### General Education Core Requirements

**Competencies**

- Basic College Math
- Reading Comprehension
- Computer Literacy

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**Distribution Electives (15 credits)**

Among the distribution electives, the student must earn at least 3 but no more than 9 additional semester hours in each of the three divisions.

- **Humanities (Division I)**
  - PHL 125 Critical Reasoning | 3 |
- **Science/Mathematics (Division II)**
  - MAT 247 Statistics | 3 |
- **Social Sciences (Division III)**

(Note: Courses allowable as distribution electives are marked DI, DII, or DIII in the College Catalog.)

### Courses in the Major (39 credits total)

#### Introductory General Courses (6 credits)
- POL 101 Introduction to Political Science
- OR
- POL 110H Honors Seminar: Topics in Political Science 3
- POL 291 Introduction to Poli. Sci. Research Methods 3

#### Introductory Field Distribution Courses (6 credits)

Any two of the following:
- POL 231 Introduction to Political Theory 3
- POL 251 Introduction to International Politics 3
- POL 271 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3

#### Advanced Elective Courses (6 credits)

Select two courses numbered 300-499 from the following fields:
- Comparative Politics, International Politics, Political Theory
- POL ___ -------------- 3
- POL ___ -------------- 3

#### Concentration Courses (15 credits)

- POL 201 Introduction to American Politics | 3 |

### Capstone Courses (6 credits)

- POL 400 Capstone Seminar: Topics in Political Science 3
- POL 500 Directed Study in Political Science
- OR
- POL 520 Internship in Politics 3

### Free Electives/Minor (33 credits minimum)

May be necessary to take additional credits to attain the minimum 120 credits required for graduation.

### Note:

- If a course is used to satisfy two or more requirements, (for example, a support course and a distribution elective), the credits are counted in only one place.
- Using a course to satisfy more than one requirement does not reduce the total credits required for graduation.
- These seven courses must be taken within the first 60 credits of the student’s program. Exceptions may be made for students who transfer into Political Science depending on the number of transfer credits.

**Exceptions in the timing of courses will be made for transfer students.**

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