Salem | STATE UNIVERSITY

Name:_____
Student ID: _____
Date Admitted Into Major:_____

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
POLITICAL SCIENCE
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & COMPARATIVE POLITICS CONCENTRATION

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Competencies

☐	♦ Basic College Math
☐	♦ Reading Comprehension

♣General Education Categories (34-35 credits total)

♦FYS	First Year Seminar			3	
♦W-I	Written Communication - Level I			3	
♦OC	Oral Communication			3	
PGR	Personal Growth & Responsibility			3	
CEA	Creative Expression & Appreciation			3	
WC	World Cultures			3	
HP	The Human Past			3	
CS	Contemporary Society			3	
SR	Scientific Reasoning:	♯ Any SR course		3-4	
		♯ SR Lab course		4	
QR	Quantitative Reasoning			3	

‡ Written Communication (Level II and Level III)

W-II	Written Communication - Level II			☐
W-III	Written Communication - Level III			☐

Free Electives (37 credits minimum)

May be necessary to take additional credits to attain the minimum 120 credits required for graduation depending on choices made for general education or minor selection.

Minor (optional):

COURSES IN MAJOR (45 credits total)

† Introductory General Courses (6 credits)

POL	101	Understanding the Political World	3	
		OR		
POL	110H	Honors Understanding the Pol World		
POL	300R	Intro to Research in Political Science	3	

† Introductory Field Courses (9 credits)

POL	251	Introduction to International Relations	3	
POL	271	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3	

And any **one** of the following:

POL	201	Introduction to American Politics		
POL	219	Introduction to Public Policy		
POL	231	Introduction to Political Theory		

Advanced Courses (24 credits)

Eight POL courses numbered 300-499 including **at least six or more** from International Relations & Comparative Politics (IRCP):

POL			3	
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Capstone Experiences (6 credits)

POL	400	Capstone Seminar in Political Science	3	
		AND		
POL	500	Directed Study in Political Science		
		OR		
POL	520	Internship in Politics	3	

♥ † ¶ Required Support Course (3 credits total)

MAT	147	Statistics	3	

♥ Students may choose to use support courses to satisfy general education categories, but may not be required to do so. **Note:** If a course is used to satisfy two or more requirements (for example, a support course and Scientific Reasoning requirement), the credits are counted in only one place. Using a course to satisfy more than one requirement does **not** reduce the credit total required for graduation.

♣ Courses used to satisfy the general education requirements of the university must be taken from a minimum of six different academic disciplines. First Year Seminar and Level I Written Communications courses are exempt from this restriction. Courses may not be used to fulfill both major discipline and general education requirements.

♯ These Scientific Reasoning General Education Category courses do not have to be a sequence or be from the same discipline.

‡ Level II and Level III Written Communications Courses may be used to satisfy requirements anywhere else in a student's program of study where they may apply. The credits are counted only in one area.

† These six 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 transferred credits, which could also include a waiver of the requirement for POL101.

¶ This course may be substituted with an appropriate alternative approved by the department chairperson.

♦ COMPETENCIES - TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE FIRST 30 CREDITS | ♦ GENERAL EDUCATION CATEGORIES - TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE FIRST 30 CREDITS

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

Total credits for graduation: 120

Effective: 9/2017