College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Bloomsburg · LOCK HAVEN · MANSFIELD
COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

This degree map is based on the 2023-24 Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Students should meet with their academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress toward degree completion. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors including summer/winter enrollment, dual enrollment and number of courses successfully completed each semester. We recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester.

Sample 4-Year Plan

First Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
First Year Seminar course (GE 1/15)	3	POLI 140 Comparative Politics or POLI 160 International Relations	3
POLI 120 U.S. Government	3	POLI 170 Modern Ideologies	3
POLI 140 Comparative Politics or POLI160 International Relations	3	GE 4/15 (recommended: Foundations/Quantitative)	3
GE 2/15 (recommended: Foundations/History)	3	GE 5/15	3
GE 3/15 (recommended: Foundations/Writing)	3	Free Elective (or minor course)	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Second Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
POLI 300 Research & Analysis	3	POLI Elective (any level)	3
POLI Elective (any level)	3	GE 7/15	3
GE 6/15	3	GE 8/15	3
Free Elective (or minor course)	3	Free Elective (or minor course)	3
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Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Third Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
POLI 3xx/4xx Elective (upper level)	3	POLI Elective (any level)	3
GE 9/15	3	GE 11/15	3
GE 10/15	3	GE 12/15	3
Free Elective (or minor course)	3	GE 13/15	3
Free Elective (or minor course)	3	Free Elective (or minor course)	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Fourth Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
Internship/Thesis/Study Abroad	3	POLI 488 Capstone	1
POLI 3xx/4xx Elective (upper level)	3	POLI 3xx/4xx Elective (upper level)	3
GE 14/15	3	Free Elective (or minor course)	3
GE 15/15	3	Free Elective (or minor course)	3
Free Elective (or minor course)	3	Free Elective (or minor course)	3
		Free Elective (or minor course)	2
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

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Curriculum Checklist

Political Science: Core Requirements (19)
___ POLI 110 U.S. Government (3)
___ POLI 140 Comparative Politics (3)
___ POLI 160 International Relations (3)
___ POLI 170 Political Ideologies (3)
___ POLI 300 Research & Analysis (3)
___ POLI 480 Thesis OR POLI 498 Internship OR POLI 389 Study Abroad (3)
___ POLI 488 Capstone (1)

Electives (18)
POLI (any level) requirements (9)
___ POLI xxx (any level) (3)
___ POLI xxx (any level) (3)
___ POLI xxx (any level) (3)
POLI (upper level 3xx/4xx) requirements (9)
___ POLI 3xx/4xxx (3)
___ POLI 3xx/4xxx (3)
___ POLI 3xx/4xxx (3)

Total Credits Required for the Major (37)

General Education Requirements
(45 credits)
Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
  - Directed Gen Ed, if applicable
- Interconnections (9 credits)
  - Directed Gen Ed, if applicable
- Citizenship & Responsibility
  (6 credits from at least two goals)
  - Directed Gen Ed, if applicable
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
  - Directed Gen Ed, if applicable
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)
  - Directed Gen Ed, if applicable

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits, complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major and overall are required.

Campus Locations

Bloomsburg	☐ Online; ☒ In-person; ☐ Blended
Lock Haven	☐ Online; ☒ In-person; ☐ Blended
Mansfield	☐ Online; ☒ In-person; ☐ Blended
Clearfield	☐ Online; ☐ In-person; ☐ Blended