internship that is right for you, please contact the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, 330-972-5182 or e-mail bliss@uakron.edu.

***CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED POLITICS: (Bliss Institute of Applied Politics – see above)**
This certificate is highly recommended for a student interested in working on a campaign or in the election process. Contact Dr. Steve Brooks at (330) 972-7944 or sbrooks@uakron.edu.

Pre-Law Advising – See Dr. James McHugh, e-mail: mchugh@uakron.edu **Olin Hall, 201.**