

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

The 72-credit major is designed for those with a more concentrated interest in government who do not wish to complete a structured minor or who may be interested in graduate study in political science.

There is an 82-credit Pre-law Option, within the 72-credit major, designed for students interested in law school or work as a paralegal.

Note: two years of a single high school world language or one year of a single college-level world language is required.

Required Introductory Courses

POLI 100	INTRODUCTION TO US POLITICS	5
POLI 202	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY	5
POLI 203	INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS	5
POLI 204	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICS	5

Required Disciplinary Core

POLI 300	U.S. JUDICIAL PROCESS	5
or POLI 302	CRIMINAL PROCEDURE	
POLI 313	ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL POLITICAL THOUGHT	5
or POLI 314	MODERN WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
POLI 320	INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMS	5
or POLI 321	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	
or POLI 322	INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY	
or POLI 323	U.S. FOREIGN POLICY	
POLI 332	THE U.S. PRESIDENCY	5
POLI 335	U.S. CONGRESS	5
or POLI 336	U.S. POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTIONS	

Required Senior Level Courses

POLI 490	SENIOR CAPSTONE	5
POLI 493	PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT	1-2

Elective Requirements—choose two 300 level courses from two subfields and two 400 level courses below POLI 470 from two subfields 20

Subfield Distribution Lists

American Government and Politics

POLI 300	U.S. JUDICIAL PROCESS
POLI 302	CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
POLI 304	U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES
POLI 305	JURISPRUDENCE
POLI 306	BASIC CONCEPTS OF CRIMINAL LAW
POLI 307	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM
POLI 317	AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
POLI 330	FEDERALISM, STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS
POLI 332	THE U.S. PRESIDENCY
POLI 333	PUBLIC MANAGEMENT
POLI 335	U.S. CONGRESS
POLI 336	U.S. POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTIONS
POLI 360	STATE LEGISLATIVE POLITICS EXPERIENCE
POLI 370	MOCK TRIAL I
POLI 400	TOPICS IN AMERICAN POLITICS

POLI 470 MOCK TRIAL II

International Relations/Comparative Politics

POLI 320	INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMS
POLI 321	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
POLI 322	INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY
POLI 323	U.S. FOREIGN POLICY
POLI 324	COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL WATER POLICY
POLI 326	EUROPEAN POLITICS
POLI 327	POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
POLI 328	POLITICS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
POLI 329	POLITICS OF SOUTH ASIA
POLI 402	TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COMPARATIVE POLITICS

Political Philosophy

POLI 305	JURISPRUDENCE
POLI 313	ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL POLITICAL THOUGHT
POLI 314	MODERN WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT
POLI 317	AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
POLI 318	MARX AND MARXISM
POLI 319	NATIONS, NATIONALISM AND PATRIOTISM
POLI 401	TOPICS IN POLITICAL THEORY

Total Credits 72

Plan of Study

The following plan of study is for a student with zero credits. Individual students may have different factors such as: credit through transfer work, Advanced Placement, Running Start, or any other type of college-level coursework that requires an individual plan.

Courses could be offered in different terms, checking the academic schedule is paramount in keeping an individual plan current. **Students should connect with an advisor to ensure they are on track to graduate.**

All Undergraduate students are required to meet the Undergraduate Degree Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/>).

This major requires the completion of the World Language requirement (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#worldlanguagetext>). Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree must complete two years of a single language in high school or one year of a single language in college.

First Year			
Fall Quarter	Credits Winter Quarter	Credits Spring Quarter	Credits
ENGL 101	5 ENGL 201	5 MATH 107	5
POLI 100 (Social Science BACR 1)	5 POLI 202 (Social Science BACR 2)	5 POLI 203 (Global Studies - graduation requirement)	5
Humanities & Arts BACR 1 ¹	5 Humanities & Arts BACR 2 ¹	5 Natural Science BACR 1 ¹	5
	15	15	15
Second Year			
Fall Quarter	Credits Winter Quarter	Credits Spring Quarter	Credits
POLI 204	5 POLI 300 or 302	5 Political Science Elective ²	5
Political Science Elective ²	5 POLI 313 or 314	5 Diversity - graduation requirement ¹	5

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Natural Science BACR ¹	5	Political Science Elective ²	5	Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5
	15		15		15
Third Year					
Fall Quarter	Credits	Winter Quarter	Credits	Spring Quarter	Credits
POLI 335 or 336	5	POLI 332	5	POLI 320, 321, 322, or 323	5
Political Science Elective ²	5	Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5	Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5
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	15		15		15
Fourth Year					
Fall Quarter	Credits	Winter Quarter	Credits	Spring Quarter	Credits
POLI 493	2	Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5	POLI 490 (Senior Capstone - graduation requirement)	5
Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5	Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5	Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5
Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5	Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5	Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	5
Elective - certificate, minor, or general elective	3				
	15		15		15
Total Credits 180					

¹ University Graduation Requirements (UGR) and Breadth Area Course Requirements (BACR) courses may be less than 5 credits and additional credits may be required to reach the required 180 total credits needed to graduate. Students should connect with an advisor to ensure they are on track to graduate.

² Elective Requirements—choose two 300 level courses from two subfields and two 400 level courses below POLI 470 from two subfields.

University Competencies and Proficiencies

English (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#newitemtext>)
 Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#mathcompproficienciestext>)
 Placement and Clearance (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/placement/>)
 Prior Learning/Sources of Credit AP, CLEP, IB (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/prior-learning/>)

General Education Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#generaleducationrequirements>) (GER)

- Minimum Credits—180 cumulative credit hours
 - 60 upper-division credits (300 level or above)
 - 45 credits in residence (attendance) at Eastern, with at least 15 upper-division credits in major in residence at Eastern
- Minimum Cumulative GPA ≥ 2.0

Breadth Area Core Requirements (BACR)

Humanities and Arts (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#humanitiesandfineartsgecrtext>)
 Natural Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#naturalsciencesgecrtext>)
 Social Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#socialsciencesgecrtext>)

University Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#universitygraduationrequirements>) (UGR)

Diversity Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#cultureandgenderdiversityintheuslisttext>)
 World Language (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#worldlanguagetext>) (for Bachelor of Arts)
 Global Studies Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#internationalstudiesrequirementtext>)
 Minor or Certificate (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#majorminororcertificateugrtext>)
 Senior Capstone Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#capstonecourselisttext>)

Application for Graduation (use EagleNET (<https://inside.ewu.edu/eaglenet/>)) must be made at least two terms in advance of the term you expect to graduate (undergraduate and post-baccalaureate).

Use the Catalog Archives (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/>) to determine two important catalog years.

Requirements in Degree Works (<https://inside.ewu.edu/records-and-registration/degree-works/>) are based on these two catalog years:

- The catalog *in effect at the student's first term* of current matriculation is used to determine BACR (Breadth Area Credit Requirements) and UGR (Undergraduate Graduation Requirements).
- The catalog *in effect at the time the student declares a major or minor* is used to determine the program requirements.

Students who earn a BA in Political Science from EWU should be able to:

- analyze the values that underlie different forms of governments;
- appraise political issues;
- communicate about politics clearly and professionally;
- critique foundational issues embedded in political questions;
- explain how socioeconomic diversity plays a role in political affairs.