

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Students may choose between the 57- or 72-credit major. There is also 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 foreign language or one year of a single college-level foreign language is required.

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.

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
POLI 313	ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL POLITICAL THOUGHT	5
or POLI 314	MODERN WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
POLI 320	INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMS	5
POLI 332	THE U.S. PRESIDENCY	5
POLI 335	U.S. CONGRESS	5

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
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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

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The 57-credit major requires a separate minor or POLI certificate program for completion.

Note: no substitutions for core courses

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or POLI 204	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICS	

Disciplinary Core—choose two different courses from each of the three subfields. 30

Required Senior Level Courses-400 Level Requirements

POLI 490	SENIOR CAPSTONE	5
POLI 493	PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT	1-2
Choose one additional 400 level course below POLI 470		5

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Total Credits**57****University Competencies and Proficiencies**

English (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#newitemtext>)

Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#mathcompproficiencies>)

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/#humanitiesandfinearts>)

Natural Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#naturalsciences>)

Social Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#socialsciences>)

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

Diversity Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#cultureandgenderdiversityintheuslist>)

Foreign Language (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#foreignlanguage>) (for Bachelor of Arts)

Global Studies Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#internationalstudiesrequirement>)

Minor or Certificate (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#majorminororcertificate>)

Senior Capstone Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#capstonecourselist>)

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 (<https://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/>) to determine two important catalog years (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/undergraduate-degree/#activecatalogrule>).

Degree Works (<https://inside.ewu.edu/records-and-registration/degree-works/>) calculates 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 successfully earn a BA in Political Science from EWU should be able to do the following:

- 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.